



## MONROE COUNTY

### Planning and Economic Development Committee

May 22, 2023 5:45 PM

#### *AGENDA*

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC FORUM

C. PRESENTATION

2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program

Pat Gooch, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department

As it pertains to the Planning and Economic Development Committee

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 24, 2023

E. NEW BUSINESS

23-0144

Adopt 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program - County Executive Adam J. Bello

23-0157

2023 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County and Grant Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - County Executive Adam J. Bello

F. OTHER MATTERS

G. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee will be held on June 26, 2023 at 5:45 P.M.



ATTACHMENTS:

Description File Name

- ▣ April 24, 2023 4.24.23\_Planning\_and\_Ec\_Draft\_Minutes.pdf

Summary of Minutes

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

April 24, 2023

5:45 p.m.

Chairwoman DiFlorio called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracy DiFlorio (Chair), Frank X. Allkofer (Vice Chair), Mark Johns, John B. Baynes, Ricky Frazier (RMM)

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Howard Maffucci, Sean Delehanty, Albert Blankley, Dave Long, Maria Vecchio, Carolyn Delvecchio Hoffman

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Adrienne Green (Legislative Liaison), Laura Smith (Chief Deputy County Attorney), Bob Franklin (Chief Financial Officer), John Bringewatt (County Attorney), Don Crumb (Legislative Representative), Ana Liss (Planning Director)

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of February 27, 2023 were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

**23-0120-** Acceptance of a Restore New York Grant from Empire State Development Corporation for the Tent City Project and Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester to Pass Through Funding for the Tent City Project – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Allkofer, SECONDED by Legislator Johns.

ADOPTED: 5-0

OTHER MATTERS

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other matters, Chairwoman DiFlorio adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

The next Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2023 at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ian Watkins  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Legislature



ATTACHMENTS:

Description File Name

▣ Referral R23-0144.pdf



# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello  
County Executive

May 5, 2023

<b>OFFICIAL FILE COPY</b>
No. <u>230144</u>
Not to be removed from the Office of the Legislature Of Monroe County
Committee Assignment
<b>PLAN &amp; EC DEV -L</b>
<b>ENV. &amp; PUB. WORKS</b>
<b>INTRGOV REL</b>

**REC & ED**  
**HUMAN SERVICES**  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**WAYS & MEANS**

To The Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
407 County Office Building  
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Adopt 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body adopt the proposed 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program as recommended by the Monroe County Planning Board. The proposed Capital Improvement Program is submitted to the County Legislature in accordance with Section C4-10 of Article IV and Section C5-7 of Article V of the Monroe County Charter.

This proposed program includes projects designed to address aging infrastructure while at the same time ensuring that Monroe County continues to grow and expand its job base and quality of life. Projects contained in the program are intended to improve and modernize public buildings, construct needed highway and bridge improvements, as well as continue investment in public safety, the Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester International Airport, the County Parks System, the Monroe County Library System, the Monroe Community Hospital, and Monroe Community College.

The 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program is the result of a collaborative effort involving the County Executive's Office, Departments of Planning and Development, Finance (Office of Management and Budget), Law, Transportation, Environmental Services, Parks, and Information Services. In addition, the Monroe County Planning Board put in many hours in reviewing and recommending this program. I want to thank all of those involved in the preparation of this program for their hard work and dedication.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**


1. Fix a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program.

2. Direct the Clerk of the Legislature to publish legal notice of such public hearing at least once in one daily newspaper of general circulation in the County at least ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing.
3. Adopt the proposed 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program, as submitted, in its entirety.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(27) (“conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action”) and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

The adoption of the proposed 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,  


Adam J. Bello  
Monroe County Executive



ATTACHMENTS:

Description File Name

▣ Referral R23-0157.pdf





# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

May 5, 2023

<b>OFFICIAL FILE COPY</b>
No. <u>230157</u>
Not to be removed from the Office of the Legislature Of Monroe County
Committee Assignment
<b>PLAN &amp; EC DEV -L</b> <b>WAYS &amp; MEANS</b>

To The Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
407 County Office Building  
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: 2023 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County and Grant Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body approve Monroe County's 2023 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County and Grant Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), Home Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME") and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs.

Approval of this submission by HUD will provide the County with funding in the amount of \$3,444,380 for the period of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. This represents the combined total of funds for the CDBG Program in the amount of \$1,872,408; the HOME Program in the amount of \$1,410,985; and the ESG Program in the amount of \$160,987. This year's allocations represent a \$312,745 increase in funding received from HUD last year. This is the 48<sup>th</sup> year the County will receive this funding.

The CDBG, HOME and ESG programs have been designed to carry out neighborhood projects, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to public facilities, community services, economic development activities, housing activities, and homeless services. Pursuant to HUD regulations, these programs must principally benefit low to moderate-income persons, the elderly, and persons with special needs who live in the towns and villages that participate in the Monroe County Community Development Consortium.

