



Public Review Draft
Substantial Amendment #2 to the City of Moss Point
2019 Action Plan
for the CDBG Entitlement Program

Substantial Amendment #2 to the City of Moss Point 2019 CDBG Action Plan proposes to budget a CARES Act allocation of \$95,783 to a Public Facilities Improvement Project and/or Rent Assistance Activity to be administered in compliance with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program regulations. Use of these funds will support the City's efforts to prepare for, address and prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

New text proposed to be added through substantial amendment #2 to the 2019 Action Plan is underlined in this public review draft.

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

In 2017, the City of Moss Point created its Consolidated Plan for the five-year period FY 2017 – FY 2021. The purpose of the plan is to direct how the community's resources, including its Community Development Block Grant, will be used over five years to meet the needs of the city for:

- decent housing;
- a suitable living environment; and
- expanded economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income residents.

The framework provided by these three categories of objectives, in the Consolidated Plan identifies priority needs and describes the specific goals that the city will strive to achieve over the five years. This

annual Action Plan describes specific objectives to be addressed in the Consolidated Plan period. It also describes the projects to be undertaken to meet these objectives and the expected outcomes of these projects. This plan serves as the third year Annual Action Plan under the 2017-2021 Con Plan period.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Funds to address the City's needs are limited and therefore have been prioritized. The Con Plan prioritizes the anticipated needs of the City. Public infrastructure, public facilities, and affordable housing scored high on the "priority of needs" list while public services and homelessness were ranked low on the priority list. The City has, in the past, utilized and leveraged a large portion of the CDBG allocation for drainage improvements. Due to the aggressive manner that public infrastructure projects are implemented, there are no public infrastructure projects for the City of Moss Point for FY 2019.

The City of Moss Point identified three (3) priority needs to focus on during the next five years. These three (3) main focuses areas are:

- 1) Affordable Housing, Public Housing;
- 2) Infrastructure Improvements; and
- 3) Public Services.

The City will continue to push for the following under each priority need:

- **Affordable Housing**
Develop a home repair program
Work with non-profits to increase housing resources for LMI
Review and develop other housing programs
- **Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements**
Rehabilitation, acquisition, accessibility improvements of neighborhood facilities
Park improvements
Sidewalk and infrastructure improvements
- **Public Services**
Support services for populations with special needs (e.g., elderly, persons with disabilities)
Health and dental services
Services for the homeless and at-risk populations
Youth and childcare programs
Transportation for seniors and youth

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Moss Point's Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) has received HUD approval in each of the Program Years covered by the previous and current Consolidated Plan.

The City evaluates its performance yearly in its CAPER. The most recent CAPER, submitted to HUD in December 2018, evaluated the first program year in the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan. In that year, the City administered its CDBG program in compliance with federal regulations governing the program. 100% of expenditures were for activities that benefited low and moderate-income persons; costs for public services were within the 15% cap permitted by the program; administrative expenses were below the 20% cap allowed by the program. The City did not, however, spend its funds on time, causing a Timeliness issue. The City has continued to monitor its timeliness issue and are on track to dispensing the required amount of funds by the August 2nd test date.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

- this template will be completed following the citizen participation process

The city utilized its current adopted Citizens Participation Plan during the development of the FY2019 Action Plan. Residents and community organizations were invited to attend a public hearing on Monday, June 24, 2019, and Tuesday, July 09, 2019, to give their views on housing and non-housing community development needs. These hearings were published in the local Press-Register. Local public agencies, Continuum of Care, and other housing agencies were invited to be a part of this process as well.

Consolidated Plans, Action Plans, and CAPERs and other documentation about the CDBG Entitlement Grant are made available to the public for review at City Hall's State and Federal Grants office, City Clerk's office, and the Mayor's office. Also, the City places copies of these documents on the City's website, in local libraries, public housing agencies, and local Civic Action Centers. The City also provides a thirty (30) day comment period for citizens to submit written comments regarding the use of the CDBG grant funding/projects.

