



**Public Review Draft 2021 Action Plan  
for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Entitlement Program**

The City of Moss Point's 2021 Action Plan sets forth activities to be carried out with CDBG funds during the period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The 2021 Action Plan Draft is posted on the City's website and also is available for review at:

City of Moss Point City Hall  
City of Moss Point Community Development Department

Written comments will be received from Friday, May 21, 2021 until 4:00 p.m., Monday, June 21, 2021, by delivering them to the Moss Point Community Development Department in City Hall, located at 4320 McInnis Avenue, or emailing them to [Jacquelyn.davis@cityofmosspoint.org](mailto:Jacquelyn.davis@cityofmosspoint.org).

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

**1. Introduction**

The City of Moss Point is in the process of developing its 2021 Annual Action Plan for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program, in compliance with U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations and the City's Citizen Participation Plan. The 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP) identifies the source and amount of CDBG resources that will be available to support eligible projects during the City's 2021 Program Year, which runs October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

The City received a CDBG allocation of \$115,771 for Program Year 2021 and anticipates carrying forward approximately \$117,321.95 in previously allocated but unexpended CDBG resources. The City also anticipates that \$30,000 generated as program income will be available to fund PY2021 projects.

The APP serves as the City's strategic one-year plan, describing the specific programs and activities that will be funded to meet the priority housing and community development needs identified in its 2017-2021 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The City of Moss Point is designated as an Entitlement City for the CDBG Program; it **does not** receive an annual allocation for the following programs: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG); HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME); Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA); or the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF).

## 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Moss Point CDBG Entitlement Program goals are to:

- improve access to affordable housing;
- provide a suitable living environment; and
- expand economic opportunities.

The City strives to accomplish these three goals by maximizing efficient use of all available funding resources to support priority housing and community development programs and activities that primarily serve economically disadvantaged residents. By addressing priority needs and improving opportunities at the individual and neighborhood levels, the City works to improve the quality of life for all its residents.

**Improve access to affordable housing** includes the retention of affordable housing stock; the prevention of homelessness; encouraging development of affordable supportive housing; and supporting affordable housing assistance programs.

**Provide a suitable living environment** is defined as improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality public facilities and services; reducing the isolation of lower income groups to specific areas through integration of the community as a whole; and adapting public facilities, recreational and educational resources and public spaces to enhance living conditions for special needs populations.

**Expand economic opportunities** includes improving the City's economic viability by supporting the retention and expansion of local businesses; stimulating the creation and retention of local employment opportunities and availability of job training programs; and empowering low-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency to address generational poverty.

The City will continue to invest its limited CDBG resources to address unmet community needs identified as high priorities in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. These unmet needs include public services,

## 3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Moss Point annually reports past performance to HUD through its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), which describes how CDBG resources were used to meet

priority needs during the program year, as identified in the subject Annual Action Plan. City elected officials and staff work to ensure on-going compliance with applicable federal regulations and policies while investing CDBG resources to meet priority housing and nonhousing community development needs.

**4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

The City’s citizen participation and consultation processes are described in detail in templates AP-10 and AP-12. Every effort is made by the City to encourage the participation of very-low, low- and moderate-income persons; residents of assisted housing; special needs populations and agencies that represent them; public service providers; the business community; and other interested parties in developing each Annual Action Plan.

**5. Summary of public comments**

No comments were provided at the first public hearing, held at Moss Point City Hall on Thursday, May 20, 2021.

*Information about other comments that may be submitted for the City’s consideration will be inserted following the second public hearing and 30-day written comment period.*

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

In compliance with its Citizen Participation Plan, the City encouraged the participation of all interested individuals, agencies and organizations in the development of the 2020-2021 Action Plan. No individuals, groups, agencies or organizations were denied an opportunity to provide input into the housing and community development needs of the City; all oral and written comments were considered by the City.

**7. Summary**

The City of Moss Point will continue to invest its CDBG resources to support eligible programs and activities that address its three broad goals of improving access to affordable housing; providing suitable living environments; and expanding economic opportunities for the principal benefit of low- to moderate-income residents.

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	MOSS POINT	Community Development Department

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

## **Narrative (optional)**

The City of Moss Point is the lead agency for developing, administering, and reviewing its Annual Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the CDBG Entitlement Program, with administrative support and oversight provided by the City's Community Development Department. These planning documents identify strategies, goals, priorities and available CDBG resources to address the City's housing and community development needs. All CDBG-funded projects and activities are administered and monitored by the City's Community Development Department for on-going compliance with applicable federal regulations and policies.