Members of the Consortium and community services agencies apply to the County to receive grants for projects, which are listed in the 2023 Annual Action Plan.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to submit the 2023 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to provide such additional information as may be required by HUD for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept the grant funds in the amount of \$3,444,380 or such other amount as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), subject to HUD approval of the submission.

110 County Office Building • 39 West Main Street • Rochester, New York 14614

3. Appropriate the sum of \$3,444,380 for grant funds, or such other amount as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), and the sum of \$241,424, which is the estimated Program Income expected to be generated during the program year, into fund 9005; funds center 1501010000, Community Development Grants, contingent on HUD approval.
4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute all contracts, including intermunicipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, that are necessary to carry out the administration of the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.
5. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute all agreements, debt instruments, and other documents for each loan, grant, relending project or activity which may be approved under HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance program, pursuant to Section 168.00 of the Local Finance Law, and to accept, receive and reappropriate funds which are borrowed from HUD or any other party, and relend the same to qualified borrowers.
6. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to approve the use of contingency funds or funds reprogrammed from current or prior years pursuant to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.
7. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept, receive and appropriate or reappropriate any funds which accrue to the Community Development Office in the form of program income for use in connection with programs offered or funded by the Community Development Office, which administers the grants. All such income shall be utilized in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing the use of program income.
8. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
9. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify such program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law, and when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

The 2023 Annual Action Plan includes Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(1) (“maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility”); (2) (“replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part”); (5) (“repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes”); (6) (“street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities”); (13) (“extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list”); (26) (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment); and (31) (“purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials”) that are not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

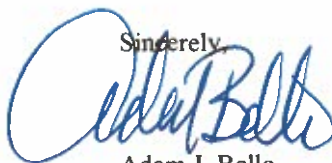
Monroe County served as Lead Agency for Annual Action Plan Item 13, Volunteers of America Farm Fresh Hydroponic Farm, which it determined to be an Unlisted Action and issued a Negative Declaration per Resolution 301 of 2022. No further action under SEQRA is required for this project.

2023 Annual Action Plan Item 3, Willow Pond Way Sidewalk Project, is an Unlisted Action for which another agency served as Lead Agency. The Town of Penfield served as Lead Agency for the Willow Pond Way Sidewalk project, which it determined to be an Unlisted Action. The Town of Penfield is scheduled to make a Determination of Significance at their May 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Board Meeting. The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving these projects.

Last, Monroe County will serve as Lead Agency for three (3) actions, Items 25, 26, and 27 titled First Time Home Buyers Program, the Lifetime Assistance Brick Schoolhouse Road project, and the Acquisition Rehab and Resale Program. These three (3) projects have all been preliminarily classified as Unlisted Actions. The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving these projects.

This grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,  


Adam J. Bello  
Monroe County Executive

AJB:db

2023

# Draft Annual Action Plan

For Housing & Community Development  
in Suburban Monroe County



**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

## Home Improvement Projects



**Before**



**After**

## Affordable Rental Housing Project



**Wellington North, Brockport**

**Public Comment Period: May 4 - June 12, 2023**

Ana Liss - Director • Department of Planning & Development  
1150 City Place, 50 West Main Street • Rochester, NY 14614

Phone: (585) 753-2000 • Fax: (585) 753-2028 • [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov)

# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

Monroe County's Annual Action Plan (Plan) goals are administered utilizing CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds made available by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 2023 is the fourth year of the 2020-24 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and marks the forty-eighth year that Monroe County has received an allocation from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the thirty-second year for Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and it also marks the seventeenth year with the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. Combined, these program funds channel more than three million dollars annually through the Department of Planning and Development, Community Development division, for suburban towns and villages that comprise Monroe County's consortium in support of housing, public works, economic development, and community services programs that primarily benefit low to moderate-income households, seniors, and persons with special needs. This Plan addresses both projects funded on an annual basis and new program initiatives that focuses on accomplishing the following primary program goals and objectives: • Develop affordable and accessible housing and home ownership opportunities for all low to moderate income residents, with a priority focus on the development of housing in the towns and villages that do not currently provide affordable units that have been financed, in part, through the CDBG and/or HOME programs • Repair and conserve existing housing stock • Improve essential infrastructure in lower income areas • Provide job training and economic development for low- and moderate- income persons and persons with special needs • Provide essential public services, particularly those that promote home ownership, fair housing, and housing stability • Revitalize deteriorated neighborhoods.