For development of the second substantial amendment to the 2019 Action Plan, the City complied with HUD waivers as well as federal regulations, allowing some procedural flexibility in the citizen participation process to support public health and safety during the COVID19 pandemic. The City complied with its amended Citizen Participation Plan and requested a HUD waiver of the minimum 30-day comment period to five (5) working days.

Following a June 21, 2021 public hearing about the proposed second substantial amendment at Moss Point City Hall, the public review draft of the 2019 Action Plan as substantially amended a second time

was available for review from Tuesday, June 22 until 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2021. A second public hearing regarding the proposed substantial amendment is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2021.

5. Summary of public comments

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There was no citizen participation during development of the 2019 Action Plan from the community despite the overflow of information and invitations that were handed out amongst the community.

The June 21, 2021 public hearing was attended by residents and comments were offered regarding the proposed second substantial amendment. written comments were submitted during the 5-working day comment period and comments were made at the second Thursday, July 8, 2021 public hearing.

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

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As a conclusion of the various public comment periods, there were no comments-either in person or written-received by the City of Moss Point with regards to this proposed plan.

All comments and views expressed during the citizen participation process for the second substantial amendment of the 2019 Action Plan were considered by the City.

7. Summary

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This Annual Action Plan will use its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding during the planning period towards activities that increase the development of creating suitable living environments, providing decent housing, and facilitating economic opportunities. In order to reach these goals the city must increase the development and availability of affordable housing; improve the health, safety, and accessibility of public facilities and infrastructure; and support public services that provide resources for the extremely low-, very low-, and moderate-income population in the City of Moss Point.

Substantial Amendment #1 to the 2019 Annual Action Plan budgeted the City's first CARES Act allocation of \$65, 917 to a CDBG-eligible public services activity that provides rent assistance to income qualified households impacted by the coronavirus. This 2019 public service activity is being administered through a subrecipient agreement between the City and Open Doors Homeless Coalition.

Substantial Amendment #2 to the 2019 Annual Action Plan proposes to budget the City’s second CARES Act allocation of \$95,783 to one or two CDBG-eligible projects:

- Public Facilities Improvement Project to rehabilitate a City-owned building to expand public access to healthcare facilities where qualified healthcare providers offer testing, assessment, vaccinations, disbursement of personal protection equipment, supplies and educational healthcare material to qualified Moss Point residents. This facility would be maintained and available to provide similar public health services and material during future CDBG-eligible emergencies; and/or
- Public Services Activity to provide up to six consecutive months of rent assistance on behalf of qualified Moss Point residents impacted by the coronavirus; to be administered by a subrecipient under a contractual agreement with the City. Special consideration may be given to homeless and at-risk of homelessness populations.

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, Office of State and Federal Grants

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

The City of Moss Point Office of State and Federal Grants Division acts as the primary administrative agency for the City of Moss Point’s CDBG program. As part of this responsibility, the State and Federal Grants Division consistently reviews the performance of the overall program delivery structure to ensure coordination and compliance.

The Community Development Department is the lead agency for the development of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, and the Annual Action Plans that outline the proposed activities and expenditures under the Plan. The Department oversees the planning, community development, housing, lead paint abatement, and other various programs for the City.

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

The City has employed diverse methods to encourage on-going participation from resident, community service providers, and existing and potential community development partners. The participation process for the Consolidated Plan included public notices; a minimum 30-day public comment period; public hearings; and consultation with non-profits, City staff, elected officials, and housing providers. The Department sought discussions and exchange of information regarding Homelessness (community-based service and housing providers); Housing stock (developers, lenders, managers); and Public and assisted housing residents. In the end, the consolidated planning process yielded little involvement, participation, and input of very few governmental departments, a non-profit organization, and citizens. Specific outreach was made to service providers and agencies through public hearings and invitations to conduct focused group meetings, which did not generate any amount of participation.