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

*This template is in the process of being updated based on information to be provided by the Open Doors Homeless Coalition.*

### **1. Introduction**

In compliance with HUD requirements and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, residents, local, regional and state agencies and organizations, civic associations, religious assemblies, municipal officials, the business community and other interested parties were invited and encouraged to participate in the process for developing the City of Moss Point 2021 Annual Action Plan.

### **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 enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies, the City invites and encourages these entities to participate in developing each year's CDBG Annual Action Plan for the Moss Point CDBG Entitlement Program by attending public hearings, submitting oral and written comments and reviewing public documents available on the City's website and at various public locations in the City.

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

On an on-going basis, the City of Moss Point works with the Open Doors Homeless Continuum of Care to address the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, and persons at-risk of homelessness. Through Point in Time activities, needs assessments and case management services, Open Doors works with the City and other local units of government to identify and address unmet housing and related supportive services needs of these populations.

The City met with Open Doors to update information for its 2021 Annual Action Plan and to discuss on-going strategies to address the affordable housing needs of Moss Point’s homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, and persons at-risk of homelessness. City budget and staff limitations preclude Moss Point from fully participating in efforts to comprehensively address the housing and related services needs of its homeless populations, but every effort is made to keep elected officials and others informed about these unmet priority needs.

**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**

While the City does not receive ESG funding, nor is it subject to the reporting requirements identified at 91.220 (I)(1); 91.220(I)(3); or 91.220 (I)(4), the City of Moss Point works cooperatively with Open Doors Homeless Coalition on an on-going basis to maintain specific information about Moss Point’s homeless and at-risk of homelessness populations. Through information made available to the City from Open Doors’ ESG needs assessments and provision of case management services, the City monitors and participates in local and regional efforts to improve residents’ access to affordable housing and related supportive services.

In the May 2021, the City initiated a substantial amendment to its 2019 Annual Action Plan to budget CARES Act funds for a new CDBG-CV public services activity to prevent and address homelessness in Moss Point caused by the coronavirus. To be administered by Open Doors Homeless Coalition through a subrecipient agreement, this critically needed activity will help individual residents and families stay in their homes or provide them with up to six consecutive months of rent assistance.

**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 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

<b>1</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Open Doors Homeless Coalition
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	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City met with Open Doors to discuss current unmet needs of its homeless and at-risk of homelessness populations and on-going programs to address those needs. This meeting allowed the City to provide updated information in the 2021 Annual Action Plan.
<b>2</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	New Beginnings Domestic Violence Program
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Victims
	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?	The City encouraged New Beginnings to attend and participate in the 2021 Action Plan by offering its input regarding services needed for those who have experienced domestic violence as well as any other community needs.
<b>3</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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?	Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII was invited to attend the hearings and to provide input about the housing and nonhousing needs of residents of public or assisted housing in Moss Point. The MRHA provided updated information to include in the 2021 Action Plan via a telephone conversation.

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

*This template was not complete at the time the Public Review Draft was made available for review and comment. The City will continue to invite and encourage input from residents, agencies, organizations*

and other interested parties until the end of the written comment period for development of the Moss Point 2021 Annual Action Plan.

All known agencies will be invited to participate in developing the 2021 Annual Action Plan.

**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	Open Doors Homeless Coalition	The regional CoC’s plan for preventing and addressing homelessness identifies goals that parallel with the City’s for improving access of all populations to affordable housing in Moss Point.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Moss Point	The City’s Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice identifies goals for addressing barriers that impede access to all types of housing.
<i>This table was not complete at the time the public review draft of the 2021 Action Plan was made available for review and comment.</i>		

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**

*This template was not complete at the time the public review draft of the 2021 Annual Action Plan was made available for public review and comment.*

In compliance with the Moss Point Citizen Participation Plan, the City did the following to encourage public participation in development of the 2021 Annual Action Plan:

- Conducted a public hearing on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Board Room; no citizens attended this hearing; two representatives of the City were present along with the City’s CDBG consultant.
- Conducted a second public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 4:30 p.m., also in the Board Room at City Hall; it was attended by one resident in addition to staff. Several comments were offered that are summarized in the attached minutes; no written comments were submitted;
- Both public hearings were advertised in the Mississippi Press (May 5, 2021, May 16, 2021 and May 21, 2021);
- Emails and letters were sent to those on the City’s CDBG mailing list and to area businesses, public service agencies, Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII and other interested parties to invite and encourage attendance at the hearings and submittal of written comments;