### 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.

Monroe County intends to continue our mission, which was identified in the Needs Assessment of Monroe County's 2020-2024 Strategic Plan in promoting community development, in addition to Monroe County's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in order to accomplish the following primary program goals and objectives during the 2023-2024 program year:

a) Develop affordable and accessible rental and home ownership opportunities for all low to moderate-income residents with a priority focus on the development of housing in towns and villages that do not

currently provide affordable units that have been financed, in part, through the County's CDBG and/or HOME Program; b) Repair and conserve existing housing stock; c) Increase energy efficiency of existing housing stock; d) Improve access to and the quality of public facilities; e) Provide essential infrastructure in lower income areas; f) Provide job training and economic development opportunities for low to moderate-income persons and person with special needs; g) Provide essential public services, particularly those that promote home ownership, fair housing ad housing stability; h) Revitalize deteriorated neighborhoods.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

Projects funded with CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants have had a positive effect on the individuals and communities served. These projects were carried out to meet our primary program goals and objectives in housing, economic development, community services, and public works/facilities improvement projects. The Home Improvement Program (HIP) annually helps between 60 to 70 low to moderate-income homeowners make necessary home repairs. The repairs made under the HIP allow homeowners to make essential repairs that allow them to stay in their homes. This program is all the more critical in our community due to the lack of available housing stock/options for relocation. Neighborhood and utility improvements are a high priority for Monroe County because of their importance in preserving neighborhoods. A large number of communities throughout suburban Monroe County have deteriorated infrastructure due to age. Monroe County uses CDBG funding to improve roads, sidewalks, and sewers in low to moderate- income neighborhoods. This funding helps local governments undertake projects they would not otherwise be able to do because of funding limitations. Public services projects and programs have been essential in maintaining safe and affordable housing for the community and providing services that benefit underserved populations including seniors and those with special needs.

Monroe County has continued to monitor housing and economic metrics relating to potential impediments to fair housing choice that were identified in the 2020 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). Between 2018 (the data available at the time of the AI development) and 2021, the overall poverty rate in Monroe County has declined 1% (from 13.8% to 12.8%). When comparing 2016 poverty rates by municipality to 2021 poverty rates by municipality, Monroe County has observed that there has been a growth in rural poverty in Brockport, Scottsville, Hamlin, and Hilton. The percentage of the population living in poverty has decreased in Henrietta, Greece, and Spencerport.

Additional statistics that Monroe County has been monitoring since the 2020 AI includes the unemployment rate across Monroe County. The most recent data available from the American Community Survey compared to the 2018 American Community Survey data used for the AI shows that the unemployment rate in Monroe County has gone from 6% to 5% during this time.

Monroe County has acted on recommendations from its Analysis of Impediments in its partnerships and support of local senior and special needs populations. This includes utilizing community development funding to provide more than 300 senior households with minor home repairs and installation of fall safety features.

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Monroe County holds two (2) public hearings annually at convenient, fully accessible locations. For the 2023 program year, Monroe County continued a hybrid in-person/virtual public meeting in January to inform and announce the opening of the 2023-24 application round, which was attended by 11 individuals in person and 32 individuals virtually. The Steering Committee meeting, which is comprised of town and village officials who are members of the County's Consortium, was held immediately following the public hearing and attended by both virtually and in-person by 26 individuals. Meetings are fully accessible with bilingual and/or sign language interpreters and other accommodations provided upon request to interpret policies and program requirements. In addition, Monroe County conducted a brief survey to gather feedback on the various programs and project priorities, which was extended through January 31, 2023. Fifteen community members responded to the survey, which asked community members if they were attending the public hearing as a representative of a municipality, representing non-profit, a member of the general public, or other. 53% of respondents were representing non-profit organizations, while 40% were representing municipalities and one county legislator was in attendance and responded to the survey. Respondents were asked what they believe should be the highest priority for Monroe County's Community Development. 46.7% of respondents believe that the highest priority should be investment in public facilities and infrastructure, while 40% of respondents believe that the highest priority should be the development of affordable housing. Several individuals indicated that they believe emergency services and public services should be the biggest priority for Monroe County. The survey also provided community members with an opportunity to provide comments, suggestions, and recommendations in a narrative format. Monroe County accepted these responses as part of the collection of public comments. See Summary of Public Comments section of this Plan.

The May public hearing was held on May 4, 2023 @ 9:45a with the Steering Committee @ 10:00a, which was also held in-person and via Zoom. 13 individuals attended the public hearing and 18 participants attending the Steering committee meeting. This meeting encourages the public to review and comment on the Draft Annual Action Plan. The 30-day public comment period was available from May 4 – June 12, 2023. The public hearing notice and availability of the Draft Action Plan for public comment was posted in the Daily Record and the Rochester Business Journal newspapers, as well as the County's website - Community Development page, and upon request.

#### **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.

Comments received from the January Public Hearing and Steering Committee are attached to the Citizen Participation section of the Draft Annual Action Plan.

The Public Comment period was from May 4 – June 12, 2023. Public comments received will be attached to the Citizen Participation section of the Plan.

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

All comments received at the public hearing and during the public comment period are accepted.

**7. Summary**

All CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, including program income will be used to continue to meet goals included in the Strategic Plan and in the 2023-24 Annual Action Plan to improve the quality of life for low to moderate-income families, seniors, and persons with special needs in Monroe County. The Plan addresses the goals by providing affordable housing and home ownership opportunities, repairing and conserving existing housing stock, financing public infrastructure and infrastructure improvements, creating and retaining jobs, and funding public services that stabilize and enhance living conditions.