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))

The City of Moss Point has implemented actions to develop institutional structures and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies, and foster assisted housing improvements and resident initiatives. The City will continue to utilize a network of referrals, contacts, and partnerships to implement the strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan. For example, as it relates to housing, the City continues to build its relations with local housing providers such as private developers, nonprofits, developers, and neighboring housing authorities, to ensure that limited housing resources are utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

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 City of Moss Point continues to coordinate with the Open Doors Homeless Continuum of Care, who conducts ESG needs assessments and planning for the entire Gulf Coast.

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 outlined in 91.220 (I)(1); 91.220(I)(3); or 91.220(I)(4), the City continues to coordinate with Open Doors Homeless Coalition, who conducts ESG needs assessments and planning for the entire Gulf Coast.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Open Doors Homeless Coalition
	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?	Open Doors was invited to take part in the Annual Action Plan process by giving input on homeless issues within the City.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	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?	New Beginnings was invited to participate in the Annual Action Plan process to provide information regarding assistance needed for those of domestic violence within the City.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Mississippi Regional Housing Authority
	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 was invited to take part in the Annual Action Plan process to provide information on public housing assistance, and the need in the City of Moss Point.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Mercy Housing & Human Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	Mercy Housing was invited to take part in the Annual Action Plan process by documenting how many citizens from Moss Point utilize services from their agency.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	The Salvation Army Pascagoula
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services - Victims Other government - Local
	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Salvation Army was invited to take part in the Annual Action Planning process to provide us information regarding documented citizens that receive services registered as Moss Point residents.

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

No agencies were intentionally left out of the public participation process.

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 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice provides a set of goals for addressing homelessness, which is supported by Open Doors Homeless Coalition and its participating agencies. The City does not receive ESG funding.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The development of the Consolidated Plan and the component of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice require the help of the local non-profits and other organizations. Specific priorities are identified and ranked through that participation utilizing focus group sessions, forums, and surveys. The City relies on its ongoing relationships to ensure that these opinions and observations are incorporated into the Plans.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The City of Moss Point is committed to following the guidelines established by HUD, promulgated by 24 CFR 91.105 and 91.505, the City of Moss Point has prepared and adopted a Citizens Participation Plan for the CDBG program.

The Citizen Participation Plan establishes procedures for obtaining the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties regarding the use of CDBG funds. Of particular importance are the opinions of persons of low- and moderate-income, who are intended to be the principal beneficiaries of the CDBG program, and residents of areas where activities are expected to take place. The participation of all City residents is encouraged, especially HUD’s protected classes, which include minorities, senior citizens, non-English speaking persons, female-headed households and persons with disabilities.

Citizen input is essential in the following areas of the CDBG process:

- 1) Identification of housing and community development needs;
- 2) Development of the Consolidated Plan;
- 3) Development of the Annual Action Plan;
- 4) Development of the Citizen Participation Plan;

- 5) Substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan or the Annual Action Plan; and
- 6) Annual performance report.

The City has provided reasonable notice to review and comment on the design and performance of the 2019 Annual Action Plan. The DRAFT Annual Action Plan was made available to the public for review on June 07, 2019. During the preparation of the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, citizens were given until July 25, 2019, or thirty (30) days, to comment on the proposed Annual Action Plan.

Substantial Amendment #1 to the 2019 Action Plan was developed in compliance with the Moss Point Citizen Participation Plan, HUD guidance and applicable federal regulations. It budgeted the City’s first CARES Act allocation of \$65,917 to a CDBG-eligible public services activity for a subrecipient to provide up to six consecutive months of rent assistance on behalf of qualified Moss Point residents who have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus.