- Flyers advertising the two public hearings, availability of the public review draft and 30-day comment period were made available at City Hall, in a heavily trafficked area inside the front door and across from the permit counter;
- Public service announcements about the two public hearings, availability of the public review draft and 30-day comment period were aired back to back on a television located near the front door of City Hall, which is a heavily trafficked area;
- In addition to advertising the second public hearing, the notice published on May 21, 2021 in the Mississippi Press advertised the availability of the Public Review Draft of the 2021 Annual Action Plan for public review and comment and identified the start and end dates of the 30-day written comment period;
- The Public Review Draft of the 2021 Annual Action Plan was posted on the City’s website and hard copies were made available at various public facilities including City Hall.

The 2021 Annual Action Plan was considered for approval on Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 for submittal to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### Citizen Participation Outreach

*This table will be completed following the close of the citizen input process*

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
1	Mailings to Civic and Religious Associations	Non-targeted /broad community		Not applicable	All comments were accepted and considered by the City.
2	Newspaper Ad	Nontargeted /broad community			All comments were accepted and considered by the City.
3	Posted Notices and Flyers	Non-targeted /broad community		Not applicable	All comments were accepted and considered by the City.
4	Internet	Non-targeted /broad community		Not applicable	All comments were accepted and considered by the City.
5	Public Hearings	Non-targeted /broad community	No residents attended the 1 <sup>st</sup> hearing; one citizen attended the 2 <sup>nd</sup> hearing.	Oral comments expressed support for use of funds as proposed.	All comments were accepted and considered by the City

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

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

### Introduction

HUD notified the City of Moss Point that it has been allocated \$115,771 in CDBG funds for program year 2021. The City estimates that approximately \$30,000 in program income will be made available to support 2021 CDBG projects and anticipates \$117,321.95 in previously allocated but not used CDBG resources will be carried over and reallocated for 2021 CDBG projects.

### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				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 Facilities & Improvements Public Safety Public Services	115,771	30,000	117,321.95	263,092.95	0	PY2021 is the last year covered by the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan.

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 City does not anticipate its CDBG funds will leverage additional resources. Leveraging is not a requirement of the CDBG Entitlement Program.

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

The 2021 park project will utilize undeveloped property owned by the City to support improving the living environment for North Moss Point residents. Currently, only one small (\_\_\_ acres) park serves this entire area. The City will continue to evaluate opportunities to use public lands for future development.

## Discussion

Program income and funds previously allocated but unexpended will be combined with the City's 2021 entitlement allocation to fund Program Year 2021 CDBG-eligible projects.

## AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Administration	2017	2021	Administration		Not applicable	CDBG: \$23,154.20	Not applicable
2	Expand economic opportunities	2017	2021	Non-Housing community dev. public services	City-wide	Job training services	CDBG: \$17,365.65	Job training public services Benefit # of Persons – 3
3	Provide Suitable Living Environment	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development		Public facility & resources improvements	CDBG: \$78,786.55	Park Improvement Project, Phase 1; Benefit # persons: to be determined for park service area
4	Improve access to affordable housing	2017	2021	Affordable Housing	City-wide	Access to affordable housing	CDBG: \$78,786.55	Housing improvements Benefit # of HH: to be determined
5	Provide Suitable Living Environment	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Public safety	CDBG: \$65,000.00	Improved suitable living environments Benefit # HH: to be determined

Table 6 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Planning and Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	CDBG resources may be used to pay for a portion of costs required to effectively administer the CDBG Entitlement Program in compliance with HUD regulations and policies, which may include a portion of staff salaries, consultant fees, the cost to develop and/or update CDBG Standard Operating Procedures, fair housing outreach material and/or planning documents. This also may include costs for staff training, CDBG program supplies, publication of notices, maintenance of CDBG-purchased equipment, environmental assessments and reviews and other eligible administrative costs.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Expand Economic Opportunities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide opportunities for residents and businesses to improve and expand employment opportunities through a variety of CDBG-eligible programs and activities, including job training and skills development programs; small business incentives and programs to stimulate redevelopment, expansion and code compliance; and other activities that principally benefit low- to moderate- income residents.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environments
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Improve public facilities and resources to enhance public health and safety and residents' quality of life; this may include developing City-owned property into parks and other public spaces.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve access to affordable housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	To improve residents' access to affordable housing, CDBG funds may be used for activities that encourage retention of Moss Point's affordable housing stock; to prevent and address homelessness; to encourage development of affordable housing for special needs populations; to rehabilitate housing to meet the needs of the elderly (Limited Clientele); and to support affordable housing assistance programs.
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environments
	<b>Goal Description</b>	To provide suitable living environments for residents through a code enforcement program that dedicates a code enforcement inspector to low- to moderate-income areas in the City designated as slum and blighted; this activity will be designed to comply with CDBG requirements for this type of activity.