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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	MONROE COUNTY	Department of Planning and Development
HOME Administrator	MONROE COUNTY	Department of Planning and Development
ESG Administrator	MONROE COUNTY	Department of Planning and Development

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative**

Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Community Development (CD) division is the lead agency that is responsible for and oversees the Annual Action Plan process and for administering the three (3) entitlement funds: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funding. Programs are administered by CD staff with participation from the other divisions of the Planning and Development department, as well as municipal consortium members and private sector sub-recipients. CD staff administer the Home Improvement Program (HIP) and oversees the First Time Home Buyer (FTHB) Direct Subsidy component. The Community Liaison for Community Development is the designated Fair Housing Officer within the County. Any Fair Housing Complaints may be directed to the Community Liaison. The Economic Development (ED) division of the Department, through private, state, federal and county financial resources and technical assistance, supports businesses, developers, units of local government and major county facilities like the airport and landfill in economic development activities. The division provides administrative support to County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA), the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC) and the APEX Accelerator (fka: Monroe County Finger Lakes Procurement Technical Assistance Center). ED staff administers the CDBG funded ED Grant and Loan fund, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, and a wide variety of County business incentive programs. The Division of Planning provides a diverse set of services related to land use and development including: technical and mapping support in the development and implementation of various land use plans and regulations; guidance on project permitting and compliance with environmental review; preparation of the annual Land Use

Report on major projects proposed, approved, and constructed; coordination of the Capital Improvement Program; training opportunities through the Spring and Fall Land Use Decision-Making Training Program. The Planning division evaluates municipal planning and development activities including environmental reviews for all HUD projects and programs, including CDBG infrastructure projects, Home Improvement Program (HIP) projects, and the HOME funded affordable rental housing developments and acquisition rehabilitation and resale projects. APEX, a component of the Monroe County Economic Development division, helps local businesses compete for and secure government contracts with other federal, state, and local agencies, including large government prime contractors, that will keep the business competitive and thriving in Monroe County and in our region. APEX provides services to businesses in the nine-county Finger Lakes territory, at no cost. In addition, APEX staff assists businesses with their M/WBE certifications and acquiring a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number. Monroe County CD contracts with towns and villages for municipal projects, and sub-recipients for public services and first time homebuyers for those purchasing their first home in suburban Monroe County.

#### **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

Chanh Quach, Community Development Manager, Department of Planning and Development, City Place, 50 West Main Street, Suite 1150, Rochester, New York 14614. (585) 753-2000.

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

### **1. Introduction**

Monroe County Department of Planning and Development consists of the Community Development, Economic Development, Planning, and Procurement Technical Assistance divisions. These four (4) divisions coordinate and collaborate on many efforts. CD works with local town and village governments, the City of Rochester, as well as many agencies, organizations, and groups to address the needs of the community. Monroe County is fortunate to be home to many agencies, organizations, and groups that focus on the wellbeing of the community as a whole.

**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(l)).**

The Department of Planning and Development and the CD staff periodically meets with local developers, Fairport Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) to coordinate the planning of housing projects and federal grant applications. The County, City of Rochester, and RHA continue to explore ways to enhance our Section 3 efforts. Planning and Development coordinates, collaborates, and consults with other departments throughout Monroe County, including Human Services, Public Health, and Office of the Aging, in the planning process as often as possible and to maximize resources. Monroe County will continue to meet and coordinate with public and assisted housing providers within the Monroe County service area. These housing providers keep Monroe County informed about upcoming projects. Monroe County staff members are engaged with the Continuum of Care on initiatives for and in support of community members experiencing and at risk of homelessness.

**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 County actively participates in the Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) locally known as Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH). The CoC coordinates the allocation of HUD CoC federal funding to facilities and programs within the CoC's service area. County staff consult on a regular basis with the organizations that participate in the CoC and the Homeless Services Network (HSN). County staff serve on the CoC Board and on the Steering Committee of HSN. County staff also serve on the Chronically Homeless Work Group that plans, coordinates, and implements activities and strategies for servicing the chronically homeless and sit on the CoC Project Selection and Monitoring Committee. CoC staff participate in reviewing applications for Emergency Solution Grant applications submitted annually to Monroe County.