Substantial Amendment #2 to the 2019 Action Plan was developed during May - July 2021 in compliance with the amended Moss Point Citizen Participation Plan, HUD guidance and applicable federal rules and regulations. The second substantial amendment proposes to budget a second CARES Act allocation of \$95,783 to a Public Facilities Improvements Project to rehabilitate a City-owned building to expand residents’ access to local public healthcare facilities where qualified healthcare providers will provide coronavirus testing, assessments, vaccinations, personal protection equipment, supplies and educational healthcare material; and/or to a public services activity providing up to six consecutive months of rent assistance on behalf of qualified residents negatively impacted by the coronavirus. Both proposed uses of the funds support the City’s efforts prepare for, prevent and address the coronavirus.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Out-reach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
1	Newspaper Ad	*Minorities * Non-English Speaking: Spanish *Persons with disabilities *broad community	Not applicable	Not applicable	All comments were considered by the City.

Sort Order	Mode of Out-reach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
2	Public Hearing	*Minorities *Non-English Speaking: Spanish *Persons with disabilities *broad community	0 <u>Public hearings were held on Monday, June 21 and Thursday, July 8 regarding substantial amendment #2 to the 2019 Action Plan.</u>	0 <u>RE: substantial amendment #2, comments were received at the first hearing and comments were received at the second hearing.</u>	All comments were considered by the City.
3	Internet Outreach	*Minorities *Non-English Speaking: Spanish *Persons with disabilities *broad community	Not applicable	Not applicable	All comments were considered by the City.
4	Posted notices, mailed flyers and Public service announcements	Broad community	Not applicable	Not applicable	All comments were considered by the City.

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

AP-15 Expected Resources

The City of Moss Point does not receive any funding other than the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. This funding for fiscal year (FY) 2019 will bring funds into the community to develop programs and projects in the third year of the 2017-2021 Consolidate Plan. The City seeks to apply for the HOME Investment Partnership program for the upcoming fiscal year.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin & Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	107,688	30,000	0	137,688	150,000	The proposed CDBG funding will be used to address the priority needs of low/mod communities. Funds will also be used to improve general administration cost, public facilities, and public services.
<u>CDBG-CV</u>	<u>Public – CARES Act</u>	<u>Prepare for, address & prevent COVID19</u>	<u>\$65,917 & \$95,783</u>			<u>161,700</u>	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Through 2019 Action Plan substantial amendments #1 and #2, the City of Moss Point budgeted CARES Act allocations of \$65,917 and \$95,783, respectively, for CDBG-CV funded projects to help the City prepare for, prevent and address the coronavirus.

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Private and non-federal sources will be used to address the needs identified in the FY 19 Annual Action Plan. Funds also come from the local partners: the City through general obligations bonds, general funds, and street/sewer funding.

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

None currently identified. The City will continue to evaluate opportunities to use public lands for future development.

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	Planning and administration	2017	2021	Administration	Citywide	Not applicable	CDBG: \$21,537	Not applicable
2	Provide nonhousing public services	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Services – Improve Economic Opportunities	CDBG: \$16,153	Jobs created or retained: 3-5 Jobs
3	Provide housing assistance public services CDBG-CV	2019		Public Services - Housing	Citywide	Public Services - Prepare for, prevent & address COVID19	CDBG-CV \$65,917	# Households to benefit: to be determined
4	Improve Suitable Living Environment	2017	2021	Non-Housing Community Development		Improve Suitable Living Environment through Public Facilities Rehab	CDBG: \$34,999	# Households to benefit: to be determined
5	Improve Suitable Living Environment	2017	2021	Non-housing Community Development		Improve Suitable Living Environment through enhanced fire protection	CDBG: \$34,999	# Households to benefit: to be determined
6	<u>CDBG-CV Rehabilitate Public Facilities &/or provide housing assistance public services</u>	<u>2019</u>		<u>Public Facilities &/or Public Services - Housing</u>	<u>Citywide</u>	<u>Prepare for, prevent & address COVID19</u>	<u>CDBG-CV \$95,783</u>	<u># persons to benefit: to be determined</u>

