



City of Peoria 2026 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The purpose of the City of Peoria's 2026 Annual Action Plan is to continue building off the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan to develop a viable urban community by providing decent housing, suitable living environments, expanded economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons, and programs that will address the needs of persons experiencing homelessness. The plan sets forth how three Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants: Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant, will be used as investment priorities to achieve specific HUD objectives and outcome performance measures.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The Annual Action Plan consists of the following sections:

Process: Describes the consultation and citizen participation process undertaken to collect information from residents and stakeholders on community needs, as well as listing the lead and responsible agencies.

Annual Action Plan: Describes the planned investment of resources to implement specific programs that meet the City's strategic goals for 2026, provides an overview of expected resources and the projects that will be implemented as a result, as well as the City's efforts to overcome various impediments and the City's coordination with local organizations in meeting goals

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

According to the 2024 Program Year End Review Letter, HUD determined that the City has the capacity to continue administering HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs. The City has no current findings.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

For the creation of the 2026 Annual Action Plan, the citizen participation process was based on the City's approved citizen participation plan. The results of the citizen participation process can be viewed in sections AP-10: Consultation and AP-12: Participation of this Annual Action Plan

5. Summary of public comments

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

The public comments received during the citizen participation process can be viewed in section AP-12: Participation of this Annual Action Plan

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

7. Summary

None.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	PEORIA	
CDBG Administrator	PEORIA	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	PEORIA	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ESG Administrator	PEORIA	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
HOPWA-C Administrator		COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The lead agency responsible for the 2026 Annual Action Plan is the City of Peoria, a State of Illinois municipality. The City's Community Development Department's Grants Management Division is responsible for administering the Annual Action Plan. The City is not a member of a Consortium utilizing HUD funds.

The primary public and private agencies that may be utilized in implementing the Annual Action Plan activities include, but are not limited to, the City's Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care, neighborhood associations, faith-based organizations, governmental entities, private contractors, and non-profit service and housing providers.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of Peoria has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan for its Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans to identify when public hearings and other consultations are to take place. The Citizens Participation Plan was used in preparing the 2026 Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan was also prepared to comply with all the consultation requirements of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, including consultation with the local homeless Continuum of Care.

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 Peoria has a good working relationship with the Peoria Housing Authority (PHA) and other assisted housing providers. The PHA and the City partnered as co-applicants on a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant. The close collaboration on this project continues with the final plan submitted in late 2025. In addition, the City has used its CDBG funds to provide a match for the Peoria City/County Health Department's Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant funding. The City also has a close working relationship with other housing providers in the City such as Habitat for Humanity, Peoria Opportunities Foundation, Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity (PCCEO), Phoenix Community Development Services, and others.

The City's Housing Commission with a staff liaison from the Community Development Department has been actively reviewing existing programs and resources within the community that will strengthen the housing stability for low-income and disparately impacted populations. The goal of the Commission remains to develop an affordable housing plan for the City that would include the leveraging of existing resources including private health, mental health, and social service agencies to accomplish this goal.

The City's Housing Coordinator position, created in late 2021, has actively been working to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers to assist service providers and their clients with connecting with City grants and resources, the 211 system for the tri-county area, and with private housing search opportunities related to the jurisdiction. In partnership with the Continuum of Care System Analyst, the Housing Coordinator created an updated list of HUD assisted properties within the coverage area for any service agency assisting individuals with vulnerable mental health, low-income, or who are senior citizens. Additional coordination has been ongoing amongst service agencies and housing providers of all types, working directly on case coordination amongst hard to house consumers to ensure that services are meeting their needs to obtain and maintain housing. This is done through weekly case coordination calls, a monthly providers meeting, and ongoing communication.

The Code Enforcement officers within the Community Development Department actively apply code compliance mechanisms and utilize the position of Housing Coordinator to increase resource coordination to rehouse families in uninhabitable and noncompliant properties, and to partner with services agencies and mental health providers to resolve code issues within properties. Partnerships with community agencies and service agencies have presented opportunities to increase coordination to address illegally occupied demolition properties and ensure housing and safety resources for households within encampments.

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 continues to coordinate efforts with the Home for All Continuum of Care (CoC). The Grants Manager at the City who oversees all CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds is an advisory member on the CoC Governing Board and attends meetings regularly. The City also attends the General Membership meetings and relevant committee meetings. Finally, the City coordinates the selection of subrecipients for ESG funding with the CoC Governing Board ranking and rating applications. These recommendations are presented to City Council for approval.

The CoC has developed a robust coordinated entry system for homeless persons to help evaluate each person and family. This evaluation system takes into consideration chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth as key criteria for evaluation and placement on the list. Steering and sub-committees of the Continuum ensure that needs at each stage of homelessness are addressed, gaps in facilities in terms of bed capacities and services are filled, and programs addressing housing and supportive needs appropriately serve Peoria's area homeless persons and their families.