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

During the CDBG program year, the City of Moss Point will continue to invest its limited CDBG resources as an important part of the on-going effort to address priority unmet community needs. CDBG projects and activities that will have a long-lasting positive impact on the City as a whole and on individual low- to moderate-income families. The City intends to continue maximizing the impact of its CDBG funds by partnering with other community agencies and organizations and applying for additional resources from public and private funding sources.

The City will continue to work closely with local non-profit organizations, financial institutions, and other organizations and agencies to comprehensively address community needs. The City understands that the best way to address community obstacles is by securing multiple sources of funding and developing working partnerships that focus on improving residents' quality of life overall and improving the living environment of the City's low- and moderate-income residents in particular.

#	Project Name
1	Administration & Planning
2	Jobs for Success Public Service
3	Public Park Improvement Project, Phase 1
4	Affordable Housing Access Improvements
5	Code Enforcement Program

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

The City of Moss Point has been delivering high values, high impact CDBG-funded programming for two decades. Elected officials and staff work to identify and develop eligible CDBG projects and programs that invest limited resources to maximize benefits to low- and moderate-income residents by addressing high priority housing and non-housing community development needs.

Working partnerships with organizations that include the Jackson County Civic Action Association, Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII, Open Doors Homeless Coalition, and the Salvation Army enhance the City's efforts meet the needs of individual households by reducing duplication of efforts and maximizing the use of each public dollar.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration & Planning
	<b>Target Area</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Administration & Planning
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Administration & Planning
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$23,154.20
	<b>Description</b>	Administration & planning funds are budgeted to pay for a portion of costs required to effectively administer the CDBG Entitlement Program in compliance with HUD regulations and policies. This may include staff salaries, consultant fees, the cost of developing and/or updating CDBG Standard Operating Procedures, fair housing outreach material and/or planning documents. The City may initiate data collection, information analysis and preparation of community survey tools to support development of its Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Administration funds also may be used to help pay for staff training, CDBG supplies, publication of notices, maintenance of CDBG-purchased equipment and other eligible administrative costs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Not applicable
	<b>Location Description</b>	Moss Point City Hall 4320 McInnis Avenue Moss Point, MS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration and planning activities required to administer the CDBG Entitlement Program.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Jobs for Success Public Service (NonHousing)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Expand Economic Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improve economic/employment opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$17,365.65
	<b>Description</b>	This public service activity provides job training (OJT) and experience for 1 to 3 students enrolled at the Moss Point High Schools Career Technical Education Center. Program participation is limited to low/mod students between the ages of 17 and 24.

	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	This project is projected to benefit one to three Moss Point students who live in households qualifying as low- to moderate-income.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Moss Point High School Career Technical Education Center
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The City will partner with other agencies and students will have a variety of job training opportunities to expand workforce skills over an 8-week period.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Park Improvements, Phase 1
	<b>Target Area</b>	project service area to be identified
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Suitable Living Environments
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improved quality of life through expanded recreational opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$78,786.55
	<b>Description</b>	Design and development of city-owned property in a low- to moderate-income area in North Moss Point will improve the quality of life for residents of all ages, providing public amenities in a safe space for families and individuals to gather and enjoy the outdoors. Intended to be implemented as a multi-year, phased project due to limited annual funding, activities may include park planning and design; site clearance and preparation; installation of potable water lines, fencing, lighting and designated parking; walkways/sidewalks; park amenities such as open-air pavilions, picnic tables, waste receptacles, water fountains, signage.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	To be determined Park property is located in a primarily low- to moderate-income area.
	<b>Location Description</b>	North Moss Point on Old Saracennia Road
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Concurrent with environmental assessment of the property, park planning/design and site clearance/preparation are anticipated to be completed during phase 1. Phase 2 activities may include installation of water lines, fencing, lighting and designated parking; creation of walking paths/sidewalks; construction of small, open air shade pavilions; and placement of park amenities such as picnic tables, waste receptacles, water fountains, signage.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Affordable Housing Access Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	Citywide

