



Village of Rantoul
Annual Action Plan – 2019
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2013-2018 Consolidated Plan Milestones

EVENT	DATE	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION
Village Board Approval of the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan & 2013 Annual Action Plan	March 12, 2013	279
Village Board Approval of Amendment #1 to the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan & 2013 Annual Action Plan	August 13, 2013	280
Village Board Approval of the 2014 Annual Action Plan	May 13, 2014	Board Approval Only – No Resolution
Village Board Approval of Amendment #1 to the 2014 Annual Action Plan	November 12, 2014	287
Village Board Approval of the 2015 Annual Action Plan	April 7, 2015	288
Village Board Approval of the 2016 Annual Action Plan	April 12, 2016	289
Village Board Approval of the 2017 Annual Action Plan	August 8, 2017	290
Village Board Approval of the 2018 Annual Action Plan	August 7, 2018	294
Village Board Approval of the 2019 Annual Action Plan	July, 2019	

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This is the Village of Rantoul's 2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP) which is the formal grant application to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Office of Community Planning & Development (HUD). It is the sixth year AAP of the Village's 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan, and marks the 45th year that the Village of Rantoul has participated in the CDBG program. The AAP also describes the uses, goals and objectives of the CDBG grant funds. It also provides an overview of the citizen participation and agency consultation process used to assist in the development of the plan.

During the 2015 program year, HUD issued new "grant based accounting" standards. Table 2 shows the specific programs that will be operated and the specific grant funding each will use.

Revenues		Expenses	
2019 CDBG Grant	\$337,165		
2018 CDBG Grant	\$331,502	Administration	\$65,249
2017 CDBG Grant	\$203,462	Housing Rehab	\$257,353
2016 CDBG Grant	\$106,185	Public Services	\$87,672
2015 CDBG Grant	\$174,407	Demolition	\$78,780
2014 CDBG Grant	\$6,664	Infrastructure	\$333,166
	\$822,220		\$822,220

Table 1 - 2018 Revenues & Expenses Summary

Program & AAP Year	2014 CDBG	2015 CDBG	2016 CDBG	2017 CDBG	2018 CDBG	Totals
2014 Infrastructure	\$5,506					\$ 5,506
2014 Housing Rehab	\$1,158					\$ 1,158
2015 Demolition		\$ 78,780				\$ 78,780
2015 Housing Rehab		\$ 95,627				\$95,627
2016 Housing Rehab			\$69,185			\$ 69,185
2016 Infrastructure			\$37,000			\$ 37,000
2017 Housing Rehab				\$ 58,515		\$ 58,515
2017 Public Services				\$ 37,947		\$ 37,947
2017 Infrastructure				\$107,000		\$107,000
2018 CDBG Admin					\$ 65,249	\$65,249
2018 Housing Rehab					\$ 32,868	\$32,868
2018 Public Services					\$ 49,725	\$ 49,725
2018 Infrastructure					\$183,660	\$183,660
2019 All						
Totals	\$ 6,664	\$174,407	\$106,185	\$ 203,462	\$331,502	\$822,220

Table 2 - Program Funding per Grant

2. 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.

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OBJECTIVE 1: PROVIDE A SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT

- Goal 1: Support social service agencies providing services to low-moderate income individuals and families.
- Goal 2: Support Infrastructure improvements in low-moderate income neighborhoods.
- Goal 3: Reduce the slum and blighting conditions in low- and moderate income neighborhoods.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

- Strategy 1: Create a suitable living environment by making needed infrastructure improvements to low-moderate income neighborhoods.
- Strategy 2: Create a suitable living environment by acquiring and demolishing dilapidated properties in low-moderate income neighborhoods.
- Strategy 3: Create a suitable living environment by providing better access to social services in the community for lower-income residents.

OBJECTIVE 2: PROVIDE DECENT HOUSING

- Goal 4: Preserve and improve affordable housing in Rantoul.
- Goal 5: Address barriers to obtain affordable housing.
- Goal 6: Support efforts to reduce the exposure to lead-based paint hazards in homes.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing

- Strategy 4: Provide decent housing by creating affordable housing opportunities for households at or below 80% of the area median income through the redevelopment of vacant properties acquired and demolished by the Rantoul Community Development Department.
- Strategy 5: Provide decent housing by participating in first-time homebuyers programs in Rantoul.
- Strategy 6: Provide decent housing by continuing the Rantoul Building Incentives Program, for those households constructing new a new home and those homebuyers who purchase homes a home from someone constructing a new home.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing

- Strategy 7: Provide decent housing by providing emergency repairs and full-home rehabilitations to low-moderate income, owner-occupied housing units that have building code violations.
- Strategy 8: Provide decent housing by rehabilitating rental units that will then be occupied by low-moderate income households.
- Strategy 9: Provide decent housing by conducting an analysis of lead-based paint hazards in all housing units repaired or rehabilitated by the Rantoul Community Development Department. Lead-based paint hazards will be repaired or abated.

OBJECTIVE 3: EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- Goal 7: Support the expansion of existing businesses along with the development of new businesses in Rantoul.
- Goal 8: Support the development of a highly trained workforce.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of creating economic opportunities

- Strategy 10: Expand economic opportunities by supporting the expansion of job-training programs for low-income individuals by area social service agencies.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities

- Strategy 11: Expand economic opportunities by creating incentive packages available for new and expanding businesses. Incentive packages may include such items as tax abatements and low-interest loans.

OBJECTIVE	GOAL	STRATEGY/PROGRAM	OUTCOME	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Provide a Suitable Living Environment	#1 - Social Services	#3 - Social Service Funding	Sustainability	690 persons served through various programs
Provide a Suitable Living Environment	#2 - Infrastructure Improvements	#1 - Infrastructure Improvements Funding	Sustainability	Construction of Willow Pond Road
Provide a Suitable Living Environment	#3 - Reduce Slum & Blight	#2 - Demolition Funding	Sustainability	Structure(s) to be Determined at a Later Date
Provide Decent Housing	#4 - Preserve Affordable Housing	#7 - Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	Sustainability	4 Full-Home & 16 Minor Rehab Projects expected
Provide Decent Housing	#6 - Reduce Exposure to Lead Based Paint	#9 - LBP Testing & Abatement	Sustainability	LBP Testing and Possible Abatement on 20 homes being rehabbed

Table 3 - 2018 Plan Objectives & Goals

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The Village of Rantoul's 2018-2019 fiscal year will be the sixth year in the village's 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. Previous activities implemented generally met the goals established in previous Consolidated and Annual Action Plans. Overall, the activities have been very successful and in some cases, have exceeded expectations. As of March 15, 2018 the Village of Rantoul's program year 2017 expenditure ratio was 1.80.

As of January 31, 2018, no CDBG funded demolitions have occurred.

In the 2014 program year, CDBG funds were used to complete the design and engineering of street resurfacings on Sangamon Avenue, Perimeter Road, and Willow Pond Road. The design and engineering phase for all three projects were completed in the 2015 and 2016 program years. In the 2016 program year, construction was completed on the Perimeter Road project using no additional CDBG funds while the Sangamon Avenue project was completed using \$100,000 in CDBG funds. Construction of the Willow Pond Road project should occur in the 2018 program year. In addition there was a design and engineering work done on Downtown Streetscape, however the project is on hold until further notice due to lack of additional funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

In PY2017, seven social service agencies were awarded CDBG grant funding.