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Planning and administration
	Goal Description	Not applicable
2	Goal Name	Provide public services - nonhousing
	Goal Description	Improve economic opportunities
3	Goal Name	Provide public services –housing assistance CDBG-CV
	Goal Description	Provide rent assistance to help prevent and address spread of coronavirus
4	Goal Name	Improve Suitable Living Environment
	Goal Description	Improve Suitable Living Environment through parks improvements
5	Goal Name	Improve Suitable Living Environment
	Goal Description	Improve Suitable Living Environment through enhanced fire protection and public safety
6	Goal Name	<u>Public facilities improvement project and/or public services - housing assistance CDBG-CV</u>
	Goal Description	<u>CDBG-eligible project to support City's efforts to prepare for, prevent or address COVID-19.</u>

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

The City will take a multi-faceted approach in addressing the obstacles of the underserved. We will accomplish this by planning for future CDBG projects that will have a long-lasting impact on the City. The City is taking steps to work closer with local non-profit organizations, local financial institutions, and other local organizations/agencies to address the needs of the area as well. The City understands that the best way to address these obstacles will be by having multiple avenues of funding and partnerships that will help the disadvantaged improve different aspects of their overall quality of life.

#	Project Name
1	Planning and Administration
2	Public Services – Improve Economic Opportunities
3	CDBG-CV Public Services – Housing Assistance
4	Parks and Rec on the Move!
5	Moss Point Fire Safety
6	CDBG-CV Public Facilities Improvement &/or Public Services Housing Assistance

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	Not applicable
	Goals Supported	Planning and administration
	Needs Addressed	Not applicable
	Funding	\$21,537
	Description	City of Moss Point will use up to the twenty percent (20%) maximum allocation to administer activities related to the CDBG program to include salary, training, travel, project planning, and general program operations.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	General program administration, no direct benefit.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Program Administration: Develop, Administer, revise, implement, and evaluate the day-to-day operation of the entitlement program. Activities include program design; grant administration; program outreach; training, and staff cost.
2	Project Name	Public Services – Nonhousing Community Development
	Target Area	Not applicable

	Goals Supported	Improve Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	\$16,153
	Description	Jobs for success is designed to provide jobs for 3-5 students enrolled in the Career Technical Education Program at Moss Point High School and 1-2 adults as needed throughout the Program year.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 to 5 individuals will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	City offices
	Planned Activities	Will provide jobs for 3 to 5 students enrolled in the Career Technical Education Program at Moss Point High School and 1 to 2 adults as needed throughout the program year. Fifteen percent of current years entitlement and fifteen percent of previous years program income will be utilized for funding this project.
3	Project Name	Public Services – Housing Assistance
	Target Area	Not applicable
	Goals Supported	Prepare for, prevent and address coronavirus
	Needs Addressed	Improved access to affordable housing
	Funding	\$65,917 CDBG-CV
	Description	First CARES Act allocation for up to six consecutive months of rent assistance provided on behalf of residents negatively impacted by the coronavirus. Administered by a subrecipient.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Qualified low- to moderate-income residents; number to be determined.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	In compliance with applicable federal regulations and policies, a subrecipient will provide up to six consecutive months of rent assistance on behalf of qualified residents negatively impacted by the coronavirus; beneficiaries also will be provided with fair housing education material. The City and subrecipient will work cooperatively to implement this activity as detailed in a subrecipient agreement.
4	Project Name	Parks and Rec on the Move!

	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Suitable living environments
	Needs Addressed	Suitable living environments
	Funding	\$34,999
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to improve Frederick Street Ballpark, including restrooms and concession stand and to initiate phase one of a park on Old Saracennia Road.
	Target Date	9/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined
	Location Description	6300 block of Frederick Street and 4300 block of Old Saracennia Road
	Planned Activities	To fund improvements to Frederick Street Ballpark, including restrooms and concession stand and to initiate phase one of a park on Old Saracennia Road with site clearance activities.
5	Project Name	Moss Point Fire Safety Project
	Target Area	Fire station service areas
	Goals Supported	Suitable living environment
	Needs Addressed	Improved suitable living environment/public safety
	Funding	\$34,999
	Description	Upgrade two stations in low-mod areas, as well as replace or repair fire hydrants in the following wards: one, two, four, and sections of five and six.
	Target Date	9/30/20
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Number to be determined; majority low- to moderate-income households
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	To provide funding for fire station upgrades at two stations located in low- to moderate-income areas and to replace or repair fire hydrants in wards: one, two, four, and sections of five and six.
6	Project Name	Public Facilities Improvement Project and/or Public Services – Housing
	Target Area	<u>Citywide</u>

