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PARISH PRESIDENT

2015 ~ 2016 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant

St. Tammany Parish Government

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

St. Tammany Parish proposes to utilize CDBG entitlement funds for a variety of community development programs in PY 2015-2016. We will continue to partner with local non-profits and governmental partners to deliver the needed services to our residents. As well, we propose to invest CDBG funds in several projects which will have the direct improvements in quality of life. In collaboration with other agencies within St. Tammany Parish Government, we continue to address the concerns of our citizens in the areas of affordable housing, behavioral health and wellness, homelessness, neighborhood stabilization, self-sufficiency, suicide intervention, transportation, and infrastructure improvements by engaging the public, and partnering with local non-profits, we are committed to an improved quality of life for our families and neighborhoods.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Homelessness: This year the Parish's Action Plan will continue and build upon the strategically targeted initiatives to prevent, or ameliorate, the social and community factors attributing to homelessness. In program year 2014-2015, as a part of a community wide effort, St. Tammany Parish Government has taken several steps to address the growing demand for homeless services. The result for CDBG programming is developing and supplementing the necessary support services. For the 2015-2016 CDBG program year, a range of projects and programs will address the community concerns of homelessness and homelessness prevention.

The Annual HMIS homeless count was conducted in January 2015. The Northlake Homeless Coalition conducted the annual count of persons experiencing homelessness in the Northshore region. The count was conducted during the week of January 27th, 2015, wherein 17 partnering organizations surveyed individuals and families to identify those who are without permanent, stable housing on the night of January 26th. In conjunction with the 2015 statewide Homeless Census in Louisiana, Region Nine (9) counted two hundred forty threes (243) men, women, and children who were literally homeless in the Region 9 area. The total number of persons who were identified as literally homeless on the night of the 2015 Homeless Census was a slight decrease of 7% from the 2014 count. Since 2011, a 14% decrease in overall homelessness was reported. However, the 25% increase in extreme homelessness situations is a cause for concern. Approximately 50 persons were identified in the category of "unsheltered" which qualifies as living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, and areas not fit for human habitation. For example, twelve fewer persons were residing in transitional housing on the

night of the 2015 Census than in 2014 because one of the shelters was temporarily closed. There was also a change in program type of one of the Transitional Housing project. A copy of the report is located in Appendix C.

Affordable and Workforce Housing

The ability of LMI residents to bear the cost of suitable housing is a cause for concern. Households in the parish experiencing a cost burden of all home ownership costs including mortgages, real estate taxes, insurance, utilities, fuels and other associated fees above the 35% threshold is 19.3%, above the state average of 16.4%. Renters are experiencing an even higher cost burden of 44.1%. In addition, the growth in population as a result of recent hurricanes is evidence of a transitioning population many of whom are struggling to secure affordable housing. The rate of recent tenure is 41.8%, above the state average of 41.1% and the national average of 40.1%. While St. Tammany has a high rate of home ownership 80%, there has been a decrease of 2% of home ownership since 2000, which may be the beginning of a downward trend due to high cost burden.

The Northshore Housing Initiative, St. Tammany's Community Land Trust, recently received HOME funds from the Louisiana Housing Corporation to develop a mixed income neighborhood. NHI will partner with local non-profits and an affordable housing developer to construct a total of 24 new homes. Eight homes will be sold and maintained as part of the Community Land Trust. In 2014, NHI received \$1.2million grant over three years from the Louisiana Office of Community Development to subsidize the purchase of home for 30 LMI families through the Community Land Trust.

Infrastructure Improvements- Sewer & Water

In June 2014 a Watershed Management study was conducted for St. Tammany Parish to develop a plan to address the issue of water quality in 17 drainage basins. Due to the acceleration of urban development, many of the streams and bayous are registered on EPA's 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies. The result is the introduction of many types of pollutants into our rivers and streams, and ultimately Lake Pontchartrain Basin. Once the study was completed in June 2014, an internal review was implemented to identify LMI neighborhoods where infrastructure improvements were needed. The LMI neighborhoods of Bayou Liberty, Ben Thomas, and Slidell Manor were selected for improvements.

Non-Homeless Special Needs Populations: The HUD definition of "special needs" includes the frail and non-frail elderly, persons with physical, mental, or behavioral disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with alcohol or drug addictions. According to the 2013 American Community Survey, 36,085 individuals, (or 15%) of the Parish's population are classified as having a disability. Many members of this population are primarily low-income, and are in need

of services that include but are not limited to case management, supportive services, transportation, and affordable housing assistance. Our offices regularly receive requests for referrals for support services and financial assistance for disabled families. The Parish has identified homeless veterans as a special needs homeless population as well.