To date, seven minor rehab projects have been completed and CCRPC is currently working on two projects.

YEAR	EMERGENCY	FULL-HOME	RENTAL
2015	2	0	0
2016	9	0	0
2017	9	0	0
2018		0	0
2019			

Table 4 - Table 4 - Housing Rehabilitations Completed through June 30, 2018

YEAR	GARAGES/SHEDS	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL
2015	0	0	2
2016	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0
2019			

Table 5 - Table 5 - CDBG Funded Demolitions through June 30, 2018

YEAR	CLIENTS SERVED
2014	97
2015	136
2016	79

2017	102
2018	
2019	

Table 6 - Table 6 - Public Service Clients Served through June 30, 2018

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Rantoul Community Development Department’s efforts for public participation include personal talks with various agencies throughout the previous year; notifying social service agencies regarding funding opportunities; newspaper advertisements regarding public meetings; informational meeting packets and announcements placed on the village website; discussing the AAP process at public meetings; and placing draft copies of the AAP on the village website. Public meeting notices were submitted to media outlets per the Illinois Open Meetings Act. A public comment period occurred June 21, 2019 – July 20, 2019. A public meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was held on June 27, 2019. Public meeting notices were submitted to media outlets per the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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.

Public Comment Period started on June 21, 2019 and ended on July 20, 2019. No public comments were received during this period.

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

Public Comment Period started on June 21, 2019 and ended on July 20, 2019. No public comments were received during this period.

7. Summary

The preparation of the 2019 Annual Action Plan began with internal discussions at weekly meetings of the Village of Rantoul’s Department Heads. This helped identify potential community needs, gaps in services, and key issues which might meet the needs, goals and objectives identified in the Village of Rantoul’s 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. The Community Development Department encouraged community participation in the development of the 2019 Annual Action Plan by following the Village’s Citizen Participation Plan. Community Development Department staff created the draft 2019 AAP used for discussion purposes. All of the meetings were advertised in the Rantoul Press, which is a newspaper of general circulation. Draft copies of the AAP along with all meeting notices were available on the Village of Rantoul’s website, Rantoul Municipal Building, Rantoul Public Library and Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County.

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	Rantoul	Community Development Department
CDBG Administrator	Rantoul	Community Development Department

Table 7 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

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

To assist the Village of Rantoul Community Development staff to develop this Annual Action Plan, outside departments and organizations were met with throughout the previous year for consultation. The organizations include, but are not limited to: non-profits, business organizations, public institutions, and other village departments.

In the case of developing homeless strategies to address the needs of homeless persons; particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, unaccompanied youth; and persons at risk of homeless; Community Development Department staff will consult with:

- the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care;
- public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, victim services, employment and/or education needs of low-income individuals and families; and
- publicly funded institutions and systems of care that may discharge persons into homelessness (such as health-care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions), and business and civic leaders.

Furthermore, in the case of public facilities and infrastructure, Rantoul Community Development Department staff will consult with other village departments, particularly the Public Works Department, since they have a greater level of engineering expertise and construction management. For housing strategies, staff consulted with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. For economic development strategies, the Village of Rantoul partners with several economic and workforce development agencies such as the Rantoul Community Foundation, local businesses along with the Rantoul Chamber of Commerce and the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce.

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 Village of Rantoul is an active voting Member of the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care. The Village of Rantoul actively participates in assisting individuals, families and veterans that are at risk of becoming homeless.

The Village of Rantoul is a member of the Continuum of Care’s Homeless Prevention Subcommittee, which looks at how people are experiencing homelessness, what prevention efforts are currently taking place, risk factors of becoming homeless, (Homeless Management Information System) HMIS data quality, (Point in Time) PIT count procedures.

The Continuum either funds or supports the following services to the homeless:

- Various Housing Prevention and Rapid Rehousing (HPRP) programs,
- Various emergency housing shelters, and
- Phoenix Center which provides a daytime warming center and a point for centralized intake for the various shelters.

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

The Village of Rantoul is a member of the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care.

The Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care serves all of Champaign County and in the 2014 program year, the Continuum of Care adopted a new Governance Charter which outlines its operation.

The new Charter creates several subcommittees and working groups, each of which report to the Executive Committee and then the membership. Any items that require a vote, such as funding, is voted upon by the Continuum membership excluding the Affiliate members.

The Rantoul Grants Manager/HUD Administrator is a member of the Homeless Prevention Committee.

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

Table 8 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Staff speaks with agency throughout the year at various meetings and forums. Agency has received funding for the past several years. CCRPC provided an overview of their grant application at the January 24, 2019 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Agency has applied for PY2019 funding.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Service of Champaign County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Staff speaks with agency throughout the year. Agency received funding for two senior services programs in 2018. Family provided an overview of their grant applications at the January 24, 2019 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Agency has applied for PY2019 funding. Agency has applied for 2019 funding.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Rosecrance (formerly Prairie Center Health Systems, Inc.)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Agency spoke at the Citizens Advisory Committee meetings to describe the community-wide problem of substance abuse and the effects of it. They received PY2017 CDBG funding and PY2018 funding to provide substance abuse counseling. Rosecrance provided an overview of their grant application at the January 24, 2019 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Agency has applied for PY2019 funding.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	SmileHealthy
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Agency spoke at Citizens Advisory Committee meetings to identify the dental care needs of lower-income families and to request funding to provide the services. The agency currently receives PY2017 CDBG funding and applied for PY2018 funding. Agency was invited to apply for 2019 funding.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Big Brothers, Big Sisters
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Mentoring/Advocacy for Children Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Agency received funding to provide youth and advocacy services in 2017. Agency had fifteen clients served in the first quarter of 2017. Agency did not apply in 2018. CCRPC provided an overview of their grant application at the January 24, 2019 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. Agency has applied for PY2019 funding. Agency provided an overview of their grant application at the January 24, 2019 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Rosecrance (formerly COMMUNITY ELEMENTS, INC.)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services - Victims Health Agency Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency was invited to apply for 2018 funding, but did not. Staff continues to have periodic communication with agency throughout year.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Champaign County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staffs from both agencies have a continuous dialog throughout the year to discuss possible development ideas and to coordinate inspections of units to be occupied by voucher holders.

8	Agency/Group/Organization	CRISIS NURSERY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Child Welfare Agency Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Agency received PY2018 funding and has applied for PY2019 funding. Staff provided an overview of their grant application at the January 24, 2018 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Courage Connection
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	Agency was invited to apply for PY2019 CDBG funding. This agency is a part of the Continuum of Care and staff continues to maintain a dialogue with them.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Anabel Huling Early Learning Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Agency was invited to apply for PY2019 CDBG funding.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Hope Meadows
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Agency invited to apply for PY2019 CDBG social service funding. Staff frequently speaks with the agency Executive Director since the Executive Director is a member of the Rantoul Village Board of Trustees.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Seek and Find Ministries
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy

<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>Agency did not apply for 2019 CDBG funding.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

All agencies were either consulted or invited to participate. There was no decision to exclude any group. A listing of agencies invited to apply for public service funding is included in public participation attachment.