Goals Supported	<u>Suitable living environment</u>
Needs Addressed	<u>Improve suitable living environment/public safety</u>
Funding	<u>CDBG-CV \$95,783</u>
Description	<u>Budget CARES Act allocation to prepare for, prevent and address coronavirus through a Public Facilities Improvement Project to rehabilitate a City-owned building to expand residents' access to public healthcare facilities where qualified healthcare providers offer coronavirus testing, assessments, vaccinations, personal protection equipment, supplies and healthcare educational material; and/or a public services activity for a subrecipient to provide up to six consecutive months of rent assistance on behalf of qualified residents negatively impacted by the coronavirus.</u>
Target Date	
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<u>Number to be determined; low- to moderate-income individuals and households</u>
Location Description	<u>Citywide</u>
Planned Activities	<u>In compliance with applicable CDBG regulations, design and rehabilitate a City-owned building to expand availability of healthcare services, supplies and educational material to qualified residents; and/or implement a public services housing assistance activity through which a subrecipient will provide up to six consecutive months of rent assistance on behalf of qualified residents negatively impacted by the coronavirus.</u>

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

According to the HUD Exchange ACS low-mod summary data, low- and –moderate-income residents have become more dispersed throughout the City. Majority of low/mod income census tracts are in the eastern section of Moss Point. CDBG activities are most often directed to these areas to benefit low/mod income residents. For PY2019-2020, CDBG funds will be strategically invested geographically to maximize public benefit. We seek to have multiple CDBG projects that will coincide with each other to leverage the impact. For example, general improvements and streetscape enhancements occurring in

targeted areas are in coordination with park improvements, code enforcement, crime prevention efforts, and economic development initiatives. The City will identify targeted areas of need and focus multiple CDBG investments to these areas.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City plans to focus the investment of CDBG funds into targeted geographic areas of need. Multiple CDBG activities will be coordinated together to maximize the impact and public benefit. For example, in areas where street resurfacing is occurring, the City will look into doing other general improvements, i.e., streetscape enhancements, park improvements, code enforcement, and crime prevention efforts.

Some programs such as the Jobs for Success Program are targeted to students ages 17 and up of low-income households to be able to increase self-sufficiency, including literacy, independent living skills, and job training.

Discussion

The City has made estimated allocations for PY2019 based upon 1) the priorities of the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan; 2) citizen and community input; 3) an analysis of previous budget and expenditures, and 5) Aldermen suggestions. Additional factors that contributed to targeting funds to specific areas of the City or activities are:

- The stated needs, analysis, and objectives in the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan;
- Priorities stated in each respective program’s solicitation and award guidelines.
- Compliance with HUD entitlement rules and regulations.

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Due to inadequate funding sources, the City will not be using CDBG grant funds in the completion of affordable housing goals during this FY. The city will continue to utilize administrative resources to assist with the preparation and submittal of a competitive HOME grant through Mississippi Home Corporation. Today, the City has not been successful in receiving any housing grant awards. The City will continue to

be an active member of Open Doors Homeless Coalition of South Mississippi as well as partner with other public and private housing developers and providers in assisting in meeting some of the City's affordable housing goals.