The Community Development Department's Housing Coordinator connects with CoC staff as well as the members of the CoC through participation in the above committees. Weekly case coordination is conducted with member housing service providers to navigate issues as well as discuss housing needs. Housing navigation services are conducted on a weekly basis that include connecting with landlords and providing housing search assistance with funded providers serving persons and families experiencing homelessness. Additional coordination and collaboration occur with other CoC members as needed to ensure that housing needs are met through problem-solving and a maintained database of income-based housing applications.

The Community Development staff has a strong relationship with the police department and other city staff who are in the field to ensure that appropriate interventions can be made efficiently when they encounter a person experiencing homelessness in their work or daily work travels. The open communication between the Community Development staff and the Continuum of Care ensures that

these encounters and phone calls can be addressed directly with the appropriate housing service provider within the Continuum, including the Street Outreach Team, who can provide direct service.

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

The CoC plays a key role in the allocation of ESG funds. The application process for ESG funding is run through the CoC Executive Director with the Governing Board making funding recommendations for ESG funding. These funding recommendations go to City Council for final approval. Through this process, the outcomes that the City tracks for ESG have been updated. Previously, the City only tracked the number of people served in the shelter. With the guidance of the CoC, the City also tracks the exits to permanent housing as part of the grant tracking process. The CoC has also been instrumental in the funding decisions for ESG-CV funding following a similar process for almost all of the funding.

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	Heart of Illinois Continuum of Care (Home For All)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence 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 Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

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	Heart of Illinois United Way	The goal of the Heart of Illinois Continuum of Care is to end homelessness by ensuring access to permanent, safe, and affordable housing. This overlaps with the goals of the City's HESG program funding.
City of Peoria Comprehensive Plan	City of Peoria	The goals of the Strategic Plan have been developed in concert with those contained in the City of Peoria Comprehensive Plan to address critical issues.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

After the development of the plan, the 30-day comment period included two public hearings and consultation with local organizations. The first hearing will be held on Thursday, March 5 at 5:30 PM at the Lincoln Branch Library. The second hearing will be held on Friday, March 6, 8:30 AM at City Hall. These hearings were held to obtain citizen comments on issues related to the housing, non-housing, and community development needs in the City and for the public to comment on the development of the 2026 Annual Action Plan. Public notices for the hearings were published in the Peoria Journal Star newspaper.

A draft copy of the 2026 Annual Action Plan was made available for public review and comment. Public notice of the 30-day comment period was published in the Peoria Journal Star newspaper. Copies of the 2026 Annual Action Plan were available for review at the following locations: City of Peoria Community Development Department's office and City of Peoria website. The public comment period ran from Thursday, February 19 at 8:00 AM to Monday, March 23, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

There are no Colonias (unregulated housing settlements) in the City, and therefore, no related consultation was required.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

As of the publication of the draft plan in February 2026, the Office of Community Planning and Development for HUD has not yet announced the FY 2026 formula allocations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. This plan is using 2025 funding amounts as estimates for the public comment period. Proposed funding for activities may be increased or reduced based on actual 2026 grant allocations. Section AP-20 outlines how funding may be adjusted once the final allocation for each grant is known. The City's 2026 program year is from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,828,722.00	0.00	0.00	1,828,722.00	5,486,166.00	There are no prior year resources that are to be reallocated.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	596,655.96	0.00	0.00	596,655.96	1,789,967.88	There are no prior year resources that are to be reallocated.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	165,382.00	0.00	0.00	165,382.00	496,146.00	There are no prior year resources that are to be reallocated.

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 allocates approximately \$200,000 in general funds annually for supportive neighborhood development activities, including but not limited to, neighborhood improvement initiatives, housing rehabilitation, and neighborhood events. The combined investment of corporate, state, and federal funds into Peoria neighborhoods yields holistic and sustainable results.

Match Requirements:

The CDBG program has no regulatory match requirement. However, for most activities, CDBG is not the sole funding source. For example, CDBG-funded public service activities require that CDBG funds be no more than 50% of the program's total budget. Therefore, an organization's other financial sources are additional contributions to the CDBG-funded public service programs. Additionally, the 2025 match provided for Peoria City/County Health Department lead hazard control program will leverage an anticipated grant award of over \$3.5 million for the \$450,000 of CDBG invested for match.

The HOME regulatory match is 25% of the total grant expenditures in a program year, excluding administrative costs. On an annual basis, HUD publishes the HOME match reduction list, which includes match reductions granted to certain communities due to fiscal distress, severe fiscal distress, and Presidential disaster declarations. Fiscal distress of a community is based upon the percentage of families in poverty. The City was included on the most recent HOME Match Reduction List at a match reduction of 50%, resulting in a total match requirement of 12.5%. The City has received this match reduction since the 2003 program year. HOME match is achieved through cash contributions from non-federal sources from HOME-funded organizations. Match may also be achieved from prior year match balances.