	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Access to Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide suitable living environments Maintain access to affordable housing for Limited Clientele (Elderly)
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$78,786.55
	<b>Description</b>	To improve elderly residents' access to affordable housing, CDBG funds will be used to hire licensed contractors to bring owner-occupied homes into code compliance and to provide ADA-compliant improvements, including access ramps. The City will establish a standard maximum budget per household; funds will be available on a first come-first served basis until the PY2021 budgeted amount is reached. Households must qualify to participate in the program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	To be determined; 100% Limited Clientele (elderly) benefit
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Advertise for and contract with qualified contractors; develop SOPs, application and eligibility material; promote the program; conduct home inspections/environmental assessments; install improvements; conduct final inspections.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Code Enforcement Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	To be identified
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide suitable living environments
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Improved public health and safety
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	Continue code enforcement program initiated in PY2020 to enforce state and local codes in designated slum and blighted areas to improve public health and safety and improve living environments for low- to moderate-income families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2021
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	To be determined; the majority served will qualify as low- to moderate-income
	<b>Location Description</b>	To be identified

<b>Planned Activities</b>	Continue code enforcement program initiated in PY2020 to enforce state and local codes in designated slum and blighted areas to improve public health and safety and improve living environments for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.
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## AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

The strategies contained in the Annual Action Plan and their associated programs will be pursued throughout the City, wherever qualifying persons are located; no specific geographic areas are targeted for use of CDBG funds.

### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City will invest its limited CDBG resources in low- to moderate-income areas rather than in targeted geographic areas. Some programs, especially public services programs, will provide citywide benefit.

### Discussion

The City budgeted its PY2021 CDBG resources based on:

- addressing priority needs identified in its 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan;
- input provided by citizens and elected officials; and
- ability of proposed activity to effectively address a priority need.

## AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

### Introduction

Due to limited PY2021 resources, the City will invest a limited amount of CDBG funds to make progress toward its goal of providing improved access to affordable housing. The City has been unsuccessful in its efforts to secure grant funding from other sources for housing grants.

The City will continue to participate as an active member of Open Doors Homeless Coalition to support efforts to prevent and address homelessness. It also will work cooperatively with Mississippi Regional

Housing Authority No. VIII to maintain the existing inventory of assisted units in the City; and the City will continue to encourage public and private housing developers and providers to maintain and expand the affordable housing inventory within the City of Moss Point.

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

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

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

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

## **Discussion**

With limited federal resources made available to it for housing assistance type projects, the City of Moss Point invests its small CDBG annual allocation to maximize benefit to the greatest number of low- to moderate-income residents possible to provide the maximum impact. Its PY2021 CDBG funds will be used to improve the living environment of many households. Projects such as park improvements and improved code enforcement efforts will enhance residents' quality of life while stabilizing local property values and the City tax base.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

*This template is in the process of being updated.*

### **Introduction**

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority (MRHA VIII), a separate governmental entity, administers public housing new construction, rehabilitation and modernization activities, home ownership opportunity programs and the Housing Choice Voucher Program for its tenant population.

MRHA is the primary provider of affordable housing for extremely low-income families, elderly and the

disabled in Moss Point and Jackson County. MRHA's affordable housing objectives are achieved through administration of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) and new affordable housing.

MRHA oversees 5,567 Section 8 housing units. The need for affordable housing in Moss Point is essential. The dual jurisdiction agency continues to work to enhance the quality of life of its residents. Initiatives like the Family Self-Sufficiency Program empower residents and improve the quality of life. The City of Moss Point and MRHA VIII enjoys a close relationship with similar goals.

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program is a collaboration of local efforts to assist individuals to work toward home ownership and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Families have an opportunity to own a home and obtain employment skills to better compete in the market.

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

The City will continue to offer outreach services through Affordable and Fair Housing workshops to Public Housing (PH) residents so they may gain an understanding of the importance and availability of home ownership opportunities. The City will continue to collaborate with MRHA VIII to work towards improving the Public Housing Authority (PHA) operations and provision of services to Moss Point residents.