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	City of Champaign	Increasing the supply of affordable housing units and reducing the number of homeless individuals.
Moving to Work: Year 7 Plan	Housing Authority of Champaign County	The Village of Rantoul Consolidated Plan and the HACC Moving-to-Work Plan goals include increasing the availability and supply of affordable housing, improving the quality of life for residents, promoting economic improvements/vitality, promoting self-sufficiency and asset development of low-income families and affirmatively furthering fair housing throughout the village.
5-Year Capital Improvement Plan	Village of Rantoul	The goals of the Village of Rantoul's Capital Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan include improving public facilities and infrastructure.
Final FY19/20 Village of Rantoul Budget	Village of Rantoul	The goals of the Village of Rantoul's budget overlap with the Annual Action Plan by improving public facilities and infrastructure in the village along with improving the quality of life by promoting and funding social service agencies.

Table 9 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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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**

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of Comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Internet Outreach	Social Service Agencies	34 social service agencies throughout Champaign County were notified of the availability of CDBG social service funding. 5 applications were received.	No comments received.	Not applicable.	http://www.myrantoul.com/DocumentCenter/View/4818/DRAFT-2019-Annual-Action-Plan?bidId=

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	Grant Application Workshop	Social service agencies applying for funding.	On January 10, 2019, 5 potential applicant agencies were explained the process to apply for funding, the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting dates, and the public comment period.	Overview of the grant application was provided, followed by a question and answer period. All of the questions pertained to specific application questions and not the proposed 2019 Annual Action Plan.	Not applicable.	

3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Advertisement #1 was placed in the February 14, 2018 edition of the Rantoul Press, which is a weekly newspaper published for the Rantoul area. The advertisement announced the public comment dates and invited the public to the public hearings held by the Citizens Advisory Committee.	No comments received.	Not applicable.	
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	A meeting notice announcing the Rantoul Citizens	No comments received.	Not applicable.	http://www.myrantoul.com/DocumentCenter/View/4670/02-22-2018-Citizens-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Notice-and-Agenda

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)
			Advisory Committee meeting was posted on the Village of Rantoul's website calendar on June 14, 2019			

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)
5	Social Service Agency Notifications	Social service agencies that applied for funding.	On December 10, 2018, an e-mail was sent to public service funding applicants reminding them of a Citizens Advisory Committee meeting to be held on January 24, 2019.	No comments received.	Not applicable.	

6	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>Advertisement #2 was placed in the February 21, 2018 edition of the Rantoul Press, which is a weekly newspaper published for the Rantoul area. The advertisement announced the public comment dates and invited the public to the public hearings held by the Citizens Advisory Committee.</p>	No comments received.	Not applicable.	
			Citizen Advisory Committee meeting notices were			

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7	Illinois Open Meetings Act Notice	Non-targeted/broad community	displayed in the Rantoul Municipal Building, the village website, for the February 22, 2018 meeting and sent to media outlets as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.	No comments received.	Not applicable.	http://www.myrantoul.com/DocumentCenter/View/4670/02-22-2018-Citizens-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Notice-and-Agenda

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)
8	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Social service funding applicants.	The first Citizens Advisory Committee meeting was held on January 24, 2019. All five of the social service agencies that applied for CDBG funding made brief presentations to the committee and answered questions about their program.	Meeting minutes are included in the Public Participation Comments Section. Agencies applying for social service funding gave brief overview of their applications and answered questions.	Not applicable.	

9	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>Advertisement #3 was placed in the March 14, 2018 edition of the Rantoul Press, which is a weekly newspaper published for the Rantoul area. The advertisement announced a second public comment period and invited the public to the public hearing held by the Citizens Advisory Committee on March 22, 2018.</p>	No comments received.	Not applicable.	

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)
10	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	On March 12, 2018 a meeting notice announcing the Rantoul Citizens Advisory Committee meeting for March 22, 2018 was posted on the Village of Rantoul website calendar.	No comments received	Not applicable	http://www.myrantoul.com/DocumentCenter/View/4668/03-22-2018-Citizens-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Notice-and-Agenda

11	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	A second meeting of the Rantoul Citizens Advisory Committee occurred on March 22, 2018. This was a public hearing for review and recommendation of approval of proposed CDBG and Village of Rantoul Housing Rehabilitation Policy and Procedure Manuals	Meeting minutes from the November 9, 2017 and February 22, 2018 meetings were approved and included in the Citizen Participation section. Staff presented the proposed Policy and Procedures manuals to the committee. Committee made recommendations for approval by Village Board. Village Board to hear the recommendation and vote at the next Board Study Session and regular meetings scheduled for April 3 and 10, 2018.	Not applicable.	
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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)
12	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Rantoul Village Board Study Session occurred on April 3, 2018	Community Development Department staff presented a summary of the Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations of approval of the CDBG and Housing Rehabilitation Manuals.	Not Applicable	
13	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Rantoul Village Board Meeting occurred on April 10, 2018	Village Board approves the recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the CDBG and Housing Rehabilitation Manuals.	Not Applicable.	

14	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>Advertisement #4 was placed in the June 19, 2019 edition of the Rantoul Press, which is a weekly newspaper published for the Rantoul area. The advertisement announced a public comment period for the proposed 2019 Annual Action Plan and invited the public to the public hearing held by the Citizens Advisory Committee on June 27, 2019.</p>	No comments received.	Not applicable.	
			A copy of a DRAFT 2019			

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)
15	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Annual Action Plan was placed on the Village of Rantoul website on June 21, 2019.	No comments received.	Not applicable	http://www.myrantoul.com/DocumentCenter/View/4818/DRAFT-2019-Annual-Action-Plan

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)
16	Illinois Open Meetings Act Notice	Non-targeted/broad community	On June 24, 2019, Citizen Advisory Committee meeting notices were displayed in the Rantoul Municipal Building, the village website, and sent to media outlets as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act	No Comments Received.	Not Applicable.	http://www.myrantoul.com/DocumentCenter/View/4830/07-26-2019-Citizens-Advisory-Committee-Meeting-Notice-and-Agenda

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)
17	Social Service Agency Notifications	Social service agencies that applied for funding. Has not occurred at this time	On July 17, 2016, an e-mail was sent to the public service funding applicants reminding them of a Citizens Advisory meeting to be held on July 26, 2017.	No comments received.	Not applicable.	

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)
18	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Social Service Agencies	Meeting of the Rantoul Citizens Advisory Committee occurred on June 27, 2019. This was a public hearing to gain citizen input regarding the proposed AAP. Staff presented the committee members with an updated copy of the AAP and proposed budget.	No Comments were received.	Not applicable	

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)
19	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Rantoul Village Board Study Session occurred on July 9, 2019	Community Development Department staff presented a summary of the 2018 AAP and the Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations with regards to the overall AAP.	Not Applicable	

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)
20	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>A Rantoul Village Board SPECIAL Meeting occurred on August 7, 2018</p> <p>REMOVE ABOVE INFORMATION</p>	<p>Community Development Department staff presented an overview of the 2019 AAP and the Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations for the social service agencies grants awards. The Rantoul Village Board approved the submission of the draft 2019 AAP to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development</p>	Not applicable.	