Non-Housing Community Development: The non-housing community development needs of the Parish include but are not limited to infrastructure improvements, social and supportive services, and public facilities improvements.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Name of Program	Finding Source	Finding Amount	Manager	Description	Program Accomplishments
go STAT Voucher Program	CDBG	\$33,550.00	STPG	Free transportation vouchers are distributed to local non-profit and government agencies who distribute the vouchers to their LMI clientele.	3120 daily and 123 unlimited monthly go STAT vouchers were distributed during the reporting period
Transportation Services for the Disabled- STARC	CDBG	\$30,000.00	STPG	Free vouchers for twice daily services are given to disabled adults for transportation to and from facilities.	2492 units of services utilized and 10 clients received services.
World Changers – Minor Home Repair	CDBG	\$27,467.52	STPG	Provided minor home repairs in collaboration with a summer youth program.	16 households served.
Covington Food Bank	CDBG	\$35,000.00	STPG	Provided emergency food distribution to families to prevent hunger.	791 units of service were utilized for 301 clients.
Residential Rehabilitation- VOA & NDRI	CDBG	\$244,181.10	STPG	Provided health and safety home repairs and rehabilitation for LMI residents through Volunteers of America and Northshore Disaster Recovery Inc.	15 unduplicated residents received home repairs.
Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West- Homeownership Center	CDBG	\$241,825.00	STPG	Homebuyer and money management training, pre-purchase counseling and other homeownership services. In addition 12 Habitat West homebuyers received down payment assistance.	705 units of services were delivered to 493 clients/ unduplicated residents.
Habitat for Humanity East- Home Fit	CDBG	\$36,087.02	STPG	Homebuyer and money management services as well as pre purchase counseling for East St. Tammany residents.	77 units of services were delivered to 60 clients/ unduplicated residents.
Northshore Housing Initiative- Community Land Trust	CDBG	\$40,000.00	STPG	Operational support for home ownership assistance program thorough a LA- OCD Community Land Trust.	2 home buyer was assisted in this pilot program.
Senior Stability - Good Sams	CDBG	\$30,000.00	STPG	Provides emergency financial assistance for utilities and rental/mortgage payments for seniors to prevent homelessness	81 units of services were delivered to 59 clients/ unduplicated residents.
Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany - Family Empowerment-	CDBG	\$23,000.00	STPG	Supports case plans, drug screens and counseling for at-risk youth who are receiving services.	726 units of services were delivered to 46 clients/ unduplicated residents.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The three branches of the Department of Health and Human Services – CDBG, Public Health, and Community Action Agency (CAA), and supporting Parish departments maintain consistent communication throughout the year with local organizations that have specific interests in on-going efforts to address the community's concerns regarding workforce housing, neighborhood improvement, and economic opportunities. The data gathering process occurs throughout the year. In preparation of the Annual Action Plan, public hearings, emails, dialogues, formal and informal gatherings, and one-on-one meetings were utilized to generate discussions and comments which ultimately facilitated the development of the plan.

5. Summary of public comments

Minutes from the public hearing and written comments are included in Appendix B.

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

All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

All comments were accepted.

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
CDBG Program Manager	ST. TAMMANY PARISH	Department of Health and Human Services
CDBG Project Manager	ST. TAMMANY PARISH	Department of Grants

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

The Parish has appointed the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as the lead agency to coordinate the Annual Action Plan preparation process. The three branches of DHHS, possessing extensive experience in social service delivery, project planning, grant administration, and community outreach and advocacy, are charged with creating and implementing programs which directly and indirectly improve the quality of life for Parish residents. DHHS has managed CDBG entitlement funds since the Parish was designated an entitlement community in 2008. DHHS also receives the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from HUD through the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) since 1990.

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

1. Introduction

St. Tammany Parish staff members have extended the public input process to many local organizations that would typically have an interest in the Annual Action Plan's statutory goals of providing decent housing, neighborhood improvement, and economic opportunities. This process took place through a series of public hearings, emails, conversations, requests for information and comments received during the time of plan development.

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))

St. Tammany Parish employees continue to participate in coalitions organized to address the needs of two underserved populations and are struggling to fulfill their daily requirements. These two groups, St. Tammany Behavioral Health Task Force and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance, have become excellent planning tools and resource agents for service coordination for mental health, homelessness, and housing needs in St. Tammany. Populations challenged with mental and behavioral health issues, as well as the lack of decent, affordable housing and homelessness are two of the most important and visible needs of our community. Both groups have played a significant role in ensuring that service gaps are identified and that efforts made to address those gaps are non-duplicative and coordinated.

In April 2015, the Community Assessment Steering Committee was established with over 40 members, drawn from non-profit, faith-based and governmental organizations to identify the community needs and target areas for an upcoming Community Needs Assessment. A consultant has been retained to create a Request for Proposals and will assist in identifying potential consultants who can conduct the St. Tammany Parish Community Assessment.

New outcomes from the planning and community outreach efforts were implemented within the Department of Health and Human Services. Targeted areas of support were aligned more closely with the mission of the individual programs. As a result, financial support for mental and behavioral health organizations has been consolidated into the Parish's Public Health Millage. This millage allows the Parish to invest approximately \$3 million each year through a dedicated ad valorem tax of 1.84 mills. This public health millage was renewed by Parish voters in 2012 for a period of ten years. Public comments were collected, orally and written, through surveys, faxes, and e-mails, at public hearings.