**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**

County staff work closely with the CoC and other agencies to develop funding applications and determine the best use of ESG funds. By working with the CoC, County staff are involved in improving coordination among agencies, facilitating data collection through HMIS and allocating funds. The CoC Executive Director serves on the County ESG proposal review team along with staff from Monroe County Department of Human Services (DHS), City of Rochester, and community representatives. The County and the City release a joint RFP for ESG funding which has increased the efficiency and coordination of ESG funding in the community. The CoC Board has 21 ex-officio members representing public and private organizations deemed necessary to develop, maintain, monitor, and continuously improve a comprehensive, coordinated, and flexible system of homeless housing and support services. They represent Monroe County, City, RHA, Homeless Services Network (HSN - the CoC's Stakeholder Group), formerly homeless community members, a domestic violence advocacy organization member, and a health services representative. In addition, there are elected general members from both public and private groups from the community (business sector, legal field, faith-based organizations, veteran organizations, schools, law enforcement, criminal justice, advocacy groups). This diverse team is the primary planning and coordinating body for homeless housing and services in this community. The CoC is now a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and is the Collaborative Applicant for HUD CoC funding and the HMIS Lead Agency. Long term goals include becoming a Unified Funding agency and continually striving to achieve the status of a High Performing Community. The CoC has been a long-time participant in the ESG planning process for the County and City, and are represented on the Rating and Ranking Committee of the CoC to review applications submitted annually for HUD CoC Homeless Program funding. ESG community priorities and planning have been discussed at both CoC and HSN meetings, especially in terms of policy priorities, the efficient use of resources and community objectives. The CoC staff also reviews the ESG proposals for fidelity to the ESG requirements and additional information set forth by HUD via policy briefs. ESG funding continues to be a critical issue for local homeless service providers. Facilitated discussions of ESG community priorities are held at the HSN meetings; CoC members and community stakeholders are strongly encouraged to participate. The County staff members participate on the Coordinated Entry (CE) Oversight workgroup. CE is the portal for all referrals to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RR) programs and prioritizes those who are the most vulnerable when openings occur. CE is fully implemented in Monroe County and is continually being improved. CE is working and is successful in ensuring that homeless persons are directed to the programs that will best meet their needs; and that homeless persons with the highest vulnerability are prioritized for placement. CE is exploring options for a new vulnerability assessment tool. The current tool, the Vulnerability Index-Services Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) is no longer being supported. CE will look at other existing tools or develop a community tool. CE has created a new position and since hired a Housing Resource Specialist who recruits landlords to provide units for PSH and RRH programs; and is a liaison between programs and

landlords. The Housing Recruitment Specialist will also be centralizing information on permanent housing resources and unit availability in the CE website, [www.FrontdoorNY.org](http://www.FrontdoorNY.org).

**2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations**

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

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Rochester Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

**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	Partners Ending Homelessness	

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

**Narrative**

## **AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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**

Monroe County hosted its public hearings in person and remotely in order to accommodate and allow for access to participants to participate in public hearings most convenient and accessible for the community.

Monroe County amended its Citizen Participation Plan to continue a hybrid in-person and virtual public hearing to make it available and accessible for as many individuals as possible. An in-person meeting will allow those who do not have access to the internet to attend and participate. Interpreting services are available upon request.

Monroe County has incorporated stakeholder surveys into their outreach/participation process and received 15 responses to a survey of stakeholders from the January public hearing.

**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 Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	43 individuals attended	<p>15 people submitted a response via our online questionnaire. Comments discussed the importance of utilizing funding to find solutions to barriers to affordable housing, increasing accessibility to housing resource, the importance of this funding for supporting at-risk commun</p>	All comments received are accepted	<p><a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ciKD_tfP9FuY2d_Qgz2V0Xlbl_S0hXrA1x0R58-Rh9M/edit#responses">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ciKD_tfP9FuY2d_Qgz2V0Xlbl_S0hXrA1x0R58-Rh9M/edit#responses</a></p>
---	----------------	--	-------------------------	--	------------------------------------	--

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)
				ity members, operational budget support, collaboration with the City of Rochester, and the CDBG application process.		
2	Newspaper Ad	Persons with disabilities  Non-targeted/broad community  Residents of Public and Assisted Housing				

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

2023 marks the fourth year of Monroe County's 2020-2024 Five-year Consolidated Plan. This is the 48th year of the Community Development Block Grant program, and the 32nd year of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. This is the 17th year that Monroe County has received an Emergency Solutions Grants allocation. Funds for all three programs are used for projects that primarily benefit lower income families, elderly and disabled residents in the suburban towns and villages in the county of Monroe. The Community Development division of the Department of Planning and Development administers these HUD-funded programs on behalf of 17 towns and 10 villages that comprise the Monroe County Community Development Consortium. All municipalities in Monroe County are members of the consortium, with the exception of Greece, Irondequoit and the City of Rochester. The Towns of Greece and Irondequoit participate in the HOME Program only, bringing HOME consortium membership to 19 towns and 10 villages. The Towns of Greece and Irondequoit apply directly to HUD and receive their own CDBG allocations. The City of Rochester also receives funding directly from HUD for these programs. Monroe County expects to receive an allocation of \$3,444,380 from HUD for the period of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024. This represents the combined total of funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$1,872,408; the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$1,410,985; and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) in the amount of \$160,987. This year's allocation includes an increase of \$312,745 from HUD funding received last year.

Estimated program income (interest on outstanding loans and other repayments) is expected to total \$100,000 for the CDBG program and

\$141,424 for the HOME program.