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)

Table 10 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Village of Rantoul receives revenue from many different sources. Although a majority of the funds indirectly assist low-mod income individuals and households through the general operation of government, only the CDBG funds from HUD provide a direct benefit. For example, tax increment financing funds along with the motor fuel tax revenues provide infrastructure improvements that may or may not be located in a lower-income neighborhood, while CDBG funds can be used to provide housing rehabilitation services to a single lower-income household.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$331,502	0	\$490,718	\$822,220	0	CDBG funds will be used to address high priority needs identified in the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan.
Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	The Village of Rantoul does not receive any McKinney-Vento funding from HUD or the State of Illinois.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Tax Increment Financing	public - local	Acquisition Economic Development Public Improvements Other	1,504,735	0	0	1,504,735	1,504,735	These property tax revenues must be used within specific geographic areas to make various types of improvements. The Village of Rantoul has used these funds to demolish dilapidated structures and improve the infrastructure. Some of the low-moderate income census tracts are within the TIF-III district.
Other	public - federal	Economic Development	1,202,883	0	0	\$1,202,883	\$1,202,883	These funds were granted to the Village of Rantoul by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce's Economic Development Administration to assist the community in creating jobs immediately after the closure of Chanute Air Force Base. A business may borrow up to \$500,000 and must create 1 full-time job for every \$30,000 borrowed. The Village expects 1 EDA loan to be completed this year.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - state	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,300,000	0	0	1,300,000	1,300,000	These tax revenues from the State of Illinois are used for the general operation of the Village of Rantoul.
Other	public - state	Admin and Planning Housing	584,363	0	0	584,363	546,386	In the 1980's, the Village of Rantoul received federal Rental Rehabilitation funds from the State of Illinois to create a revolving loan fund. The program has been discontinued and the remaining funds are being used to pay for administrative expenses of the Community Development Department. The Village of Rantoul will use approximately \$37,977 to administer the Village of Rantoul Community Development Department.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - state	Public Improvements Other	330,000	0	0	330,000	0	\$330,000 is expected from the State of Illinois. The funds will be used to make various street improvements throughout the Village.
Other	public - local	Public Improvements	1,146,711	0	0	1,146,711	1,146,711	These funds are generated by a local assessment of property within the Village of Rantoul. The funds are used to make improvements to the storm water management system in Rantoul. In FY18/19, a majority of the funds will be used to pay for the on-going maintenance of the storm water system, and the debt service on previously constructed projects.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - local	Public Services Other	180,000	0	0	180,000	0	These tax revenues come from nightly hotel stays in Rantoul. Approximately \$18,000 of these funds is annually granted to the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County to provide social services in Rantoul and to the Parkland College Scholarship program.

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

The CDBG program does not require the Village of Rantoul to match the federal entitlement funds. As in the past, the Village of Rantoul will be as creative as possible to find other sources of funding from state, federal, private developer, tax-credits, loans, and local funds in order to develop and deliver efficient and cost effective projects.

All agencies applying for CDBG public service funding are required to identify their efforts in obtaining other public and/or private resources that address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The maximum amount of CDBG funding a social service agency may receive for their Rantoul programs is 25%, unless more is recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee and approved by the Rantoul Village Board.

Funds from the local Hotel/Motel Tax will be used to provide general operating funds to the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County (CSCNCC). The CSCNCC is a “first-call for help” agency where persons needing social services can go for assistance. The CSCNCC also operates a food bank that serves approximately 400 families per month. No CDBG funds will be allocated to the CSCNCC.

The Village of Rantoul will use a combination of state and local motor fuel tax revenues, tax increment financing funds, bond proceeds, along with CDBG revenues to complete the reconstruction of Willow Pond Road. The Village of Rantoul will utilize funds to complete a water main repair project on North Tanner Street and to install four street traffic control crossings at N. Maplewood Drive, S. Maplewood Drive, E. Grove Avenue and N. Sheldon Street. The Village will also be using funds for unforeseen, emergency and non-emergency infrastructure projects. (sidewalk improvements, neighborhood clean-up/safety projects)

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

The Village of Rantoul secured funding through the Illinois Housing Development Authority to conduct a feasibility study for the creation of a county-wide land bank. On June 11, 2019 the formation of a Land Bank was approved by the Rantoul Village Board of Trustees. The Board approval of the Land Bank allows us to merge with the Vermilion County Land Bank Authority whose primary offices are located in Danville, IL. The yet named regional Land Bank will be formed within the next 60 days.

The Village of Rantoul has also purchased and demolished several dilapidated properties near the intersection of Keesler Drive and Harper Drive, using both CDBG and local funds. A long-term goal of the Village is to construct an intersection between an older, lower-income neighborhood in Rantoul and the northeast corner of the former Chanute Air Force Base, along Perimeter Drive.

Discussion

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	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	2013	2018	Affordable Housing	Village Wide Availability	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$288,853	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 22 Household Housing Unit
2	Building Demolition	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Area Benefit Areas	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$78,780	Buildings Demolished: 5 Buildings
3	Infrastructure Improvements	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Area Benefit Areas	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$337,506	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2200 Households Assisted
4	Senior Services	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$6,232	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 98 Persons Assisted
5	Youth Services	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$25,262	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70 Persons Assisted
6	Health Services	2013	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$6,616	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 80 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Substance Abuse Services	2013	2018	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Village Wide Availability	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$11,616	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Persons Assisted

Table 11 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Four full-home rehabs and sixteen minor rehab projects should be completed for owner-occupied housing units. Funds will be from the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 CDBG grants.
2	Goal Name	Building Demolition
	Goal Description	2015 CDBG funds will be used to demolish dilapidated structures in low-moderate income neighborhoods. No properties have been determined yet.
3	Goal Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	There will be three infrastructure projects occurring summer of 2018 – Construction of Willow Pond Road, water main repair/replacement on N. Tanner Street and installation of traffic control devices on north and south Maplewood Drive as well as on E. Grove Avenue and N. Sheldon St. Dumpsters to be placed in identified neighborhoods for neighborhood clean-up to remove blight. The removal of potentially hazardous trees and landscaping and landscaping improvements to prevent water ‘back flow’ will be addressed. We will also address/repair damaged sidewalks within the Village of Rantoul. CDBG funds will also be utilized to address unforeseen/emergency infrastructure needs as well.

