

AGENDA
City of Hot Springs
Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)
August 12, 2021 1:00pm
City of Hot Springs Board Chambers, 133 Convention Blvd, Hot Springs, AR 71901
In-Person and by Teleconference

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call:** Kelly Thomason, Alice Marshall, Gene Williams, Becca Clark, Larry Williams
3. **Approval of June 3, 2021 meeting minutes**
4. **New Business:**

Program Year 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Michelle Sestili will present information regarding the 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

CAPER Overview

- Required annual performance report
- Funds received & expended
- Accomplishments & potential future changes
- Due no later than 90-days after the end of the fiscal year. September 30, 2021

Program Year

- In 2020, we changed program year periods from January-December to July-June
- 2020 program year extended to 18 months to begin new July fiscal year in 2021
- 2020 program year being reports is January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Regular CDBG and CARES Act CV-1 and CV-3 CDBG

- Annual 2020 CDBG allocation \$432,973. Amount of award is based on a formula of population, population lag, housing and poverty data.
- March 27, 2020 the CARES Act was passed by Congress to specifically provide funding to prepare for, prevent and respond to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Additional CDBG “CV” funds were allocated to HUD and distributed to grantees in 3 phases using varied award methodology:
 - April 2020: CV-1 \$254,473 based on the annual CDBG entitlement formula
 - June 2020: CV-2 *States Only*
 - August 2020: CV-3 \$317,926 calculated using a set of COVID-19 risk factors by county such as number of frail elderly and community access to healthcare
- HUD database, IDIS, not designed to pull both sets of funding, activities and accomplishments into the CAPER or differentiate annual CDBG vs CV in the tables
- CV accomplishments are therefore being described in text narratives in the CAPER and not in the tables

Other COVID Effects Noted in the CAPER

- Projects delayed until adequate precautions could be taken and for other reasons
 - RA Psychle 4C Lawn Services planned launch 4/20 delayed until 8/20
 - Home Buyer Education classes placed on hold between March and October of 2020

- Ouachita Children’s Center roof replacement planned 3/20 delayed until 8/20
- John Lee Webb House brick masonry planned for fall 2020 delayed until spring
- Fair Housing radio PSAs suspended 4/20 in case funds needed for urgent COVID response activities
- Supply chain disruptions with Linden Park bathroom replacement
- Supply chain disruptions with homeless shower trailer
- Work at home disruptions in environmental review tribal consultations
- COVID preparedness and response programs being carried out are new-to-us public services in an ever changing environment
- CDBG administration:
 - Research, training and technical assistance on new CV grant requirements
 - 6 substantial amendments written and approved; 5 COVID/CV specific
 - Citizen Participation Plan revised to reflect CARES Act waivers
 - 3 new subrecipients engaged to carry out public services
 - Working teams of non-profit, faith-based and other organizations assembled to understand and share resources, and avoid duplication of benefits

CR-05 Goals and Outcomes

Page 1: CV goals and outcomes described in the narratives.

- CV-1 Homeless Assistance to prevent the spread of COVID-19: Homeless shower trailer purchased and 100 showers provided between November 2020 and June 2021. Facility rented and sanitized for 2-day free COVID-19 testing in January 2021 with 56 homeless tested. Emergency warming shelter sanitized during 10-day period in February 2021 for 85 overnight homeless residents. Original outcome estimate: 100 homeless persons.
- CV-1 Rent Emergency Subsistence Payments to respond to the economic effects of COVID-19, prevent evictions and homelessness. 49 low- to moderate-income households provided between 1 and 3 months of rental assistance at fair market rent rates; payments made directly to landlords. Original outcome estimate: 70 households assuming 1-bedroom fair market rent rates paid for an average of 2.5 months.
- CV-1 Utility Emergency Subsistence Payments to respond to the economic effects of COVID-19 and prevent utility disconnections, and potential health hazards and evictions as a result. 31 low- to moderate-income households received between 1 and 3 months of utility assistance paid directly to utility providers for gas, electric, water, sewer and trash collection. Original outcome estimate: 70 households.
- CV-1 Food/Meals Program to respond to the economic effects of COVID-19 and prevent food instability. 3,185 low- to moderate-income households in eligible low- to moderate-income block groups. Arkansas Foodbank credits were provided to the Jackson House, Salvation Army, Lake Pointe Church and Faith Pointe Ministries for prepared meals, food boxes and food pantries. Original outcome estimate: 3,185 households.
- CV-3 Quarantine/Shelter to provide quarantine facilities for homeless and low- to moderate-income persons who cannot afford to self-isolate apart from their household. Provide shared space for non-profits to reach clients. Future homeless shelter as needed, e.g. warming/cooling. Location not identified at this time.

CDAC Chair will open the floor for in-person public comments. Michelle Sestili will then call upon each person on the teleconference for questions and comments.

CDAC will publicly discuss and consider recommending the 2021 Annual Action Plan amendment to the City Board of Directors with or without revisions, or remand the Annual Action Plan to the CDBG Administrator for substantial changes.

5. Old Business

Updates:

- HUD has reviewed the 2021 Annual Action Plan. It is currently waiting for official *Federal Award and Authorization Agreement*.
- Prior year projects

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6. Announcements

The next scheduled CDAC meeting is Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 1:00pm in City Hall Board Chambers. Another review of the CAPER can be provided if there is interest. We will continue to offer the dial-in teleconference service.

Arkansas Rent Relief Program funded by the American Recovery Plan and US Treasury funds allocated to the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS): <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/covid-19/dhs-response-to-covid-19/updates-for-clients/rental-assistance/>

CDAC Chair will open the floor for community announcements.

7. Adjournment