**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	1,872,408	100,000	5,576,885	7,549,293	0	Funding to be used for Admin and Planning, Economic Development, Housing, Public Facilities /Improvements, Public Services

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	1,410,985	141,424	3,689,829	5,242,238	0	Funding to be used for Admin, development of affordable rental and homeownership, as well as home improvement and direct subsidies for closing and/or down payment assistance

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: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	160,987	0	478,584	639,571	0	Funding to be used for Admin, Homeless Services, financial assistance, emergency shelter, Rapid re-housing (rental assistance), Rental Homelessness Prevention Assistance, and Street Outreach/Coordinated Access

Table 2 - 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 potential sources of these leveraged funds (other than match funds) include investor equity, tax credit syndications; homebuyer down payments through private funding, private rental and home ownership loans; other federal, state, and local housing and community development programs and foundations. CDBG, HOME, and ESG sources leveraged additional resources, which are wide, including the items listed. Match contributions for both HOME and ESG will be made from non-federal resources. The match contributions for HOME will total no less than 25% of the funds drawn from the County's HOME account each fiscal year. Monroe County CD maintains records demonstrating



compliance with HOME match requirements, including a running log and project records documenting the type and amount of match contributions by project. The HOME program attracts substantial private and other public dollars into its funded projects. This year, Monroe County, through our non-profit partner has also secured a grant from a local bank to help offset the cost of up to three (3) properties through the acquisition, rehab, resale program. Match contribution from ESG will be a one-to-one (1:1) cash and or/in-kind services match.

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

There are no publicly owned properties in Monroe County that are funded through any of the funding sources from HUD.

**Discussion**

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### 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	Improve access to and quality of public facilities	2020	2024	Public Facilities	Gates Henrietta Penfield Perinton Sweden Brockport East Rochester Fairport Scottsville Village of Webster	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$599,200	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 9710 Households Assisted

2	Provide Economic Development and Job Training	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster	Business / Jobs Development (Economic Development) Planning / Administration	CDBG: \$150,000	Jobs created/retained: 4 Jobs Businesses assisted: 1 Businesses Assisted Other: 1 Other
---	---	------	------	--	---	--	-----------------	--

3	Repair and conserve existing housing stock	2020	Affordable Housing	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$579,726 HOME: \$923,860	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 70 Household Housing Unit Other: 1 Other
---	--	------	--------------------	---	------------------------	--	--

4	Provide essential public services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster	Public Services (Community Development)	CDBG: \$264,500	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1105 Households Assisted Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 6 Households Assisted Jobs created/retained: 3 Jobs
---	-----------------------------------	------	------	-------------------------------------	---	---	-----------------	--

5	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$423,308	Rental units constructed: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 6 Households Assisted
---	--	------	------	--------------------	---	--------------------	--------------------	---

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Provide planning and administration services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development Planning / Administration	Monroe County Service Area block groups	Planning / Administration	CDBG: \$383,982 HOME: \$155,241	Other: 1 Other

Table 3 – Goals Summary

**Goal Descriptions**

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide Economic Development and Job Training
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide essential public services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Provide planning and administration services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	





## AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

### Introduction

Monroe County proposes to fund the following projects for the 2023-24 program year. Funds will be used to repair and conserve existing housing stock; improve access to and quality of public facilities; provide essential infrastructure in lower income areas; provide job training and economic development opportunities to low to moderate-income persons and persons with special needs; provide essential public services, particularly to those that promote home ownership, fair housing, and housing stability and revitalize deteriorated neighborhoods. Funds will also be used to develop affordable housing, home ownership opportunities for all low to moderate income residents with a priority focus on the development of affordable housing in towns and villages that do not currently have affordable housing units. ESG funds will be used to fund shelter operations, coordinated entry, rapid rehousing, and homelessness prevention. The CDBG, HOME, and ESG allocations fund the general administration of each respective grant.

#	Project Name
1	Memorial Park Outdoor Restroom Replacement, Gates
2	Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining, Henrietta
3	Sidewalk Installation, Penfield
4	Sidewalk Replacement, Perinton
5	Mill & Pave, Sweden
6	Water Main Replacement, Brockport
7	Sidewalk Replacement, T/V East Rochester
8	Sanitary Sewer Relining, Fairport
9	Gutter Replacement, Village of Scottsville
10	Sidewalk Replacement, Village of Webster
11	Safety and Security for Seniors, LifeSpan of Greater Rochester
12	Goodwill Vision Enterprises (fka ABVI) Glass Crushing Operation
13	VOA Farm Fresh Hydroponic Farm
14	Expanding Housing Opportunities, The Housing Council at PathStone
15	Housing Stability Program, The Housing Council at PathStone
16	Homeownership Program, The Housing Council at PathStone
17	Home Improvement Program (HIP)
18	Lead Testing and Clearance, Proway
19	ED Loan and Grant Fund
20	Administration
21	Planning Services, Urban Vantage
22	Program Delivery, Home Improvement Program
23	Program Delivery, Economic Development
24	Program Delivery, Planning Services