4	Goal Name	Senior Services
	Goal Description	Family Service of Champaign County will be offering two programs for seniors aged 62 and older. The HomeCare Program provides non-medical in-home care for 15 seniors to provide various types of assistance. The Counseling and Advocacy Program will assist 83 seniors in obtaining various other social services through the use of a case manager. Both programs will be funded with 2018 CDBG funds
5	Goal Name	Youth Services
	Goal Description	The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission will operate the Youth Assessment Center, which provides youth that have gotten into trouble with law enforcement an opportunity to receive various social services in order to change their behavior. Services include, but are not limited to individual and family counseling along with peer court. This program expects to assist 75 youth and is funded with 2017 and 2018 CDBG funding. The Crisis Nursery will provide emergency childcare for youth aged birth through age eight, to families experiencing an emergency. This program expects to assist 35 youth and is funded with 2017 and 2018 CDBG funding.
6	Goal Name	Health Services
	Goal Description	Promise Healthcare operates the SmileHealthy Dental Program for youth enrolled in the Rantoul Head Start Program. The students and their immediate family can receive dental care at an on-site dental clinic. This program expects to assist 80 individuals and will be funded with 2017 and 2018 CDBG funds.
7	Goal Name	Substance Abuse Services
	Goal Description	Rosecrance, Inc. (formerly Prairie Center Health Systems) will offer individual and group counseling, along with case management services to persons suffering from alcohol and substance abuse. A counselor will come to Rantoul twice per week to offer the sessions at the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County. This program expects to assist 25 individuals and is funded with both 2017 and 2018 CDBG funds.

Table 12 – 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):

Extremely Low-Income (0-30% MFI) - 11

Low-Income (30-50% MFI) - 7

Moderate Income (50-80% MFI) - 2

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AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

CDBG funds will be used to address high priority needs that were identified in the Village of Rantoul 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. Funds from the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 program years will be used for program administration, housing rehabilitation, building demolition, social services and infrastructure development.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration - 2019
2	Administration - 2018
3	Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation - 2018
4	Public Services 2018
5	Infrastructure Improvements - 2018
6	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2017
7	Public Services - 2017
8	Infrastructure Improvements - 2017
9	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2016
10	Infrastructure Improvements - 2016
11	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2015
12	Demolition - 2015
13	Infrastructure Improvements - 2014

Table 13 – Project Information

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

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration - 2019
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Building Demolition Senior Services Youth Services Health Services Substance Abuse Services Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,249
	Description	General administrative funds to operate the CDBG program. Costs include such items as salaries, benefits, office supplies, travel, training, communications and advertising.
	Target Date	TBD
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 households will receive housing rehab services; 273 individuals will receive services from public services; Demolition Projects TBD; Construction of Willow Pond Road, installation of four traffic control devices and water main replacement will impact approximately 3000 residents. Dumpsters to be placed in identified neighborhoods for neighborhood clean up to remove blight and other infrastructure projects TBD.

	Location Description	All programs are available village-wide except for the building demolition and infrastructure programs. Building demolitions and neighborhood clean ups will only occur in low-moderate income neighborhoods. Infrastructure will be on Willow Pond Road, North Tanner Street, North and South Maplewood Drive, North Sheldon Street and East Grove Avenue.
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2019
	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$32,868
	Description	Repairs will be made to lower-income homeowners to make the home safer to live in. Only code violations will be addressed along with the removal of architectural barriers. A combination of grants and forgivable loans are provided to homeowners.
	Target Date	TBD
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Extremely Low Income (0-30% MFI) - 1 Low Income (30-50% MFI) -1 Moderate Income (50-80% MFI) - 0
	Location Description	The housing rehabilitation program is available village-wide.
	Planned Activities	Home repairs will be made on lower-income owner-occupied housing units. Building code violations will be addressed to make the home safer to live in. The removal of architectural barriers is also an eligible activity in this program. Funds to pay the Building Inspector are also included. It is anticipated that 2 Minor rehab projects will be completed.

3	Project Name	Public Services - 2019
	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Health Services Substance Abuse Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$49,725
	Description	A maximum of 15% of the 2018 grant will be used to fund various social service programs that serve Rantoul residents. 6 programs will receive 2018 funding and 7 programs will receive 2017 funding.
	Target Date	TBD
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	SmileHealthy – 80 individuals; Crisis Nursery – 35 individuals; Rosecrance – 25 individuals; Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Youth Assessment Center – 35 individuals; Family Services Senior Resource Center Counseling & Advocacy – 83 individuals; Family Services Senior Resource Center Home Care – 15 individuals;
	Location Description	All of the programs are available village-wide.
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	Infrastructure Improvements - 2018
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$183,660

	Description	\$183,660 of the funds are 2019 CDBG funds that will be used for the repair/replacement of water main on North Tanner Street and installation of traffic control devices on North and South Maplewood, East Grove Avenue and North Sheldon Street. There will also be dumpsters placed in identified neighborhoods for neighborhood clean ups to remove blight and other infrastructure projects TBD.
	Target Date	TBD
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3000 persons will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	North Tanner Street, designated points on North and South Maplewood Drive, Designated points at intersection of East Grove Avenue and North Sheldon Street and as yet undetermined neighborhoods in low to moderate income areas.
	Planned Activities	Replace and repair water main on North Tanner Street; install traffic control devices at designated points on North and South Maplewood Drive and designated points at intersection of East Grove Avenue and North Sheldon Street. Dumpsters to be placed in identified neighborhoods for neighborhood clean ups to remove blight and other planned activities to be determined.
5	Project Name	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2019
	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$58,515
	Description	Repairs will be made to lower-income homeowners to make the home safer to live in. Only code violations will be addressed along with the removal of architectural barriers. A combination of grants and forgivable loans are provided to homeowners.
	Target Date	TBD

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Extremely Low Income (0-30% MFI) - 3 Low Income (30-50% MFI) - 1 Moderate Income (50-80% MFI) - 1
	Location Description	The housing rehabilitation program is available village-wide.
	Planned Activities	Home repairs will be made on lower-income owner-occupied housing units. Building code violations will be addressed to make the home safer to live in. The removal of architectural barriers is also an eligible activity in this program. It is anticipated that 1 Major and 4 Minor rehab projects will be completed.
6	Project Name	Public Services - 2018
	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Youth Services Health Services Substance Abuse Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$37,947
	Description	Fifteen percent of the 2017 CDBG grant was used to fund various social service programs that serve Rantoul residents. Seven programs received funding from this program year.
	Target Date	TBD
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	SmileHealthy - 150 individuals; Crisis Nursery - 31 individuals; Prairie Center - 25 individuals; Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Youth Assessment Center - 75 individuals; Family Services Senior Resource Center Counseling & Advocacy – 83 individuals; Family Services Senior Resource Center Home Care – 15 individuals; Big Brother, Big Sisters of Central Illinois – 60 individuals.
	Location Description	All of the programs are available village-wide.
Planned Activities		

7	Project Name	Infrastructure Improvements - 2017
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$107,000
	Description	\$107,000 of 2017 CDBG funds were used for the resurfacing phase of Willow Pond Road. The design and engineering phase for both Willow Pond Road and the Downtown Streetscape were completed in 2017. The resurfacing phase for Willow Pond Road will be completed Fall of 2018 using 2017 CDBG funds. The Village didn't receive funding from an Illinois Department of Transportation grant for the construction phase of Downtown Streetscape so that project is on hold.
	Target Date	TBD
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 900 families will be benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Willow Pond Road between Perimeter Road and Golfview Drive.
	Planned Activities	Resurfacing of Willow Pond Road.
8	Project Name	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2016
	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$69,185

	Description	Repairs will be made to lower-income homeowners to make the home safer to live in. Only building code violations will be addressed. A combination of grants and forgivable loans are provided to homeowners.
	Target Date	TBD
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Extremely Low Income (0-30% MFI) - 3 Low Income (30-50% MFI) - 2 Moderate Income (50-80% MFI) - 1
	Location Description	The housing rehabilitation program is available village-wide to lower-income homeowners.
	Planned Activities	Home repairs will be made on lower-income owner-occupied housing units. Building code violations will be addressed to make the home safer to live in. The removal of architectural barriers is also an eligible activity in this program. It is anticipated that 1 Major and 5 Minor rehab projects will be completed.
9	Project Name	Infrastructure Improvements – 2016
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$37,000
	Description	\$37,000 of 2016 CDBG funds will be used to resurface part of Willow Pond Road. Additional funds will come from the 2017 CDBG grant.
	Target Date	04/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 900 families will be benefit from this activity.