The ESG regulatory match requirement is 100% of the total grant expenditures in a program year. This match is achieved through cash contributions of other non-ESG HUD funds, other Federal funds, State government funds, and private funds provided by the City and ESG subrecipient organizations. Match funds from previous years have included funds from the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the City of Peoria, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the local United Way, and private funds of a subrecipient organization.

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

The City's Community Development Department manages the City of Peoria Land Bank. In discussions with the City's certified CHDOs, lack of site control has been cited as a potential barrier to project development. For CHDO activities, the City may donate property to a CHDO for in-fill, new construction of single-family homes. As organizations approach the City for applications for state or federal tax credits, the City works with the developers to identify potential City-owned lots that could be donated to the project. In addition to CHDO projects, the City operates a rehabilitation program for City-owned properties that the City acquires through the abandoned property process via demolition court. The program allows qualified individuals, neighborhood associations, nonprofits, and development firms to submit proposals for rehab as an alternative to demolition.

Discussion

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Annual Goals and Objectives

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	Housing Rehabilitation	2025	2029	Affordable Housing		Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$1,208,722.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 35 Household Housing Unit Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1500 Household Housing Unit
2	Focus Housing Leverage	2025	2029	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing	HOME: \$596,655.96	Rental units constructed: 3 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
3	Public Service	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Service	CDBG: \$270,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1100 Persons Assisted
4	Homeless Services	2025	2029	Homeless		Homeless Services	ESG: \$165,382.00	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 8 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 900 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Public Improvements	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$350,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 800 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	This goal will address the need for housing rehabilitation for owner-occupied homes within the City of Peoria in order to create decent, affordable housing. Code enforcement activities will also help the rehabilitation of rental units
2	Goal Name	Focus Housing Leverage
	Goal Description	This goal is to focus HUD funds in specific areas of town as will be outlined in each annual plan to concentrate funding to create larger impact projects. In addition, the projects and activities in this goal will seek to leverage funds in addition to HUD funds in order to make a greater impact on the City of Peoria residents.
3	Goal Name	Public Service
	Goal Description	The goal is to provide public service activities to support low-income persons within the City of Peoria. Public Services are subject to a 15% cap of the total grant allocation. The public services amount will be reduced if grant amount is decreased and the budgeted amount is over the 15% cap. Pre-award costs for this eligible goal prior to the grant award are necessary for the efficient and timely performance of public service programs.
4	Goal Name	Homeless Services
	Goal Description	This goal is to provide services to homeless individuals and families and connect them with permanent housing.

5	Goal Name	Public Improvements
	Goal Description	This goal provides for the construction of public improvements and infrastructure in eligible locations. This goal may be increased or decreased by up to \$50,000 if the actual CDBG grant allocation is increased or decreased compared to the estimated amounts in this plan.

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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects listed below will address the high priority needs in 2026.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation
2	Competitive Grant Program
3	CHDO
4	Public Service
5	ESG26
6	Public Facilities and Improvements
7	Code Enforcement
8	Planning/General Administration
9	Housing Rehabilitation Delivery

Table 7 - Project Information

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

These allocation priorities address the identified needs from the 2025 Consolidated Plan. The Plan included a robust citizen participation process and included stakeholder input. These priorities are reflective of that input.

A known obstacle in addressing these needs is the extremely large gap between resources and demonstrated need. As funding from previous grant allocations remains the same or slightly increases, the community's request for services continues to increase. This is a common issue with the City's housing rehab programs, as there is often a greater number of individuals in need of assistance compared to the amount of funds expendable. To overcome this, the City has established a double dipping policy, which mandates that a household can receive assistance through its various programming once every five years. Further, although housing rehab programs can assist households earning up to 80% of area median income, the City restricts some of its housing rehab programs to serving households at or below 50% of the area median income. The double dipping policy aims to ensure that resources are evenly spread out among residents in greatest need of assistance. In addition, the City seeks to leverage its funding with other funding sources as much as possible.

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AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

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1	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$548,722.00
	Description	This project will address the need for housing rehabilitation for owner-occupied homes within the City of Peoria in order to create decent, affordable housing. Rehabilitation activities such as roof replacement, water heater replacement, lead abatement, ramp installations, energy efficiency, and others will be offered to low-income households throughout the City. Funds may also be used to help leverage other rehab programs for City of Peoria residents.
	Target Date	12/31/2028
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 35 low income households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	These programs will be available City wide to income qualifying households.
Planned Activities	This project will address the need for housing rehabilitation for owner-occupied homes within the City of Peoria in order to create decent, affordable housing. Rehabilitation activities such as roof replacement, water heater replacement, lead abatement, ramp installations, energy efficiency, and others will be offered to low-income households throughout the City. Funds may also be used to help leverage other rehab programs for City of Peoria residents.	
2	Project Name	Competitive Grant Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Focus Housing Leverage
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$426,655.96
	Description	The Competitive Grant program provides HOME funding in a targeted funding usage. The program will utilize neighborhood planning efforts or other coordinated investment strategies to provide funding for eligible projects.