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

Table 9 - 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	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0

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

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority (MRHA), is a separate governmental entity that administers public housing, new construction, rehabilitation, modernization activities, homeownership opportunity programs, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program for its tenant population. They are the primary provider of affordable housing for extremely low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled in Jackson County. Their objectives are achieved by; the 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 in working toward homeownership 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 via Affordable and Fair Housing workshops in helping

Public Housing (PH) residents gain an understanding of the importance and available opportunities for homeownership. The Community Development team will continue to collaborate with MRHA VIII leadership in working towards improving the Public Housing Authority (PHA) operations as it pertains to performance in implementing good quality public housing and 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 the 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 City of Moss Point is unaware of anything that would constitute the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority to be designated as troubled.

Discussion

Mississippi Regional Housing Authority provides its residents with quality service and encourages them to become self-sufficient.

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

The City will continue to work closely with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition and other agencies affiliated with assisting the homeless population. The City will also work to implement the recommendations identified in the Plan to end homeless by collaborating with existing entities to create more affordable housing for the homeless population.

Also, the City will continue to investigate and access types of funding streams and new beginnings to end homelessness. Further, we will continue to partner with the Salvation Army, who serves all populations and other agencies that are identified to assess affordable housing needs and supportive serves the needs of 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 supports and assist organizations in providing housing opportunities and supportive services for 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.

Several local social service organizations are assisting homeless persons and 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 promote 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 provide 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. Gulfport/Gulf Coast Regional Continuum of Care handles the Emergency needs for shelter along the coast. Below are transitional housing needs for homeless persons. The City of Moss Point does not receive ESG allocation, and therefore relies on the distribution received by the Open Doors Homeless Coalition. Open Doors provides ESG funding for essential services and operations to emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities. These facilities offer accommodation and services to citizens Coastwide, including Moss Point to include homeless families, single men and women, and survivors of domestic violence. The City and Open Doors support 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 Gulfport/Gulf Coast Regional Continuum of Care collaborates with non-profit organizations to analyze current needs to assist in identifying funding gaps and other gaps in services. The Homeless Point in Time County, organized by the Continuum of Care, annually assesses the characteristics of the homeless population in the city. This data allows the Continuum and the City to track the changing

needs of the homeless. The city will continue to support the efforts of the Continuum of Care in the preparation of the Point in Time Count.

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

Open Doors 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.

The Continuum of Care has outlined its discharge policy for assisting persons aging out of foster care, and being released from health care facilities, mental health facilities, and correction facilities. Open Doors will also administer the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) and coordinate activities to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and to assist individuals/families to regain stability in current housing or permanent housing. EDG program funds will be used for homelessness prevention, which includes housing relocation and stabilization services and for short term (up to 3 months) or medium-term (up to 24 months) rental assistance. A range of emergency shelter facilities and short-term services (food, clothing, and temporary financial assistance, transportation assistance) to meet a variety of family or individual circumstances is necessary to assist families in preventing homelessness. These facilities and services will be able to meet the needs of families with children, individuals, persons with special health problems, and other characteristics.

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

A variety of barriers exist which make increasing affordable housing stock in the City of Moss Point difficult. The following barriers have been identified in the City of Moss Point. However, this list should not be considered exhaustive. Many other circumstances may occur, which prevent the market from

providing affordable housing.

- Construction cost continues to increase, which serves as a deterrent in the development of affordable housing.
- Much of the housing located in the City of Moss Point and land available is subject to floodplain insurance requirements in addition to others such as wind and hail.
- The lack of housing resources such as rehabilitation loans and grants are a few to non-existence.
- The lack of resources to assist low/moderate-income persons with homeownership and home rehabilitation.
- Zoning ordinances have a tremendous effect on the availability of land for multi-family use and therefore, may have the effect of limiting affordable multi-family developments.
- The number of minimum lots in the area are challenges that are faced by builders, regardless of if considered as multi-family or single-family units.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City will continue to work to break the barriers by supporting agencies and programs, which assist Moss Point residents that aid in keep housing affordable. Programs such as Section 8, Housing Choice Voucher Program, and others will continue to receive the support of the City. Will also review and request mediation to the zoning requirements to remove potential cost increasing barriers, specifically, the lot size setback.