	Location Description	Willow Pond Road between Perimeter Road and Golfview Drive
	Planned Activities	Resurfacing of Willow Pond Road.
10	Project Name	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2015
	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$95,627
	Description	Repairs will be made to lower-income homeowners to make the home safer to live in. Only building code violations will be addressed. A combination of grants and forgivable loans are provided to homeowners.
	Target Date	04/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Extremely Low Income (0-30% MFI) - 3 Low Income (30-50% MFI) - 2 Moderate Income (50-80% MFI) - 2
	Location Description	The housing rehabilitation program is available village-wide to lower-income homeowners.
	Planned Activities	Home repairs will be made on lower-income owner-occupied housing units. Building code violations will be addressed to make the home safer to live in. The removal of architectural barriers is also an eligible activity in this program. It is anticipated that 2 Major and 5 Minor rehab projects will be completed.
11	Project Name	Demolition - 2015
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas
	Goals Supported	Building Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development

	Funding	CDBG: \$78,780
	Description	Dilapidated structures will be demolished in low-mod income neighborhoods. Although primarily focused on residential neighborhoods, commercial structures will also be eligible for demolition. The program provides a grant to the property owner, who will retain ownership.
	Target Date	4/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	No properties have been determined yet. It is estimated that 1-5 single-family structures can be demolished.
	Location Description	Demolitions will only occur in low-moderate income neighborhoods.
	Planned Activities	
12	Project Name	Infrastructure Improvements - 2014
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,506
	Description	The final design and engineering phase for Willow Pond was completed in 2017 with no additional costs needed. The remaining \$5,506 of the funds that were obligated carry-over from PY2014 to pay for finalization of the Willow Pond Road engineering and design costs is now being reallocated to the resurfacing phase of the Willow Pond project.
	Target Date	4/30/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Willow Pond Road between Perimeter Road and Golfview Road
	Planned Activities	

Table 14 – Project Summary

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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

The Village of Rantoul has not specified any target areas for the use of CDBG funds.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Housing Rehab Areas	0
Area Benefit Areas	40
Village Wide Availability	60

Table 15 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

- 16.3% of 2018 CDBG funding will be used for grant administration.
- CDBG funds are distributed on an income eligibility basis, whether it is presumed or verified income, throughout the village.
- For area benefit programs such as infrastructure development and demolition of unsafe and dilapidated structures, CDBG investments are made in low- to moderate income census block groups known as low-mod areas (LMA).
- No neighborhoods or areas have been targeted or prioritized for CDBG investment.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

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

Table 16 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

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

Table 17 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

There is a lack of decent, safe and affordable rental housing to meet the needs of the extremely low-income population. At this time, there are no available public housing units available in Rantoul and the Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) has a waiting list for available vouchers and public housing units.

The Village of Rantoul will continue to work with the HACC to acquire additional property for the development of affordable rental and/or homeownership units. The Village of Rantoul Community Development Department will conduct any environmental assessments needed by the HACC.

The Village of Rantoul will continue to notify the HACC of any construction projects funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and that job training and employment opportunities may exist under the “Section 3 program requirements.”

The Village of Rantoul’s Rental Housing Inspection Program works primarily with the HACC Housing Choice Voucher Program to resolve problems when a rental unit occupied by a HACC client has a building code violation. The HACC will not allow a client to move into a rental unit in Rantoul until it passes both the HACC and Village of Rantoul inspections.

HACC has finished converting all of their public housing units throughout the county to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) housing units. The Village of Rantoul will provide any assistance needed to assist the HACC with this process.

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

The HACC has a 7-member Resident Advisory Board that represents all of the residents of public housing units, along with the entire voucher program. Their main job is to provide the HACC, public housing residents, and voucher holders a forum for discussing the HACC’s annual plans along with HACC’s policies. Each public housing site also conducts a monthly tenant meeting to discuss HACC policies and various need/actions that are specific to the site.

HACC partnered with Habitat for Humanity to utilize its flexibility as a HUD designated “Moving to Work” agency, to fill a gap in affordable homeownership needs in Champaign County. The goal of the MTW Local Homeownership program is to expand on HACC’s Mandatory Self-Sufficiency Program and to assure that other existing affordable homeownership opportunities and services in Champaign County are not duplicated.

HACC targets existing residents of HACC programs that complete HACC’s MTW Mandatory Local Self-Sufficiency Program through compliance with employment requirements. All families must meet the eligibility criteria set forth in Habitat’s Partner Family Selection Process including income limits; asset

limits; housing expense to income and total debt to income ratios; and other applicable credit requirements.

Families selected are processed for the homeownership program in accordance with the Habitat Partner Family Selection Process. Habitat provides all homeownership program services consistent with HACC's MTW goals of self-sufficiency including pre- and post-home purchase counseling; financial literacy, credit repair and counseling; sweat equity by the home buyer; and, home mortgages at 0% interest, amortized at 25 years. To provide additional resources for Habitat to serve HACC resident referrals, HACC purchases the equity from Habitat in the homes built.

HACC provides a second mortgage at the time of construction completion and closing of permanent financing for the difference between the appraised value of the home and the maximum mortgage that can be supported by the purchaser. However, HACC's maximum second mortgage is limited to \$50,000 per home. The second mortgage is forgivable at the rate of 5% per year over a 20 year period.

The homeownership program was approved in HACC's 2014 Plan as a Re-Proposed Activity and the implementation plan was approved by the HACC Board in July 2014. All components of the plan have been fully implemented and two families have become homeowners.

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

HUD has not classified the Housing Authority of Champaign County as a "troubled" agency.

Discussion

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

Introduction

This section includes an overview of the programs that will be funded in Champaign County in 2018 to address the needs of the homeless and those with special needs. The activities address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families, along with homeless prevention activities especially for low-income individuals and families with children who have incomes below 30 percent of the area median income. Activities are also funded to address the special needs of those who are not homeless (i.e., elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and/or persons with alcohol or other substance abuse problems).

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 Village of Rantoul, in partnership with homeless service providers, supports outreach program with the goal to engage chronically homeless persons, unaccompanied youth, and families. Each individual or family is assessed to determine their vulnerability and the community's ability to respond.