	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3 low-income families will be assisted through this project.
	Location Description	Avialable for projects happening throughout the City.
	Planned Activities	The Competitive Grant program provides HOME funding in a targeted funding usage. The program will utilize neighborhood planning efforts or other coordinated investment strategies to provide funding for eligible projects.
3	Project Name	CHDO
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Focus Housing Leverage
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$110,000.00
	Description	This project will provide funding to local Community Housing Development Organizations to create to retain affordable housing. CHDOs must meet all federal requirements in order to meet the CHDO definition to be eligible for funding.
	Target Date	12/31/2028
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
Planned Activities		
4	Project Name	Public Service
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$270,000.00

	Description	This project will provide public service activities to support low-income persons within the City of Peoria. Public Services are subject to a 15% cap of the total grant allocation. The public services amount will be reduced if grant amount is decreased and the current budgeted amount is over the 15% cap.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,100 low-income families will be served.
	Location Description	Activities may take place city-wide.
	Planned Activities	This project will provide public service activities to support low-income persons within the City of Peoria.
5	Project Name	ESG26
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeless Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	ESG: \$165,382.00
	Description	This project will provide services to homeless individuals and families and connect them with permanent housing. Applications will be reviewed by the CoC Governing Board and funding recommendations approved by City Council. These funds will be used for programs and City administration under the 7.5% cap. For 2025, \$9,000 is budgeted for administration which is under the 7.5% cap of \$12,404. The shelter operations and street outreach component will also be under the 60% cap of \$99,229.20.
	Target Date	12/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 908 low income families will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This project will provide services to homeless individuals and families and connect them with permanent housing. Applications will be reviewed by the CoC Governing Board and funding recommendations approved by City Council.

6	Project Name	Public Facilities and Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$350,000.00
	Description	Public Facilities and Improvements project will improve public facilities and other public improvements to serve low-income residents of the community.
	Target Date	12/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 800 low income families will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	Project will take place in a low-income area of the City per census data.
	Planned Activities	Public Facilities and Improvements project will improve public facilities and other public improvements to serve low-income residents of the community.
7	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000.00

<p>Description</p>	<p>This activity will include code enforcement inspections and staff related costs. This activity will only occur in the CDBG Target Area (low-income area, where 51% or more of the resident households have reported incomes at 80% or below area median income of the City that would be considered deteriorated or deteriorating. To document other public and private improvements, rehabilitation or services that were provided to arrest the decline of the area, in addition to code enforcement, staff will compile, to the greatest extent possible, the following information: 1) Number of building permits issued and value of permits in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 2) Number of demolitions and costs in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 3) Rehabilitation/new construction projects funded with CDBG or HOME funds in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 4) Number of Police Services (based on dispatched calls or offered programs) in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 5) Number of Fire/EMT Services (based on dispatched calls) in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 6) Project descriptions and monetary value of other neighborhood stabilization efforts conducted by the City and/or its community partners in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 7) Project descriptions and monetary value of infrastructure improvements conducted by City Public Works or State of Illinois Department of Transportation in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 8) Economic Development activities (job creation, new businesses, facade improvements, etc.) in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 9) other code enforcement activities (number of inspections, vacant lot maintenance etc.) conducted by the City that was funded with non-CDBG funds in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. This information will be compiled annually and recorded in the Code Enforcement IDIS activity and project file.</p>
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>12/31/2028</p>
<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Code enforcement will perform at least 1500 actions to improve the quality of housing in Peoria.</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>This activity will occur in the low-income areas of the City.</p>

	Planned Activities	<p>This activity will include code enforcement inspections and staff related costs. This activity will only occur in the CDBG Target Area (low-income area, where 51% or more of the resident households have reported incomes at 80% or below area median income of the City that would be considered deteriorated or deteriorating. To document other public and private improvements, rehabilitation or services that were provided to arrest the decline of the area, in addition to code enforcement, staff will compile, to the greatest extent possible, the following information: 1) Number of building permits issued and value of permits in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 2) Number of demolitions and costs in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 3) Rehabilitation/new construction projects funded with CDBG or HOME funds in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 4) Number of Police Services (based on dispatched calls or offered programs) in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 5) Number of Fire/EMT Services (based on dispatched calls) in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 6) Project descriptions and monetary value of other neighborhood stabilization efforts conducted by the City and/or its community partners in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 7) Project descriptions and monetary value of infrastructure improvements conducted by City Public Works or State of Illinois Department of Transportation in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 8) Economic Development activities (job creation, new businesses, facade improvements, etc.) in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. 9) other code enforcement activities (number of inspections, vacant lot maintenance etc.) conducted by the City that was funded with non-CDBG funds in the eligible CDBG Code Enforcement Area. This information will be compiled annually and recorded in the Code Enforcement IDIS activity and project file.</p>
8	Project Name	Planning/General Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation Focus Housing Leverage
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000.00 HOME: \$59,000.00