#	Project Name
25	First-time Homebuyer
26	Rental Housing Development
27	Acquisition Rehab Resale
28	ESG 2023

**Table 4 – Project Information**

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

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Memorial Park Outdoor Restroom Replacement, Gates
	<b>Target Area</b>	Gates
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$60,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Town proposes to demolish the existing structure and replace it with a pre-fabricated unit. The Town of Gates Highway Department will do all of the demolition and site work.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,925 people can benefit from this project.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low mod census tract 14301 BG 1 (150 Spencerport Road, Memorial Park)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Replace existing restroom with new
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining, Henrietta
	<b>Target Area</b>	Henrietta
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	Line 1,834 LF of sanitary sewer with cured in place pipe and cut lateral connections.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,245 people can benefit from this project
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low mod census tract 13103 BG 1 (River Meadow Drive)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Sanitary slip lining of 1,834' on River Meadow Drive
3	<b>Project Name</b>	Sidewalk Installation, Penfield
	<b>Target Area</b>	Penfield
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	The Town of Penfield is proposing the installation of a +/- 1030 linear foot of 5' wide concrete sidewalk and associated ADA ramps.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,090 people can benefit from this project
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low mod census tract 11601 BG 4 (Willow Pond Way)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Install approx. 1,030' of sidewalk
4	<b>Project Name</b>	Sidewalk Replacement, Perinton
	<b>Target Area</b>	Perinton
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	This project includes the replacement of approximately 1,800 feet of existing asphalt sidewalk located in the North West portion of the Town of Perinton.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,305 people can benefit from this project
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low mod census tract 11901 BG 4 (West Whitney Road)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Replacement of approx. 1,800 feet of sidewalk on West Whitney Road
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Mill & Pave, Sweden
	<b>Target Area</b>	Sweden
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000

	<b>Description</b>	Resurfacing Crestview Dr, 1,302 LF and 30' wide. Milling of the road, removal of old catch basin, storm water pipes and manhole frames and installation of new fixtures.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	500 people can benefit from this project
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low mod census tract 15304 BG 1 (Keable Court)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Replacement of 700 LF of water main with new 8-inch on Keable Court
6	<b>Project Name</b>	Water Main Replacement, Brockport
	<b>Target Area</b>	Brockport
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$60,000
	<b>Description</b>	Replacement approximately 700 LF of water main with new 8-inch DIP water main, including 9 service lines (approximately 500 LF), new saddles, corp stops, curb boxes, hydrant, removing old concrete curbing & installing new concrete curbing & paving.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
7	<b>Project Name</b>	Sidewalk Replacement, T/V East Rochester
	<b>Target Area</b>	East Rochester
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	Sidewalks installed in 1974 and new sidewalks will be ADA compliant.
	<b>Target Date</b>	

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	715 people can benefit from this project
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low mod census tract 12100 BG 2 and census tract 12000 BG 2 (400 block of Main Street)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	450 LF of curbing will be replaced and 3,000 SF of new sidewalks will be constructed on Main Street
8	<b>Project Name</b>	Sanitary Sewer Relining, Fairport
	<b>Target Area</b>	Fairport
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$39,200
	<b>Description</b>	Cured in place pipelining of approx. 763 LF of sanitary sewer main on Frank St.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	195 people can benefit from this project
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low mod census tract 11800 BG 1 (Frank St between East St to a point approximately 161 ft. west of Maple St)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Reline 763 LF of sanitary sewer main on Frank Street
9	<b>Project Name</b>	Gutter Replacement, Village of Scottsville
	<b>Target Area</b>	Scottsville
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	Replacement of 1815 lf of gutters.
	<b>Target Date</b>	



	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	575 people can benefit from this project
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low mod census tract 14700 BG 2 (Diana Drive/Heather Lane/Briarwood Lane)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Replacement of 1,815 LF of gutters on Diana Drive/Heather Lane/Briarwood Lane
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Sidewalk Replacement, Village of Webster
	<b>Target Area</b>	Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	Remove the existing 4-foot-wide sidewalks and replace them with new 5-foot-wide accessible sidewalks along the west side of Kircher Park between East Main Street and Lyon Drive. Rehabilitate a section of sanitary sewer system to protect the Donovan Park neighborhood.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,235 people can benefit from this project
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low mod census tract 11400 BG 1 (Kircher Park and Donovan Park)
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Replace 1,075' of sidewalks on west side of Kircher Park. Reline 1,850' of sanitary sewer pipe	
	<b>Project Name</b>	Safety and Security for Seniors, LifeSpan of Greater Rochester

11	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide essential public services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services (Community Development)
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,000
	<b>Description</b>	Services for seniors in suburban Monroe County including in-home safety assessment and minor home safety modifications and intervention on scam and fraud.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	865 seniors will benefit from this program/project