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

The City will continue to collaborate with Mississippi Regional Housing Authority by way of resource and referral to various programs that will accommodate the needs of potential low-moderate income residents seeking homeownership. Community Development will also continue to help keep public housing residents informed with tracts and flyers made available throughout the program year.

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

The PHA is not designated as troubled.

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

*This template is in the process of being updated; the Open Doors Homeless Coalition will provide updated information to be inserted.*

### **Introduction**

The City will continue to work closely with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition and other agencies to assist Moss Point's homeless populations. The City will continue work to implement recommendations identified in Open Doors' plan to end homeless by collaborate with service providers and others to improve access to affordable housing for the homeless.

In addition, the City will continue to investigate and apply for available funding to prevent and end homelessness. The City also will continue to work with the Salvation Army to address affordable housing needs and provide supportive serves as needed to homeless individuals and families.

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

The City will continue to pursue funding that will support and assist organizations that provide housing opportunities and supportive services to special needs population and people living with HIV/AIDS. The City will also continue to participate in and support the local CoC and its initiatives and projects. Moss Point will support organizations that assess the needs of the homeless to create a more robust social service system to address unmet needs.

There are several local service organizations that assist homeless persons and/or working to prevent homelessness. The City maintains a relationship with these organizations and will continue to do so in the future.

The City is aware of the small yet notable homeless population in the community. The City supports any activities that address homelessness as well as those efforts to prevent and meet the needs of homeless persons. The City does not fund local service organizations but will continue to support efforts of homelessness prevention and social services, as necessary. The City will continue to support affordable home developers and local organizations that offer affordable/assisted homeownership programs that strive to meet the needs of low-income persons. The City will also look to expand City programs that may someday offer another option for affordable homeownership

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The City supports efforts of decreasing or ending homelessness in Moss Point and supports the local Continuum of Care's initiative. Emergency needs for shelter are handled by the Gulfport/Gulf Coast

Regional Continuum of Care. The transitional housing needs of homeless persons are addressed below. The City of Moss Point does not receive its own ESG allocation and therefore relies on the allocation received by the County. Jackson County provides ESG funding for essential services and operations to emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities. These facilities provide shelter and services to citizens of Jackson County including Moss Point to include homeless families, single men and women, and survivors of domestic violence. The City and County supports increasing housing options and self-sufficiency for the homeless and near homeless by providing support for the following:

- Emergency housing and supportive services for homeless families and individuals;
- Developing transitional housing; and
- Preventing persons released from institutions from entering homelessness.

The Continuum of Care collaborates with non-profit agencies and organizations to assess and identify existing needs so it may work with partner organizations to fill the funding gaps and other gaps in services. The Homeless Point in Time Count, organized by the Continuum of Care, annually assesses the characteristics of the homeless population in Moss Point. This data allows the Continuum and the City to track and address the changing needs of the homeless as well as those at-risk of becoming homeless. The City will continue to participate in the Point in Time program and support the efforts of the Continuum of Care.

**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**

Jackson County administers the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and oversees activities for homeless individuals and families in Moss Point.

**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.**

As part of its one-year goals and planned actions for reducing and ending homelessness in Moss Point, the City will continue to work with Open Doors and its member agencies to eliminate duplication of services to maximize use of limited resources. By continuing to work cooperatively with these agencies and organizations through the exchange of information and data, the City will participate in ongoing

efforts to help 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).

During program year 2021, the City will work continue to work with the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII, Jackson County and Open Doors Homeless Coalition to encourage their efforts to address housing, health, social services, employment, education and youth needs.

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

*This template is in the process of being completed.*

### **Introduction:**

A variety of barriers exist which make increasing affordable housing stock in the City of Moss Point challenging. While the following list identifies some of the contributing issues, many other circumstances may occur which hinder or prevent the market from supporting affordable housing development.

- Construction costs continues to increase;
- Much of the housing and land available for development in Moss Point is subject to floodplain insurance requirements in addition to other types of insurance, such as wind and hail, required by lenders and mortgage companies;
- Federal, state and local resources available for single family residential rehabilitation, such as loans or grant assistance, are extremely limited;
- Homeownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income persons are constrained by the lack of affordable housing inventory in Moss Point;
- A review of local zoning ordinances is necessary to identify and address unreasonable barriers to development of affordable multi-family residential developments;
- A review of local minimum lot size requirements may be warranted to identify if they unreasonably constrain multi- and single-family affordable housing development.