	Description	This activity is to ensure the CDBG and HOME grants and their associated activities are properly planned and administered. Please note that ESG planning/general administration is included under the Homeless Services Strategic Plan Goal and the ESG25 activity due to ESG requirements.
	Target Date	12/31/2028
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This activity is for staff salaries and other administrative costs to ensure the CDBG and HOME grants and their associated activities are properly planned and administered.
9	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Delivery
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000.00
	Description	This activity is for City staff costs associated with the housing rehab programs funded with CDBG. It is designed to ensure that the housing rehabilitation activities are properly inspected and administered.
	Target Date	12/31/2028
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This activity is for City staff costs associated with the housing rehab programs funded with CDBG. It is designed to ensure that the housing rehabilitation activities are properly inspected and administered.

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

Currently, the City is not implementing any official HUD designated geographic based priority areas such as NRSAs or Empowerment Zones.

Allocations and program activities are funded citywide in accordance with income eligibility requirements per HUD regulations. Going forward, however, there will be intentional application of the following principles to help address the disparities of access to services, housing and community infrastructure:

1. The City's Community Needs Survey identified local neighborhoods that the community identified as target areas for federal funding. Over 40% of respondents indicated funding should be focused on the South Side of Peoria with an additional 26% indicating funding should be targeted in the East Bluff neighborhood and 7% identified both the Center Bluff and the Near Northside. To address these needs, the City has focused on providing gap funding for larger housing development within these areas while also continuing to provide services city wide.

High cost was identified in the Community Needs Survey as the top barrier for being unable to find decent, affordable housing. The City will continue to seek out opportunities to offer gap financing to larger affordable housing development projects in order to increase the number of new affordable housing units available in the community. In addition, rehabilitation programs for homeowners will continue as that was one of the top needs from the survey. Code enforcement for rental properties will continue to seek to improve housing stock in order to remain stable and affordable.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Please see above.

Discussion

Please see above.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The 2025 Annual Action Plan will address affordable housing for homeless, low-income (non-homeless) and special needs households through the creation of new units, rehabilitation of existing units and short-term/intermediate-term rental assistance.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	8
Non-Homeless	36
Special-Needs	0
Total	44

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	8
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	35
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	44

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

Discussion

The number of households to be supported as identified above include the following 2026 Annual Action Plan projects:

Rental Assistance: ESG Rapid Rehousing Assistance - 8 homeless households

Production of New Units: CHDO activities - 1 unit

Rehab of Existing Units: Housing Rehabilitation Programs - 35 units

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City and the Peoria Housing Authority have a close working relationship to find housing solutions for Peoria residents.

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

The Peoria Housing Authority and the City of Peoria received the Choice Neighborhoods Planning grant for the Harrison Homes area. The final plan was submitted to HUD in late 2025. With this plan, it is anticipated to apply for the demolition of Harrison South. The next step is to explore options for financing of new housing as a replacement. The PHA and the City are also collaborating to provide both Project Based Vouchers and HOME funding for new affordable housing projects for residents of Peoria.

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

A goal of the PHA is to increase the Resident Services and Community Outreach Initiatives. The establishment of a resident ambassador program has begun at Harrison Homes to encourage resident participation in self-sufficiency programs that will help with homeownership. Workforce Development programs are also looking to be increased to assist residents in increasing their income in order to prepare for homeownership.

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

The Peoria Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

None.

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

Introduction

The City of Peoria is a dedicated partner with the Home for All Continuum of Care in seeking to end homelessness in our community.

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 actively participates in the local Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care conducts coordinated entry screenings for all individuals experiencing homelessness in order to place them on the coordinated entry list. The City collaborates with the Street Outreach Team at Phoenix Community Development Services to assist in any complaints received at the City about individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. The Police Department has also implemented a co-response model to allow for social workers to assist on police calls.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City collaborates with the Continuum of Care to make funding decisions for our ESG funding in order to support emergency shelter operations. In the past, the City has also provided CDBG and ESG-CV funds for minor renovations of shelters to better support 24/7 operation. Due to a shift in HUD priorities, the Continuum of Care ceased operation of almost all of the transitional housing units and converted them to permanent housing.

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

The City of Peoria's ESG funds support the operations of a rapid rehousing program through Phoenix Community Development Services. In addition, the City of Peoria is operating a flexible rental program with City and County ARPA funds. This program targets those on the coordinated entry list that do not score high enough for permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing to assist with deposit, first month's rent and household supplies. This program has been able to make contact and start the housing process almost as soon as individuals are entering shelter. Turning people around quickly helps to

minimize disruptions to their lives and quickly opens up shelter space.

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 City of Peoria and Continuum of Care have made great strides with the local hospital systems to minimize any unplanned discharges to shelters not equipped to handle patients. In addition, Phoenix Community Development Services has modified a temporary shelter opened during COVID to be a medical respite facility. They are seeking additional funding through IHDA to include a floor of medical respite in the rehabilitation of Phoenix Manor.