The result is enhanced communications and coordination between DHHS and its partners: The Northlake Homeless Coalition, Continuum of Care, Northshore Housing Initiative, and the Florida Parish Social Services Authority.

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.

Parish staff members attended both Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC) monthly meetings and held a separate meeting with the NHC co-chairs. Through discussion with other attendees at the NHC meetings, CDBG staff were able to take into consideration the needs, thoughts, and input of local homeless service providers. At the separate meeting that took place with the NHC co-chairs, the specific needs of the homeless community that have been studied by the NHC and the data obtained through the HMIS were both discussed. The NHC collects and maintains data that provides the Parish with the best available evaluation of the needs of the homeless in our region, the demographics of that population, and how the available services are able or unable to meet those needs.

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

Aside from administering the CDBG program and the Parish Public Health millage, the Department of Health and Human Services manages and supports the Community Action Agency (CAA). CAA is responsible for administering ESG funds received from the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC). In 2015, CAA applied for and received an increase in the amount of its award for ESG funding, which is determined by LHC and is measured by Homeless counts.

CAA staffers play a key role with the Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC). The two organizations readily share information, and coordinate services and program development. NHC Board is responsible for the Continuum of Care that participates in HMIS and develops performance standards and outcomes, policies and procedures, and identifies funding availability.

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	Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving services and opportunities for homeownership.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Faith Life Ministries-New Day Homeowner Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services and opportunities for homeownership.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Northlake Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Continuum of Care
	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?	Through meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services to prevent homelessness and addressing the needs of homeless populations.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA GREATER NEW ORLEANS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving sustainability of housing rehabilitation, and addressing the needs of and services for homeless populations.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Covington Food Bank
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	LMI Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Homeless prevention
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services to prevent homelessness, addressing the needs of homeless populations and anti-poverty programs.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Christian Concern
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless 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?	Through meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services to prevent homelessness and addressing the needs of homeless populations, and anti-poverty programs.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Covington
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving economic conditions, sustainability of housing rehabilitation and anti-poverty programs.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Tammany Community Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving homeless needs and conditions, and anti-poverty programs.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	National Alliance on Mental Illness St. Tammany
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Mentally Ill
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving homeless conditions, services for the homeless and mentally ill, and anti-poverty programs.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities Archdiocese Of New Orleans
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - LMI
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	Through meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving homeless conditions, services for the homeless and anti-poverty programs.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	Northshore Housing Initiative
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls and emails, discussions centered on improving services and opportunities for homeownership.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	World Changers
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Affordable Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls and emails, discussions centered on improving the sustainability of housing rehabilitation.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	New Orleans Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs – Veterans Anti-poverty
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, telephone calls and emails, discussions centered on improving homeless conditions, services for the homeless and anti-poverty programs.

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

Parish staff made an effort to alert all local agencies and organizations about our public hearings and the availability of needs surveys. No one was prohibited from submitting a public comment or survey to the Parish in regards to this Annual Action Plan.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Northlake Homeless Coalition	Plans created to identify gaps in services for the homeless and present projects, partnerships, and initiatives that may help to address those gaps.
Future Directions for St. Tammany Parish	St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation	The Parish anticipates utilizing CDBG funds to assist in its economic development initiatives by providing support for affordable housing in an effort to stabilize the workforce.
St. Tammany Parish Housing and Homeless Coalition	St. Tammany Parish	Coalition meeting attended by more than 35 stakeholders and representatives of agencies that have a invested interest in addressing the issues of housing, homelessness and quality of life in the Parish.
Behavioral Health Task Force	St. Tammany Parish	Ongoing discussions related to the mental and emotional health of Parish residents.
Community Assessment Steering Committee	St. Tammany Parish	Community meeting attended by more than 40 stakeholders and representatives of agencies that have a invested interest in addressing the issues of housing, homelessness and quality of life in the Parish with the goal of creating a Community Needs Assessment.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

The Parish publicized the date and time of the public hearings so that any representatives from local governments who were interested in attending were able to do so. Notice regarding the hearing was run in the local newspaper, on the Parish’s Website, and through E-mails distributed by partner agencies and contacts.

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

The Parish adopted a Citizen Participation Plan in 2008. This plan is currently in use. On July 1st, 2015, a public hearing was held to provide opportunities for public input into the Annual Planning process. An overview of St. Tammany Parish's CDBG program and a summary of the Annual Action planning process was presented. A discussion session allowed for citizen input. Written, phone-in, and e-mailed comments were also encouraged. Public hearings were held in order to solicit community input:

- July 1st, 2015 at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers
- December 16, 2014 at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers

In accordance with the planning process, public hearings were held during plan development and evaluation stages. Meeting notices for the public hearings were publicized in the **St. Tammany Farmer** (the official St. Tammany Parish journal) and on the Parish's website. E-mails were also distributed to local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to alert them of the hearings as well. The hearings were in the afternoon and evening hours on different days of the week in an effort to accommodate both those who attended during working hours on behalf of their employers and those who attended after working hours as Parish citizens. An additional 30 day public review process was provided for the public to review and comment upon the Annual Action Plan document before it was sent to HUD.