The following are actions that members of the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care intend to accomplish in order to reach out to homeless persons and assess their needs:

- Salvation Army in cooperation with local churches will operate the "Canteen Run" twice weekly to assist the unsheltered homeless;
- "The Phoenix" is a daytime warming shelter in Champaign for the homeless and serves as a coordinated point of entry into receiving social services;
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) users will work to improve information sharing to improve coordination of prevention and rapid re-housing services;
- Each member agency of the Continuum of Care will train their staff to assess the needs of homeless individuals;
- Help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living;
- Reduce recidivism among those exiting the homeless system; and
- Help low-income individuals and families who are being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care, or receiving assistance from public and private agencies avoid becoming homeless.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Rantoul Community Development meets monthly with the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care and homeless service providers to assess the demands for service and whether the current housing resources are meeting them.

During the 2015 and 2016 program years, all of the men's emergency homeless shelters in Champaign County reduced services and eventually closed due to a lack of funding, primarily from the State of

Illinois. Through the efforts of *C-U at Home* and the United Way of Champaign County, several community meetings were conducted to discuss possible solutions. From January-March 2017, two churches in the City of Champaign will rotate and host a men's emergency homeless shelter.

Champaign County has always suffered a shortage of emergency family shelter. In January 2015, CU at Home, and the United Way of Champaign County along with numerous social service agencies addressed this issue by opening the Emergency Shelter for Families at Maple Grove, which has 8 units of family shelter. Austin's Place, CU Men's Shelter and the Salvation Army also provide homeless services for men, women and families in Champaign County.

Continued success in moving from emergency and transitional housing to permanent housing is the responsibility of all of the members of the Continuum of Care and can be achieved by increasing access to permanent housing options and equipping participants with the economic resources and tools, including continued social services, necessary for long-term housing stability. While in programs, participants receive structured services to mitigate barriers to housing such as education/training, substance abuse counseling, health care, and mental health services.

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

Rantoul Community Development staff meets monthly with the Continuum of Care and homeless service providers to assess the demands for service and whether the current housing resources are meeting them.

The HEARTH regulations encourage providing homeless persons with housing quickly, and only availing supportive services that are of greatest need to support stable housing; other needs the individual or family may have should be addressed through existing mainstream resources available in the community. This reflects a new emphasis on both the expansion of the homelessness prevention and the addition of new rapid re-housing components: housing relocation and stabilization service and short- and medium-term rental assistance, and permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Below are the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care's strategic planning objectives to achieve this goal:

- Create new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless persons;
- Increase the percentage of participants remaining in Continuum of Care funded permanent housing projects for at least 6 months to 80% or more;
- Increase the percentage of participants in Continuum of Care funded transitional housing that move into permanent housing to 65% or more;
- Increase the percentage of participants in all Continuum of Care funded projects that are employed at program exit to 20% or more;
- Increase the percentage of participants in all Continuum of Care funded projects that obtained

- mainstream benefits at program exit to 20% or more;
- Decrease the number of homeless individuals and families; and
- Intent of the Continuum of Care to reallocate supportive services only and transitional housing projects to create new permanent housing projects.

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.

To help ensure that social service agencies that provide services to the homeless can keep receiving funding, the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care has a Monitoring Subcommittee to provide a peer review of homelessness programs. The Village of Rantoul became a member of the Monitoring Subcommittee since it is familiar with HUD's monitoring process and the village does not use or oversee the use of "homelessness" funding. During the 2015 program year, both Community Connections and Community Elements (now Rosecrance Champaign-Urbana) both received on-site monitoring visits for their homeless programs. Agencies to be monitored in the 2018 program year will be determined by the Continuum of Care Executive Committee.

Discharged individuals from local hospitals are released back to their place of last residence, or directed to nursing homes or other medical facilities for continued health care needs. Victims of domestic violence may be discharged to Courage Connection, the local domestic violence shelter. There are no state-operated health care facilities for which to develop a statewide discharge policy. Intake workers at shelters also help hospital discharge planners locate as safe a location as possible. Occasionally, hospitals pay for a short-term housing option from charitable funds.

Since health care patients routinely are discharged to the location of their residence prior to admission, persons who are homeless prior to a health care crisis are at risk of remaining homeless upon discharge. Shelters do become an option for these few patients. Patients discharged from a mental health facility or state-operated psychiatric facility in need of transitional housing utilize the services of Rosecrance Champaign-Urbana's (formerly Community Elements) group home and respite center; Rosecrance's (formerly Prairie Center) residential beds; or one of the faith-based half-way houses in Champaign County. If an individual is a domestic violence victim, the person may use an emergency bed at Courage Connection. These facilities offer case management, treatment services and other services to assist with reintegration into the community, including appropriateness for various programs funded through the Continuum of Care.

It is the policy of the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that every person on parole status be released to an address of a host that has agreed to accept them (family, friend, shelter, etc.) and agree to allow IDOC to enter the site to monitor the parolee. IDOC has no legal jurisdiction for those released with no parole. The IDOC liaison is a member of the Continuum of Care and works with local resources to locate jobs, apartments, etc. for parolees during a transition period prior to release. Mental Health Court assures probationers with mental health issues comply with treatment and remain housed, and Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities has a similar mission for persons with substance abuse

issues.

There is no specific plan for a large number ex-felons released without parole, although IDOC does try to work with them during a transition period prior to release to help located community services and employment opportunities. The only facility that can house a large number of parolees is Jesus Is the Way Prison Ministries. Not having gainful employment is the main reason these individuals become/remain homeless.

Discussion

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

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

Barriers to affordable housing come in many forms. During the last Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Analysis, the study found the following impediments:

1. There is a shortage of Section 8 subsidies (now known as Housing Choice Vouchers).
2. A lack of funding restricts housing choices and options for owners and potential homeowners.
3. First-time homebuyer subsidies should be continued through downpayment assistance programs and incentives offered through the Village.
4. Housing rehabilitation programs are necessary to preserve the housing stock and to allow families to live in standard and safe housing.
5. There is a need for transportation services for low-income employment purposes.
6. There is a need to periodically review the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) reports of the local lending institutions and real estate firms in Rantoul.
7. The Rantoul Community Development Department and Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) should review each other's policies.
8. There should be at least one female member on the village plan commission.
9. The Rantoul Community Development Department should enhance its outreach program for fair housing education.

The impediments have been addressed through the following actions and will continue to be addressed during this consolidated planning period:

- The Housing Authority of Champaign County is seeking to acquire land in Rantoul to construct additional affordable housing units in the upcoming few years;
- Village of Rantoul offers owner-occupied home rehabilitation services to lower-income households in order to maintain the existing housing stock;
- Brenda Crane is a member of the Rantoul Planning and Zoning Commission;
- Community Development staff review local lender's CRA reports;
- Housing Authority of Champaign County and the Rantoul Community Development Department both publish their reports on their website for public review;
- C-CARTS, a rural mass transit system is operating in Champaign County and provides rides to the Cities of Urbana and Champaign;
- C-CARTS operates a fixed route system within the Village of Rantoul;
- Community Development will attend local housing fairs and job/employment fairs to promote the department's programs;
- Community Development has completed a formal review of the Housing Rehabilitation Manual and Citizen Participation Plan. Community Development is currently working with nine other agencies to formally review the Anti-Displacement, Replacement Housing, and Relocation

Assistance Plan, for the development of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan.

During the 2019 program year, the Rantoul Community Development will partner with the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, City of Danville, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, the Housing Authority of Champaign County, the Ford County Housing Authority, the Piatt County Housing Authority, the Danville Housing Authority, and the Vermillion County Housing authority to complete a joint fair housing analysis.