Discussion

No additional discussion.

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

Introduction:

There are multiple barriers that can be challenging for the development of affordable housing. The Community Development Department keeps a close watch on its functions and fees to ensure local policy does not act as a barrier to affordable housing development. See below for specific examples of actions.

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 works with developers to try to minimize any barriers to affordable housing. Like many American cities, Peoria's zoning allows varying residential densities in different areas, which could prevent affordable multifamily structures in less densely zoned neighborhoods. In parts of the City under form-based code and in the Heart of Peoria, additional regulations and design requirements apply that could raise development costs. The grants team works together with planning and zoning staff to minimize any barriers in the process. The elimination of building permit fees for affordable housing development, the transferring of acquired land at no cost, and the commitment of HOME funds for gap financing are all tools to assist to remove barriers and encourage more affordable housing developments.

Discussion:

No additional discussion.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City's planned actions in this section promote the coordination of services among providers, seek and support the pursuit of additional funding to address underserved needs and reduce the number of households in poverty through various services.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Obstacles include insufficient funding to meet a variety of community needs, available land throughout the City for in-fill, new construction, and a need for enhanced coordination of services. To resolve these issues, the City sought funding from IHDA to form a land bank with the goal of affordable housing. The first applications for potential affordable housing projects were submitted in early 2023 with land acquired through the Land Bank. The first new affordable housing rental project that used land obtained by the Land Bank will open in early 2026 with another project slated to begin in late 2026. The Land Bank also intervened in the housing auction process to buy properties. Many buyers would buy properties without fully understanding the deteriorated state and the amount of money required to repair the home. The Land Bank purchases the properties and then conducts an inspection to determine if the house should be demolished or we offer funding for rehabilitation.

The City employs a Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator, who serves as a liaison between the City and neighborhood residents. This employee works to improve neighborhood conditions through management of neighborhood activities, assessing quality and efficiency of current Community Development programs and providing customer service to neighborhood residents. The Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator, along with the City's 311 system called Peoria Cares, works to provide residents with a direct connection to the City, ensuring that the needs of residents are met.

The City also employs a Housing Coordinator to respond to unexpected obstacles that arise for City staff, residents, and local nonprofit organizations. These efforts assist in providing enhanced coordination of services to resolve issues in a timely manner and connect all parties involved with the most appropriate City services, staff, and programming.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City's housing rehabilitation programs serve to maintain and foster affordable housing. Details of the housing rehabilitation programs can be found in the Plan under section AP-20: Annual Goals as well as section AP-35: Projects Summary Information.

Multi-family rental developments that have been funded with the City's HOME allocation are monitored annually to ensure that the developments are following ongoing affordability requirements and are maintained. The summary of each year's monitoring results is reported in the City's Consolidated Annual

Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The City will also support the following actions in 2026 to foster and maintain affordable housing:

- Allocate funding to Community Housing Development Organizations to develop affordable housing
 - Allocate CDBG funding to code enforcement activities and staffing costs for increased inspections/enforcement in order to preserve existing housing and prevent situations of homelessness from occurring
 - Allocate CDBG and HOME funding to a competitive housing development program
 - Allocate ESG funding to provide housing assistance for homeless individuals and families
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- Allocate remaining CV funds to leverage housing development opportunities and provide additional funding to affordable housing providers and social service support agencies within the community
 - Continue the partnership with Peoria Housing Authority
 - Continue the partnership with the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care
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- Partner with local landlords and the Housing Commission to provide educational opportunities and resources for landlords and housing providers
 - Partner with IHDA to promote down payment assistance programs available in Peoria area through certified IHDA lenders
 - Continue collaboration with the Peoria City/County Health Department on incorporating health in all polices

Through these actions, the City will continue to strengthen community interest and support affordable housing development.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead based paint hazards and child lead poisoning have been well-documented in the City of Peoria. Since 2015, the City has partnered with the Peoria City/County Department of Health (PCCHD) to provide matching funds for the most recent PCCHD lead abatement/removal grant for a total of \$350,000 over three years. Through this partnership, the City is also implementing a program to expand repairs on houses selected for lead abatement by the Health Department to include other needed rehabilitation not allowed under the grant. Through the use of CDBG funds, the City hopes to leverage even more funding to increase the impact of removing lead and providing additional rehabilitation to ensure quality housing for children in the City of Peoria.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Many of the City's programs find ways to reduce the high-cost burden on poverty-level families. The City understands this function as an attempt to make progress toward reducing the number of families living in poverty and takes a multi-faceted approach in its work. Direct rehabilitation services, whether through roof or emergency repair, minimize the high cost of necessary housing repairs, which allows

poverty-level families to save money and move toward financial sufficiency regarding other necessary expenses. The City will continue both of these programs in 2026. New construction and rehabilitation of affordable homes and rentals are other facets of this approach. Activities that allow a low-income individual or family to purchase a home with a low-cost mortgage provide a clear way of establishing a line out of poverty and building equity. Rental activities for developments with subsidized units provide relief from the high and rising costs of rent by reducing rent costs to 30% of residents' income, which encourages stability and allows renters to save or put money toward other expenses.