Input from the community contributed to the establishment of housing and community development goals. Parish staff reviewed public input and comments as they were submitted. Staff weighed the priorities of Parish administration in concurrence with citizen input, and then presented a proposed project plan to Parish administration for consideration and approval. A draft of the Annual Action Plan and the projects proposed for the Annual Action Plan were posted on the Parish's Website on July 3rd, 2015. A 30-day comment period will run through August 2nd. Citizens, public agencies, or other interested parties wishing to comment on the plans can do so by E-mail, or by mail to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	A public hearing was held at St. Tammany Parish Council Chamber. 11 people were in attendance.	See attachments included with hard copy	All comments were accepted.	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	St. Tammany Farmer public notice	See attachments included with hard copy	No comments	
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	An E-mail invitation was sent out to 72 representatives from local nonprofits alerting them to the public hearings and the Annual Action Plan process.	No Comments received	No comments	
4	Website	Non-targeted/ broad community	An announcement of the public Hearing and invitation to comment was posted on the St. Tammany Parish website.	No comments received	No comments	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3	Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$
Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Home Rehabilitation, public improvements, administration, public services	920,118	1,869,882.00
Supportive Housing Program	HUD	Housing and additional support for homeless families with children	119,880	154,427
ATMOS Share the Warmth	ATMOS Energy Company	Utilities Assistance	5,000	10,000
Community Services Block Grant	Louisiana Workforce Commission	Utility, rent or mortgage, tuition and employment assistance for low income families	423,709	352,582.00
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	Louisiana Housing Corporation	Energy assistance	770,848	1,629,152
Weatherization Assistance Program	Louisiana Housing Corporation	Energy efficiency improvements to LMI households	253,413	409,587
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	Louisiana Housing Corporation	Assistance for homeless shelters and homeless individuals	20,000	40,000
Northlake Homeless Coalition/ Continuum of Care	HUD	HMIS, Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional Housing	2,290,000	4,460,000
goSTAT – St. Tammany Area Transportation	FTA	Transportation services and facilities	2,200,000	4,420,000
Northshore Housing Initiative	LA Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit	Land trust/homebuyer assistance	777,121	400,000
Hurricane Isaac Recovery	HUD-DRU	Program management, infrastructure improvements and homeless day center	5,697,791	5,217,125

Table 56 - 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

There are currently no entitlement fund matching requirements that need to be addressed. However, CDBG funds are used to administer the go STAT voucher program and contribute to goStat's FTA match requirements.

In addition, the Parish applied for and was awarded \$1.2 million from the Louisiana Housing Corporation to complete a Home Repair Program for owner occupied properties damaged by Hurricane Katrina. CDBG funds will be used to cover the construction management staff and will be leveraged to support this Home Repair Program.

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 Parish is currently pursuing various grant opportunities for public facilities improvement projects that will take place on Parish-owned property. This includes improvements to public recreational facilities

- Accessibility improvements for the Trace
- Expansion of an agricultural facility in Covington
- Future site of St. Tammany Advanced Campus
- Public Right of Ways for Infrastructure Improvements for NHI infrastructure and other sewer/water upgrades

Annual Goals and Objectives- TBD

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Residential Rehabilitation	2013	2018	Affordable Housing	Highway 190/433 Area; Browns Village Road Area; West 30's	Affordable Housing	\$232,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: Household & sewer repairs & salaries.
2	Homeless Prevention	2013	2018	Homeless prevention	Parishwide	Homeless Prevention	\$75,000.00	Households will receive rental/utility assistance
3	Affordable housing	2013	2018	Affordable Housing	Parishwide	Affordable Housing	\$33,000.00	Households will receive homeownership counseling & home buying assistance
4	Homeless Prevention	2013	2018	Homeless prevention	Parishwide	Homeless Prevention	\$150,000.00	Repairs to the Homeless/Handicap Day Center
5	Transit Voucher Program	2013	2017	Non-Housing Community Development	Highway 190/433 Area; Browns Village Road Area; West 30's	Non-Housing Community Development	\$30,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit
6	Infrastructure Improvements	2013	2017	Affordable Housing	North Slidell/ Hwy 11	Affordable Housing	\$243,118.00	Sewer upgrades/ improvement
7	Program Administration	2013	2017	Administration & Planning	Parishwide	Planning	\$20,000.00	Community Needs Assessment

Table 5 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Residential Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Affordable housing
2	Goal Name	Homeless Prevention
	Goal Description	Homeless Prevention
3	Goal Name	Transit Voucher Program
	Goal Description	Non Housing Community Development
4	Goal Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Affordable housing
5	Goal Name	Affordable housing
	Goal Description	Affordable housing

Table 6 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

At this time, the Parish is not a recipient of HOME funds. However, the Northshore Housing Initiative- the St. Tammany's Community Land Trust is a designated CHDO by the Louisiana Housing Corporation and has been supported with CDBG funds. NHI estimates that it will provide 10 affordable housing units to LMI families in the next year. Several nonprofits, such as Habitat for Humanity and World Changers, will be creating or sustaining affordable housing units this year.