Discussion

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AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

There are two primary obstacles to meeting the underserved needs of Rantoul's citizens: inadequate funding and lack of organizational capacity.

Organizations and government programs that provide services in Rantoul, as across the nation, are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their current funding levels or to obtain new revenues. Losses of revenue have led to program elimination, reduction of services provided, or a reduction in the total number of clients that can be served. The Rantoul Community Development Department was decreased from 3 employees to only 1, which slowed the number of clients served. In August of 2017, the Village hired a new Grants Manager/HUD Administrator to replace the previous Community Development Director who retired at the end of March, 2017. In 2018, the assistance of the following positions was lost due to the individuals seeking other employment: Village Zoning Administrator-(now working in Bloomington, IL) Regional Planning Commission contractor-resigned and gave the Village a two-day notice. (moved to Maryland) City of Urbana CDBG Administrator and her assistant (Florida, Wisconsin) Village Neighborhood Services Director (new job within the Village of Rantoul) The Village of Rantoul's Urban Planning Manager was hired on June 24, 2019. He has 15 years of city management experience and over 10 years of experience with HUD related programs.

A lack of state resources has affected capacity issues at all of the social services in Champaign County. Issues include reduced staffing levels, ability to provide adequate training opportunities to staff and volunteers, and the ability to purchase necessary supplies and equipment. It appears likely that inadequate funding and lack of organizational capacity will continue to be obstacles during this annual action plan year and the remaining years covered by the consolidated plan.

Some of the actions proposed to address the underserved needs of the community:

- Village of Rantoul HUD CDBG funds will be used to address the needs of lower-moderate income individuals and households and to fund various social service programs.
- HACC oversees the Housing Voucher Program and public housing units.
- Village of Rantoul will enter into a partnership with other HUD funded agencies in Champaign, Ford, Piatt, and Vermillion counties to complete an Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Analysis.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Housing is one of the high priorities for the Village of Rantoul. Over 90% of Rantoul's housing stock is over 30 years old and routine maintenance such as replacing roofs and upgrading plumbing and electrical systems are often out of reach for low-income homeowners.

Homeownership is considered a safe and easy way to build personal wealth. In today's housing market, there is not much difference between the cost of a mortgage payment and a monthly rent

payment. Many households find it difficult to save for a downpayment.

In the upcoming program year, the Village expects to foster and maintain affordable housing by: continuing the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program and ceding the Village of Rantoul's annual private activity bond cap allocation to a homebuyer's program.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All applicants to the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Programs are provided a copy of the pamphlet entitled "The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right." Every housing unit approved for rehabilitation is assessed for lead-based paint hazards by a building inspector in the areas that the work will be completed. If paint will be disturbed, Midwest Environmental will analyze the area with an x-ray fluorescent (XRF) machine. If lead-based paint is detected, it is removed by a state licensed lead-based paint abatement contractor. When lead abatement work has been completed, Midwest Environmental collects dust wipe samples which are sent to an independent laboratory for testing and final clearance. The Community Development Department temporarily relocates families during extensive lead-paint abatement. If the lead-paint work is minimal, the work area can be completely sealed until final clearance is obtained and relocation is not required.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to HUD Community Planning & Development's Mapping System, the majority of Rantoul has a poverty rate of at least 14%, with some neighborhoods over 30%. A map indicating the poverty rates in geographic areas is included in the Grantee Unique Appendices.

A factor leading to poverty is unemployment. HUD's mapping system indicates that a majority of Rantoul's neighborhoods have an unemployment rate of at least 5%, but in many areas, the percentage is much greater. Maps indicating the unemployment rates are also included in the Grantee Unique Appendices.

In order to reduce the number of poverty-level families in Rantoul, the Village will implement the following actions:

- Village will work to retain existing businesses and encourage the establishment of new businesses using their various economic development tools such as loan programs, enterprise zone and tax increment financing incentives, along with working with other economic development partners such as the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation and the Rantoul Chamber of Commerce.
- The Rantoul Police Department will continue to support mentoring programs for lower-income and at-risk youth.
- Using CDBG funding, the Village of Rantoul will provide a housing rehabilitation program to assist low- and moderate income homeowners make needed repairs to their homes.
- During the school year, Rantoul City Schools and Rantoul Township High School will provide free/low-cost meals for students meeting certain income guidelines. During the summer months, the Rantoul Recreation Department operates a free youth lunch program.
- Rantoul Community Foundation and the Village of Rantoul Recreation Department assist lower-

income youth in participating in various sports and recreational activities.

- Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County provides referrals to various social service agencies to meet the needs of the clients and also operates a food pantry.
- Village of Rantoul will set-aside up to 15% of its annual CDBG funding to assist public service agencies to operate programs to assist Rantoul residents.
- The United Way of Champaign County supports numerous social service agencies that provide services to low-moderate income Rantoul residents.
- Five days per week, the Peacemeal Program provides low-cost lunches to seniors at the Community Service Center and operates the local Meals-on-Wheels program.
- Stonecreek Church, along with Cultivadores, both operate food pantries.
- The FY2018-2019 Village of Rantoul budget will provide the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County \$17,000 of local funding to assist in their general operations. The Community Service Center assists low-moderate income individuals to find needed social services and also operates a food pantry.
- C-CARTS provides a fixed-route mass transit route so that employees have an easier way to work. They also provide transportation services to the Cities of Champaign and Urbana.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The CDBG Program in Rantoul is operated by the Village's Community Development Department. The Department is currently staffed only by the Grants Manager/HUD Administrator who reports to the Village Administrator and the Mayor; and has over 15 years of experience in grants management and administering HUD Housing Programs. Village of Rantoul staff continues to take advantage of training opportunities made available by HUD to increase their knowledge and understanding of program requirements and associated regulations.

Until 2008, the Community Development Department was staffed by three people. As a result of increased administrative requirements and lack of staffing, the timeliness at which projects and activities gets completed has slowed down. The Department is also responsible for the administration of the grant program, providing technical assistance to subrecipients, monitoring projects for compliance with all applicable regulations, and communicating with the public. The Village Board has final approval of the federal block grant budget allocation, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

In November 2015, the Community Development Department entered into a contract with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission to assist in operating the housing rehabilitation program. To date, this partnership has worked well and there are no plans to end this partnership.

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

Public and private housing and social service agencies throughout Champaign County have achieved a higher level of collaboration in administering programs benefitting low- and moderate-income people and families; and have included the three entitlement communities in their planning and operating

activities.

Planning groups that staff actively participates in include: Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care, Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County, Community Plus Federal Credit Union (has CDFI status). Member of the area-wide Land Bank Capacity Network.

Staffs from the Rantoul Community Development Department and the HACC staff enjoy a good relationship. For several years, staffs from both agencies have continued discussions of a desired HACC development in Rantoul. Community Development staff will complete any necessary environmental assessments for the HACC.

Discussion

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Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

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

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.	0.00%

Discussion

No program income is anticipated for the 2018 program year.

Appendix "A"
Public Participation Items

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**Appendix “B”
Certifications**

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Appendix "C"
Maps

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