The City's rapid rehousing program stabilizes families and individuals experiencing homelessness, who are typically also experiencing the correlate of deep poverty and minimal income. Establishing this housing stability and providing the opportunity for case management toward gains in income, health services and other benefits sets a foundation for progress out of poverty. The City will fund rapid rehousing in 2026. CDBG-funded public service activities provide a variety of services and programs that directly assist low-income persons and households from slipping into poverty and/or help them move out of poverty. For example, after-school programs provide youth with a safe space to receive homework assistance and engage in learning opportunities, during hours in which their parents or guardians may still be at work and unable to provide care for them. This effort provides direct benefit to youth and guardian alike, by way of furthering educational outcomes and reducing childcare costs. Although emergency shelters do not necessarily provide a direct path out of poverty, the shelters do provide an interstice in the deep poverty that street-level homelessness can be, and often is. In turn, these shelters may act as the connecting link between homeless individuals/families and the services or support system that could provide incremental or major development toward a life outside of poverty. The City will fund emergency shelters in 2026.

Finally, the City's Flexible Rental Program assists individuals and families on the coordinated entry list with obtaining permanent housing. The program assists with deposit, first month's rent and landlord bonus as well as providing basic household supplies such as cleaning supplies and basic furniture to provide a stable home and help lift them out of poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City has an extensive institutional structure in place for the implementation of the Annual Action Plan. The Grants Management Division of the Community Development Department is charged with the responsibility of managing all HUD funds received by the City and taking the lead role in coordinating activities with outside agencies. In 2022, we added the position of a Housing Coordinator to our team to build relationships with housing providers and other social service agencies as well as working with the newly formed Housing Commission to develop a comprehensive affordable housing strategy.

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

service agencies

The City is a general member of the HOPE Network Roundtable, a conglomerate of agencies that meets on a monthly basis to discuss resources amongst public and private housing and social service agencies. Resources are shared throughout the month via an online network- the City reviews the minutes of each meeting and responds to any inquiries that pertain to City services.

The City is an active participant in the Continuum of Care Governing Board, General Membership, and other relevant subcommittees. The COC monthly meetings connect agencies receiving funding that fall within public and private housing and social service agencies. The Community Development Department regularly participates in these meetings, reviews minutes, and provides guidance to assist in connectivity for those participating members.

The Community Development Department has two paid positions that coordinate between the public and private housing and social service agencies. The Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator is in monthly contact with the registered neighborhood associations, and assists them with activity planning, connecting with local grant opportunities, and accessing public resources that could benefit their neighborhood. These could relate to housing improvement opportunities, City grants and mini-grants available, and creating connections with social service agencies that would enhance the activities of the group. The Housing Coordinator within the department is tasked with ongoing communications between public and private housing and social service agencies for the purpose of connecting all agencies with available grant opportunities and connecting citizens that reach out to the Department with appropriate services for their needs. A resource guide of public and private housing agencies within the area is maintained by the Housing Coordinator, with contact made regularly to maintain this list's accuracy.

The City's two Housing Coordinators also serve as a vital resource to assist residents. The Housing Coordinators will assist residents who call in needing help with services that the City itself does not provide. Although we have a 211 system through our local United Way, the Housing Coordinator can help navigate that system or know which resource to try first to assist the resident. They are vital in connecting residents to a variety of social service agencies. The Housing Coordinator will also contact other agencies to brainstorm about solutions, and the other agencies do the same.

Discussion:

No additional discussion.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The below information documents the City's compliance with specific program requirements of its CDBG, HOME and ESG grants in program year 2026.

The City must select a consecutive period of one, two or three years that will be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds were used to directly benefit low-income households. The City has selected a three-year benefit period, which currently includes program years 2025, 2026 and 2027. The 2026 Annual Action Plan covers the second year of this three-year period.

The CDBG program has no program income available at the start of the 2026 program year. The City's HOME program will utilize both resale and recapture provisions further described below. The City hereby declares that it may utilize CDBG entitlement funds for urgent needs activities if an eligible emergency occurs.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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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. 70.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