CDBG funds will be used for rehabilitation of low to moderate income owner occupied residences and homeless facilities.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This year the Parish’s Action Plan will take a more strategic and targeted approach to preventing or ameliorating the social and community factors attributing to homelessness.

#	Project Name
1	Infrastructure Improvements
2	Rehabilitation of Homeless Facilities
3	Homeownership Center and Down Payment Assistance
4	Northshore Housing Initiative/Community Land Trust
5	Residential Rehabilitation
6	2014-2015 Program Administration
7	Homeless and Housing Assistance Program
8	Transportation Vouchers

Table 7 – Project Information

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

As the needs of the population have changed, the Parish’s programming is keeping pace with the community’s requisite for services. Therefore, for the CDBG program year 2015 – 2016, a variety of projects and programs will address the issues of homelessness, transitional assistance, life skills training, and homelessness prevention; affordable housing including home rehabilitation for low to moderate income families; public infrastructure improvements; and homeownership centers to provide counseling and guidance for families seeking a strategy out of poverty, and program planning and administration oversight. Infrastructure improvements are planned for 2015-2016 and in development for several communities.

Home rehabilitation will address the sustainability, affordability, and substandard housing issues that affect low to moderate income homeowners who are unable to afford the maintenance costs. Funds will be made available to nonprofits to deliver housing solutions. Investments in infrastructure improvement, specifically in the area of sewer/water rehabilitation and replacement will contribute to improved water quality throughout the parish. Additional funding will be provided to Community Action Agency (CAA) to enhance the existing homelessness programs to create a pathway out of poverty by achieving self-sufficiency, and ultimately housing stability. These activities will also increase sustainability of affordable housing.

Obstacles to affordable housing are limited availability of affordable rental and single family homes. The Parish has historically attracted buyers who are above average income and local

builders respond to the demand for homes with higher price points. As well, the high cost of developable land has inhibited some LMI buyers. In addition, some areas of the Parish, which are near bodies of water or bayous and streams are experiencing high flood insurance premiums which add significant to the monthly mortgage and insurance payment. These costs make home ownership beyond the reach of LMI buyers. High insurance premiums also impact the affordability of rental units as landlords pass on the cost of insurance to the monthly rent.

AP-38 Projects Summary
Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Residential Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	Residential Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$232,000.00
	Description	LMI owner-occupied housing units will receive home repairs
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 households will receive assistance
	Location Description	Households will be scattered across St. Tammany Parish
	Planned Activities	Provide health and safety repairs to homes; upgrade outdated septic systems.
2	Project Name	NAMI Handicap Day Center Renovation
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area
	Goals Supported	Homeless Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Funds will be provided for renovation to a currently vacant building at the NAMI Handicap Day Center.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 chronically homeless and severely handicap persons experiencing chronic mental and behavioral illnesses
	Location Description	Hwy 190, Mandeville, LA 70448

	Planned Activities	Once the project is completed, at least 30 chronically homeless persons experiencing prolonged mental and behavioral illnesses will be able to receive group home services.
3	Project Name	Homeownership Center
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	At least 20 LMI individuals/families will receive home buyer education and counseling services.
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used for the salaries and benefits of home buyer counselors and educators at one or more of the Parish's home ownership centers. The home buyer education and counseling services will be delivered in conjunction with existing home buyer assistance programs that include IDA Programs, the St. Tammany Community Land Trust, a Soft Seconds Program, and homeowner programs.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 20 LMI individuals/families will receive home buyer education and counseling services.
	Location Description	The programs will be available to residents from all across the Parish.
Planned Activities	Pre-purchase counseling, financial fitness training and general home buyer education will be provided to program recipients.	
4	Project Name	St. Tammany Parish Transit Voucher Program
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	Transit Voucher Program
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00

	Description	200 LMI individuals will receive vouchers to ride go STAT, the Parish's public transportation system, at no cost.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 200 LMI individuals will receive vouchers to ride go STAT.
	Location Description	Transportation is provided throughout St. Tammany Parish.
	Planned Activities	Free demand-response transportation services will be provided to eligible LMI individuals.
5	Project Name	Northshore Housing Initiative's Covington Gardens
	Target Area	West 30's
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$137,000.00
	Description	Funds will be invested in the construction of infrastructure to connect a proposed neighborhood development to parish utility lines. The development will eventually include the construction of 24 new homes. The Northshore Housing Initiative, St. Tammany's Community Land Trust recently received HOME funds from the Louisiana Housing Corporation to develop this mixed income neighborhood. NHI will partner with local non-profits and an affordable housing developer to construct the homes. Eight homes will be sold and maintained as part of the Community Land Trust.
	Target Date	12/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 60% of the new homes will be sold to LMI families through the Northshore Housing Initiative's "Covington Gardens".
	Location Description	The site is located near Highway 190 and the West 30's in Covington.
	Planned Activities	Infrastructure in extending Parish's utility lines to benefits an affordable housing development
	Project Name	2014-2015 Program Administration

6	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Infrastructure Improvements Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used for the implementation of the Community Needs Assessment.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	St. Tammany Parish Government, PO Box 628, Covington, LA 70434
	Planned Activities	Planning Study
7	Project Name	Homeless and Housing Assistance Program
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	Homeless Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Case management and rent/mortgage/utility assistance payments will be provided to recently homeless or near-homeless families. The rent/mortgage/utility assistance payments will be provided directly to the applicable vendor and for a period of no more than 3 consecutive months.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 15 LMI families will receive case management services and up to 3 consecutive months of rent/mortgage/utility assistance.