The City will also continue to concentrate its efforts over this upcoming year in promoting the issue of fair housing. The City will continue to declare the month of April as Fair Housing Month, as it has done in the past. Also, educational materials on Fair Housing are provided to citizens, social service organizations, and students at the local elementary schools located in Moss Point. Fair Housing information is also located at the City of Moss Point in the Office of Community Development Office located in the City Hall building.

Discussion:

Based on the description above, no public policies were identified that would have a negative effect on the development of affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

The City of Moss Point anticipates taking the following actions through the fiscal year 2019-2020 fiscal year (PY 2019) to address the challenges below.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

As part of the 2019-2020 fiscal year (PY 2019), the City of Moss Point will determine underserved populations through results from the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. To reduce the number of obstacles in meeting the needs of the underserved population's City staff may assist with facilitating collaborations with area service organizations such as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, which spearhead community-wide solutions to local needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue its partnership with regional housing and other agencies to encourage all resources that they have as a part of our mission to foster and maintain affordable housing through our Analysis of Impediments.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The city will continue to work with its building inspections department, Mississippi Regional Housing Authority, and other agencies to reduce the number of lead-based residents in Moss Point. The city will also continue to work with the Mississippi Department of Health to educate the public on the hazards of lead-based paint and 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 for the 2019 HOME Investment Partnership Program through Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC). The City will also continue to seek out other grant funding to assist in producing and preserving affordable housing to maintain 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 that services create and/or retain low and moderate-income jobs. Moss Point will also continue its Job for Success program, which allows persons 17 and up to become employed part-time/full-time temporary giving them jobs skills needed to become self-sufficient.
3. Coordination Efforts. The city will continue to collaborate with other governmental and social service agencies to assure the effective delivery of such services that aid in the reduction of poverty-level families in Moss Point to low-income individuals.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City will address gaps and improve institutional structure by using the following strategies:

- 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 based on the mutually shared goal of providing suitable housing for low –and extremely low-income persons.
- Work with local nonprofits operating in low-and moderate-income neighborhoods to build 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 discuss potential opportunities for economic growth throughout these 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 streamline the actions of public service agencies to improve the lives of all persons in Moss Point. These groups address a broad range of needs for families, including homelessness, public safety, workforce development, literacy, and allocation of other resources. The creation of such an entity will allow local nonprofit organizations to focus their efforts collectively and to avoid duplication of services within the city. The Project Liaison also serves as the Fair Housing Officer for the City of Moss Point.

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

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following defines program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out. The City's CDBG entitlement allocation for FY19 is \$107,688.

The City anticipates \$30,000.00 in program income (proceeds received from a Section 108 loan guarantee project). The breakdown of funds has been provided in Figure 10. Substantial Amendment #1 budgeted a CARES Act allocation of \$65,917 to provide rent assistance on behalf of qualified residents to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Substantial Amendment #2 to the 2019 Action Plan proposes to budget a second CARES Act allocation of \$95,783 to:

- rehabilitate a City-owned building to improve residents’ access to coronavirus testing, assessments, vaccinations, disbursement of personal protection equipment, supplies and educational healthcare material offered by healthcare providers to help prevent, address and prepare for COVID-19; and/or
- implement a public services activity for a subrecipient to provide up to six consecutive months of rent assistance on behalf of qualified residents negatively impacted by the coronavirus to help prevent, address and prepare for COVID-19.

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(l)(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	30,000
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:	30,000

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.	80.00%

In the past, the City of Moss Point utilized a specific target area due to over 51%. The City of Moss Point has determined a three-year consecutive period (2019,2020 and 2021) will be used to determine minimum overall benefit to persons of low and moderate income.

The final version of Substantial Amendment #2 to the 2019 CDBG Action Plan will include the following attachments:

Citizen Participation Documentation
Maps
HUD-Required Forms & Certifications

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