There are no other forms of investment being used. HOME Investment Partnership funds will be used as a grant to its Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and a forgivable loan or grant to its Focused Area Housing Program recipients.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City has adopted a Resale/Recapture Policy based on the guidance found at 24 CFR 92.254. Please refer to attachment. Also, refer to question number #3 listed below for additional narrative.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The City has adopted a Resale/Recapture Policy based on the guidance found at 24 CFR 92.254. For HOME funded homebuyer activities, in order to secure the required HOME Affordability Period, the Homebuyer and City will execute a written agreement that includes all the terms and conditions of the HOME assistance. Additionally, a Notice of Use Restriction (Deed Restriction) will be recorded against the property to further secure the HOME Affordability Period and requirements contained within the written agreement. The City will continue monitoring of the HOME Affordability Period by annual certification of residence and ownership mailed to the property address. The letter will contain a certification of compliance with the HOME Affordability Period detailed in the written agreement and Notice of Use Restriction (Deed Restriction) with a "Do Not Forward" label on the mailing address envelope. The City will select a random sample of previous activities within an active HOME Affordability Period to conduct further monitoring compliance. Within the sample, City staff will investigate property tax information, utility billing information and field inspections to determine residency and ownership compliance. For additional information regarding the resale

and recapture guidelines, please refer to attachment labeled HOME Resale and Recapture Policy.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

There are no plans to use HOME funds to refinance any existing debt.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable as there are no planned TBRA activities.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable as there are no planned TBRA activities.

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Not applicable as there are no limitations for rental housing projects.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

In conjunction with the City and the Home for All Continuum of Care, the development of ESG written standards were created to provide an agreed-upon procedural guideline for program implementation in the City and through HOIHCOC member agencies. The written standards should not be seen as an alternative to or replacement of HUD rules and guidance. Instead, the standards provide a framework through which ESG funds will be used in the City. Specifically, ESG providers agree to follow procedures for screening, assessment, application and service provision to make certain that households meet the eligibility criteria of the program, to eliminate duplication and ensure appropriate services are being provided. All ESG providers must enter client and service level

data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in accordance with HUD rules, operating standards set by the HOIHCOC and confidentiality laws. ESG written standards for providing assistance are included with the 2026 Annual Action Plan. Please refer to attachment. In addition to the above standards, the City in conjunction with the HOIHCOC developed a Rapid Rehousing-specific policy covering both CoC-funded and ESG-funded RRH programs within the CoC. These are attached.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The CoC's Coordinated Entry System went live in 2017. Provisions in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program interim rule at 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8) require that CoC's establish and operate a Centralized or Coordinated Entry System, that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing services. HUD's primary goals for coordinated entry processes are that assistance be allocated as effectively as possible and that it be easily accessible no matter where or how people present. Our coordinated entry service provision model covering Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford and Fulton Counties (CoC service area) is designed to fulfill three primary purposes: To consolidate and streamline the community wide process by which individuals experiencing homelessness can request assistance in regaining permanent housing; To create a system that identifies a pathway to permanent housing for ALL individuals experiencing homelessness, including creating one where it does not yet exist; and To ensure that, whenever a program has insufficient capacity to serve all consumers in their potential service population, the most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness are served first. A system overview and workflow are attached. The CoC has CE policies and procedures consistent with HUD requirements and a task group dedicated to administrative monitoring of the system that regularly reports to the CoC board and general membership. The coordinated entry assessment is reviewed by the coordinated entry committee with any recommendations approved by the Governing Board.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

ESG regulations require the City to collaborate with the CoC to conduct needs assessment, develop policies and procedures for service delivery and discuss funding allocation in order to provide the most comprehensive system for the homeless and at-risk population. The City recognizes that its ESG program is closely linked to the CoC. Therefore, to better align the consultation related to ESG funding allocations, the City Council approved the reassignment of funding recommendations to the CoC from the CDBG Public Service Commission (formerly known as the Advisory Commission on Human Resources) – a standing City Commission. Historically, the CDBG PS Commissioners would review, rank and make funding recommendations to the City Council for approval. Beginning in 2014, this process is now the responsibility of the HOIHCOC. To facilitate the funding recommendation process, the CoC assembles all ESG applications and submits them to the City directly, with a cover letter outlining the CoC's funding allocation recommendation to the City

Council. The CoC Governing Board works with its member agencies to identify service priorities, program performance measures, provider capabilities to comply with ESG regulations and opportunities to leverage other funding. ESG subrecipients are awarded grants for a two-year term. This extended grant term allows for a partnership between the awarded service provider, the City and the CoC to shift the focus from an application/funding cycle to program performance. This process is collaborative and requires communication between service providers on how to best allocate funds for the most needed services.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The CoC Governing Board meets the homeless participation requirements in 24 CFR 576.405 (a) by holding a Board Member position for a current or formerly homeless individual.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

In support of a robust, wide community effort to end homelessness the City has adapted its performance standards to more closely align with that goal. Rather than allowing program participants to define their own performance measures as has been done in the past, the City has unified performance measurements across providers. Previously, most subrecipients reported primarily on persons served. Beginning in 2019, the City has required that providers set and meet goals for how many clients they will connect to permanent housing (measured by exits to permanent housing). This goal is set both for emergency shelter programs and rapid re-housing programs. It re-emphasizes that the goal is to end homelessness and ensures that providers are orienting their existing resources and energies around this goal.

Performance is tracked quarterly. Subrecipients are sent reports on the status of their grant drawdown/remaining funds and their goal performance to date.

No additional discussion.