	Location Description	The program will be administered by the Parish's Community Action Agency offices located at 520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, LA 70458.
	Planned Activities	Funding support for rapid re-housing program.
8	Project Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	Hwy 11/ North Slidell
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	\$243,118.00
	Description	Project will be implemented in phases as funding is available. Installation of connecting lines to a community treatment plant.
	Target Date	12/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 50 households will be connected to an existing community treatment plant. Existing outdated septic systems will be abandoned.
	Location Description	Hwy 11/North Slidell
	Planned Activities	Infrastructure Improvements

Table 9 – Project Summary

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Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Parish-Wide: 100%

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Hwy 11 Browns Village	30%
Hwy 190/Hwy 433	31%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Infrastructure Improvements are planned for the neighborhoods in Hwy 11 area. St. Tammany has identified several areas where upgrades to sewer and water systems are needed. Approximately 70 households will be connected to an existing community treatment plant in the North Slidell/Hwy 11 area. Plans and specifications for this project are 90% complete, making it “shoved ready”. The project will be constructed in phases as funds are made available. In addition, St. Tammany Parish intends to partner with a local non-profit organization to study the Hwy 433/Thompson Road for the purposes of improving the water quality. CDBG funds will be used to upgrade outdated and non-compliant septic systems and repair non –functioning “Aerator Treatment Units”.

The Giving Hope Retreat program will be located near Hwy 433 and 190 in Lacombe at the site of the former K-Bar-B youth ranch. The location was acquired by New Orleans Mission Foundation in May 2015, and will target homeless veterans with the intention of providing a safe location for respite and rehabilitation. The facility will deliver transitional case management to enable our veterans to return to self- sufficiency and productivity. The types of services to be offered are vocational and education training, behavioral therapy, and medical services.

In May 2015, St. Tammany Parish acquired the site of the Southeast Louisiana Hospital, located near Hwy 190 in Mandeville. The Hospital was formerly operated by the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals which served as a respite and rehabilitation facility for the mentally ill. CDBG funds were reprogrammed from residential rehabilitation to fund the demolition and clearing of four Hurricane Katrina damaged buildings on Martin Drive within the Hospital site. A section of the Hospital campus is operated by the National Alliance on Mental Illness-St. Tammany for sheltering severely disabled and chronically behaviorally ill patients. As part of the Parish’s long term investment in the Hospital site and a commitment to support

disabled persons, CDBG funds will be used to rehabilitate one of the buildings for use as a day center.

The remaining funds will be spent on LMI residents across the Parish. When appropriate, the needs of the disabled, special needs and elderly populations will receive priority in obtaining services.

Affordable Housing TBD

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	45
Non-Homeless	40
Special-Needs	0
Total	85

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	20
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	20
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	40

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

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

To address the needs of public housing residents, the Parish will:

- Contact housing authority staff about the applicable events or services that may be helpful to their residents
- The St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance meetings of which housing authority staff are invited members

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

The Parish will distribute information about homeownership assistance programs and services to the housing authority staff so that they may be distributed to residents.

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

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

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

NAMI Handicap /Day Center

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Establishment of a Giving Hope Retreat

In May 2015, the former K- Bar B facility was acquired by Mission Properties Foundation - New Orleans Mission. Immediately following the acquisition, renovations to the site commenced. CDBG funds were allocated in 2014-2015 to rehabilitate a short term transitional housing center, allowing for homeless individuals to gain respite and recovery before embarking on a full assessment and recovery program. This project will create a rehabilitation and respite center to support unsheltered persons and transitioning individuals to enable them to return to self-sufficiency and productivity.

Homeless and Housing Assistance Program

The Homeless and Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) is a rapid re-housing program designed to assist homeless families and individuals of St Tammany Parish to become stably housed. Clients must be within CDBG income limits and meet HUD's definition of literally homeless. The ultimate goal of the program is housing stability. Families confronted with homelessness will be able to participate in the program and receive assistance such as deposits, rent, utilities, life skills education, and money management. The HHAP program will leverage the existing CAA programs by augmenting the total funding available to provide services. The Homeless and Housing program will continue its second year of CDBG funding with great success in meeting

goals in homeless prevention.

The current Supportive Housing Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant strives to deliver homeless prevention solutions. ESG received an additional \$75,000.00 from the State to expand the program. Clients will continue to achieve and create collaborative self-sufficiency goals. These goals will include life skills classes, job search, and gainful employment for every working-age member of the family provided they are not disabled. Identifying additional resources will be tapped with the goal of increasing household income by determining eligibility for SSI, SSA, Medicaid, and/or unemployment. The case manager will be also responsible for communicating and interfacing with the local school system to make sure each school age child is enrolled and attending regularly. Finally, clients will be assessed for eligibility in Section 8 and other income-based housing programs. Case management data will be gathered and used as the basis of a development strategy to be incorporated into needs assessment study.