### **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**

There have been no actions to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing at this time. The City will continue to work with its Planning department

to review the zoning and ordinances policies/laws to find viable ways to expand and maintain the local housing inventory for all income brackets and family sizes.

**Discussion:**

The City will continue to work to remove barriers to fair and affordable housing by supporting agencies, such as MRHA8 and Mississippi HOME Corp, and programs such as Section 8, Housing Choice Voucher Program. The City also will also review and consider amendments to its zoning ordinances to address or limit potential cost increasing barriers, specifically, the lot size setback.

The City will also continue its efforts during PY2021 to promote the Fair Housing Act by sharing information about the rights and responsibilities of landlords, homebuyers and tenants. The City will continue to declare the month of April as Fair Housing month, as it has done in the past. The City will continue to provide Fair Housing educational materials to its citizens, social service organizations, and students attending Moss Point elementary schools. This information will continue to be available to the public at the Community Development Office in City Hall.

**AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

**Introduction:**

The City of Moss Point anticipates taking the following actions during Program Year 2021 to address the following.

**Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The City of Moss Point will work with Open Doors Homeless Coalition and other agencies to identify obstacles that impact its underserved populations and to address them through recommendations included in its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. To the extent feasible for the City’s limited staff and resources, Moss Point will partner with other agencies to develop communitywide solutions to reduce and eliminate obstacles faced by underserved population so their needs will be met.

**Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The City will continue to partner with regional housing and local social services agencies to encourage a collaboration of ideas and resources to foster and maintain the inventory of affordable housing in Moss Point.

**Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City will continue to work with its building inspections department, Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII, and other agencies to reduce residents’ exposure to lead-based paint hazards. The City will also continue to work with the Mississippi Department of Health to educate the public about

the hazards of lead-based paint and to educate parents about protecting their children.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The City has identified several options to assist in reducing the number of poverty-level families:

1. **Housing Programs.** The City will apply to the HOME Investment Partnership Program administered by the Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC). The City will also continue to seek out other grant funds to assist in producing and preserving affordable housing to maintain suitable livable conditions for lower-income persons.
2. **Economic Development and Job Creation/Retention.** The City will continue its partnership with SCORE, and the Small Business Administration (SBA), to provide business counseling services to local businesses with the goal of creating and/or retaining jobs for low- and moderate-income residents. Moss Point also will continue to sponsor its Jobs for Success Program, a CDBG-funded public service activity that provides low- to moderate-income students with on-the-job-training opportunities and experience that support self-sufficiency.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City will address gaps and improve institutional structure through the following:

- Reduce and alleviate any gaps in services and expedite the delivery of housing and community development improvements to eligible persons.
- Evaluate the procurement process and guidelines for all rehabilitation and construction projects.
- Coordinate projects among city departments and support ongoing efforts for City initiatives.
- Maintain a strong working relationship with the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII based on mutually shared goals of providing suitable housing and living environments for low – and extremely low-income persons.
- Work with local nonprofits operating in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods to provide affordable housing for the elderly, veterans, and other special needs populations.
- Use established lines of communication to identify opportunities for joint ventures with agencies that provide funding to contract affordable housing and homeownership.
- Work with Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to identify opportunities for economic growth in Moss Point’s low-income neighborhoods.

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

Moss Point will continue to work with a broad cross-section of public, private, faith-based, and community organizations to identify the needs of its citizens. Moss Point will seek opportunities to participate in collaborative groups to enhance public service agencies’ use of limited local resources to improve the quality of life for all Moss Point residents. These groups address a broad range of needs for

families, including prevention of homelessness, improved public safety, workforce development, literacy, and allocation of resources to meet high priority needs.

**Discussion:**

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

**Introduction:**

The City's CDBG entitlement allocation for Program Year 2021 is \$115,771.00. The City estimates that approximately \$30,000.00 in program income will be made available for 2021 CDBG programs and activities; the City estimates that CDBG resources of approximately \$117,321.95 will be carried over from previous years and made available to fund 2021 projects.

It is anticipated that 80% of CDBG funds will be utilized for activities that benefit persons of low-and moderate-income.

**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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

**Other CDBG Requirements**

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. 100.00%

The City has determined that a period of three years, 2019, 2020 and 2021, will be used to determine the minimum overall benefit of CDBG funds for low- to moderate-income persons.

**Attachments to the final document will include:**

Citizen Participation

Maps

Executed HUD Forms and Certifications