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Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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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

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Community Land Trust

The State Office of Community Development- Disaster Recovery Unit is providing CDBG –DR funds to St. Tammany Parish to underwrite the local land trust, the Northshore Housing Initiative. This organization makes affordable housing opportunities available to income-eligible clients. NHI has revived a HOME grant to develop a mixed income neighborhood. CDBG will be used for the installation of public infrastructure to connect the newly constructed development to the parish's utility systems.

Attend NHC and STHHA Meetings

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Coalition and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance.

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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.

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Infrastructure Improvements- Sewer & Water

St. Tammany Parish targeted Infrastructure Improvement in 2013-2014's CDBG program year during which a Watershed Study was commissioned to evaluate the most needed projects. Once the study was completed in June 2014, an internal review was implemented to identify LMI neighborhoods where infrastructure improvements were needed. The LMI neighborhoods of Bayou Liberty, Ben Thomas, and Slidell Manor were selected for improvements.

Infrastructure Improvements- Waterline Redundancy

Both the Alton and Ben Thomas neighborhoods were cited by Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals for not having a secondary source of groundwater. The two neighborhoods will receive redundant waterline will to improve flow and water quality.

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Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair programs targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs that make their homes physically and financially more

sustainable. The Parish will collaborate with local non- profit & for profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs. CDBG funds will also pay for the salaries of the construction team to supervise LHC’s Home Repair Program and Weatherization Program.

Attend NHC and STHHA Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance.

St. Tammany Parish Transit

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Provide Information and Referral

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St Tammany Parish does not received HOPWA funds

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family: 0
Tenant-based rental assistance: 0
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated: 0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds: 0
Total: 0

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

Introduction

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

The Biggert-Waters Act (BWA)

St. Tammany is a recipient of Hazard Mitigation and Severe Repetitive Loss funds from FEMA. The Parish uses these funds to assist homeowners in elevating their homes to the appropriate level as indicated by FEMA. Ideally, this will help prevent certain homes from becoming unaffordable due to the new BWA laws. Parish leaders, including representatives from St. Tammany Parish, have been active with other regional leaders in addressing these issues with Congress so that they do not negatively impact the residents of south Louisiana.

Impact Fees

CDBG staff will evaluate affordability issues that arise with LMI homebuyers due to Parish impact fees. After further assessment, Parish staff may approach the issue with Parish officials to see if the fees may be waived for individuals who earn up to 80% of the area median income.

NIMBYISM

Many of the Parish's elected officials see a need for affordable workforce housing in our community. CDBG staff has worked with local officials and the Northshore Housing Initiative in presenting an informational campaign to the public that teaches the community about the benefits and needs of workforce housing.

High Cost of Land

The Parish is collaborating with the local land trust, the Northshore Housing Initiative, by providing them with non-entitlement CDBG funds received from the State Office of Community Development. These funds will assist NHI's Community Land Trust Program which will provide assistance to qualified homebuyers for the purchase of homes by covering the cost of and retaining ownership of the land on which the home resides. This effort decreases the purchase price for the homebuyer and makes the home more affordable to future buyers.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Provide Information and Referral

DHHS will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources such as job training, education, and employment assistance. A new referral directory is available on through DHHS Website.

Attend NHC and STHHA Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance. These meetings help the Parish stay current with the issues that are affecting the homeless population and the organizations that serve them. This will also allow the Parish to play a role in the NHC's development of a single point-of-entry system and the STHHA's plan to develop a faith-based sheltering system for families.

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Meeting Attendance and Information Coordination

Parish staff will continue to play an active role in the planning and development of our community's delivery system. By attending meetings and staying in constant communication with local service providers, Parish government can assist in addressing the most urgent and current needs of our citizens.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Attend NHC and STHHA Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance. These meetings help the Parish stay current with the issues that are affecting the homeless population and the organizations that serve them. This will also allow the Parish to play a role in the NHC's development of a single point-

of-entry system and the STHHA's plan to develop a faith-based sheltering system for families.

Provide Information and Referral

DHHS will continue to provide resource and referral information, including contact information to local affordable housing providers, to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. This information will also be distributed through the Parish's Website.

Support Local Organizations that Provide Affordable Housing

The Parish is collaborating with the local land trust, the Northshore Housing Initiative, by providing them with non-entitlement CDBG funds received from the State Office of Community Development. These funds will assist NHI's Community Land Trust Program which will provide assistance to qualified homebuyers for the purchase of homes by covering the cost of and retaining ownership of the land on which the home resides. This effort decreases the purchase price for the homebuyer, making the home more affordable to future buyers and for families who are at risk of homelessness. The Parish will also continue to work with home buyer counseling organizations St. Tammany, as a means to provide affordable housing opportunities to residents as well.

Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair programs targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs and make their homes physically and financially more sustainable. The Parish is again funding local non-profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs. In previous years the Parish has successfully partnered with Volunteers of America, Northshore Disaster Recovery Initiatives, World Changers and Habitat for Humanity St Tammany West. In an effort to leverage resources and provide the maximum amount of support, the Parish has submitted an application to the Louisiana Housing Corporation for additional rehabilitation funds to reach out to more families in 2014-2015.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Provide LBP Educational Information to the Public

The Parish will display LBP posters in its DHHS and CAA offices and will have that information available for distribution to organizations and interested parties. Recipients of the Parish-funded minor home repair program(s) will also receive LBP educational materials. The Parish will let local organizations that serve LMI populations know that LBP educational materials can

be accessed from the DHHS.

Provide Affordable Housing Program Information to Affected Households

Households that are affected by LBP are able to contact the Parish for information regarding affordable housing opportunities for homes without LBP hazards. The Parish maintains a current list of affordable housing options in St. Tammany that can be distributed to interested parties. The Parish will let local organizations that serve LMI populations know that affordable housing information can be accessed from the DHHS.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Provide Information and Referral

DHHS will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources such as job training, education, and employment assistance. This information will also be distributed through the Parish's Website and monthly electronic newsletter.

Development of the St. Tammany Advanced Campus

On Hwy 424 in North Lacombe, Parish government has planned the St. Tammany Advanced Campus to provide educational, employment, and job training opportunities to residents of St. Tammany and the surrounding areas. Ideally, the creation of the center and business park will lead to a more educated and skilled workforce and the creation of new jobs as well. This will help individuals become more qualified to earn better wages and gradually increase their household income so that they are no longer considered to be poverty-level.

St. Tammany Parish Transit

The goStat program assists poverty-level families in accessing public transportation that provides them with a mode of transit to and from work and school. The Parish will fund the transit program in conjunction with Council on Aging, STARC, and other partners. The goStat Service will continue to provide income-eligible individuals with vouchers so that they can ride the Parish's transit system at no cost. An operational transit program may assist the homeless population in accessing available services. goSTAT was funded by CDBG since May 2011 through August 2015.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Development of Single Point of Entry System

The NHC is finalizing its work to create a single point of entry system for homeless housing and service providers. The NHC collected information and feedback from providers so that the new

system will address the concerns and needs of those who provide hands-on services to the homeless. The system will give all providers access to the same information, enhance communication, and homeless persons will receive expedited assistance and information when accessing services.

Creation of Family Promise Affiliate- Sheltering System for Families

A local affiliate of the national “Family Promise” organization has been operational since April 2015. As a sheltering system for families, this program provides shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure that children can attend school, families can stay together, and assistance is provided so that these families can again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities are funded through the Parish and the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

Meeting Attendance and Information Coordination

Parish staff will continue to play an active role in the planning and development of our community’s delivery system. By staying attending meetings and staying in constant communication with local service providers, Parish government can assist in addressing the most urgent and current needs of our citizens.

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

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A \$3 million Public Health Millage is collected annually. Several social services agencies are supported through this funding. National Alliance on Mental Illness-St. Tammany received funds to provide training, educational, and support services to individuals with mental illness and their families; a mental health case manager servicing the Behavioral Health Court clients of 22nd JDC, and support for a Group Home (operations and maintenance) for transitional housing and access to services for individuals with severe behavioral health issues. Louisiana Public Health Institute maintains a “Dashboard” with up to date behavioral health information accessible to the public. Access Health supports two full time Licensed Clinical Social Workers and a part time Psychiatrist, who provide counseling services to indigent individuals at a Medicaid cost. Youth Service Bureau supports case plans, drug screens and counseling for at-risk youth who are receiving behavioral health services at the Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany. STOPS provides support to groups and services to families of suicide victims. VOA - Crisis Response provides support to law enforcement by providing mental health assessments

and support to individuals in crisis along with their families.

In 2008, two coalitions were formed to address the predominant social issues: St. Tammany Behavioral Health Task Force and St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance. These two groups have become excellent planning tools for service coordination for mental health, homelessness, and housing needs in St. Tammany. Mental health and housing/homelessness have become the most important and visible needs of our community; the Alliance and Task Forces have played a role in ensuring that service gaps are identified and that efforts made to address those gaps are non-duplicative and coordinated.

Members of the Behavioral Health Task Force include representatives from the following organizations: National Alliance on Mental Illness – St. Tammany, the Florida Parishes Human Service Authority, Catholic Charities – Northshore, St. Tammany Outreach for the Prevention of Suicide (STOPS), the St. Tammany Parish Coroner’s Office, the St. Tammany Community Health Center, St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office, Northlake Behavioral Health System, and Slidell Memorial Hospital.

Members of the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance include representatives from the following organizations: the Northlake Homeless Coalition, Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans, Catholic Charities – Northshore, the Samaritan Center, Covington Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West, Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany East, the Covington Housing Authority, St. Tammany Community Action Agency, Slidell Housing Authority, Northshore Community Foundation, the City of Covington, and Community Christian Concern.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

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

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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