	<b>Location Description</b>	Services will be provided to seniors throughout suburban Monroe County, excluding the towns of Greece and Irondequoit
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	350 suburban seniors will receive home environmental/fall prevention assessments and minor home modifications; 500 attendees at community outreach and educational presentations; 15 cases of consultation, advocacy, investigation, and resolution for potential scams and fraud.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Goodwill Vision Enterprises (fka ABVI) Glass Crushing Operation
	<b>Target Area</b>	Henrietta
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide essential public services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services (Community Development) Business / Jobs Development (Economic Development)
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$40,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funding for purchase of glass crushing machine for new Glass Crushing Operation division
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The machinery will create a minimum of 3 jobs, at which 51% of which will be held by LMC qualified individuals
	<b>Location Description</b>	The new operation will be located in Henrietta, however, the jobs created will be available to qualified candidates who live in areas throughout Monroe County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Purchase a new glass crushing machine to divert glass away from landfill and be reused as construction material
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	VOA Farm Fresh Hydroponic Farm
	<b>Target Area</b>	Gates East Rochester Webster Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide essential public services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services (Community Development)
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$4,500

<b>Description</b>	Funding for the purchase of seeds and cost of utilities to support the operation of VOA's Hydroponic Farm to provide fresh produce and distributed to seniors and formerly homeless individuals and families, food pantries and/or churches in food dessert areas/suburban Monroe County
<b>Target Date</b>	
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The farm will provide fresh produce on a monthly basis to over 100 seniors, 100 formerly homeless individuals and families, and approx. 10 food pantries and/or churches with food distribution programs with suburban Monroe County
<b>Location Description</b>	The hydroponic farm will be located in Rochester but will serve the entire county including Gates, East Rochester, Webster (Town and Village)
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Purchase see and pay utility costs associated with the growing and cultivating fresh produce for distribution to seniors, formerly homeless, and food pantries/churches
<b>Project Name</b>	Expanding Housing Opportunities, The Housing Council at PathStone

14	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide essential public services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services (Community Development)
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$45,000
	<b>Description</b>	Comprehensive rental management and educational program for tenants, landlords, and home buyers and sellers, real estate professionals and other housing providers for suburban residents and county-wide fair housing guidance
	<b>Target Date</b>	

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	40 landlords with education on how to manage rental properties fairly and effectively, as well as 100 renters with education on their housing rights and access to services
	<b>Location Description</b>	Services will be provided at The Housing Council offices and online via Zoom
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Comprehensive rental management and educational program for tenants, landlords, and home buyers and sellers, real estate professionals and other housing providers for suburban residents and county-wide fair housing guidance
15	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Stability Program, The Housing Council at PathStone
	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide essential public services

<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services (Community Development)
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000
<b>Description</b>	Provide mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling and outreach to at-risk homeowners and information and/or counseling for those considering HECM or reverse mortgage options
<b>Target Date</b>	
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	75 low-mod income households in suburban Monroe County will benefit from this services
<b>Location Description</b>	Services will be provided at The Housing Council offices and online via Zoom
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling and outreach including Home Equity Conversion Mortgage counseling
<b>Project Name</b>	Homeownership Program, The Housing Council at PathStone

16	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide essential public services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services (Community Development)
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$60,000
	<b>Description</b>	Homebuyer pre- and post-purchase counseling, credit restoration assistance and assist approximately 25 homebuyers to enable them to purchase their 1st homes in suburban Monroe County, 6 of whom with direct closing cost and down payment assistance
	<b>Target Date</b>	



	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	190 low-mod income households will benefit from this service, approximately 6 homeowners will benefit from down-payment and closing cost assistance from County HOME direct subsidies.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Services provided are to suburban residents and homebuyers in Monroe County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Initial personal interviews and counseling to 100 families and credit restoration assistance to over 90 families. Homebuyer pre- and post-purchase workshops and financial assistance for at least 25 first-time homebuyers to enable them to purchase their first home in suburban Monroe County, 6 of whom with direct closing cost and down payment assistance
	<b>Project Name</b>	Home Improvement Program (HIP)

17	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$514,726 HOME: \$923,860
	<b>Description</b>	Provide owner occupied homeowners a grant of up to \$20,000 for eligible home repairs including structural (roof, foundation, windows, exterior paint or siding), major systems (plumbing, heating, or electrical) and accessibility accommodations (ramps, lifts, doorways, bathrooms).
	<b>Target Date</b>	

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	70 income eligible owner occupied homeowners will benefit from this program
	<b>Location Description</b>	throughout suburban Monroe County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	home improvement repairs including structural (roof, foundation, windows, exterior paint or siding), major systems (plumbing, heating, or electrical), and accessibility accommodations (ramps, lifts, doorways, bathrooms)
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Lead Testing and Clearance, Proway
	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Repair and conserve existing housing stock

<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
<b>Description</b>	Lead testing and clearance for homes in the Home Improvement Program built before 1978.
<b>Target Date</b>	
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Outcomes will be reported through completed home improvement projects
<b>Location Description</b>	throughout suburban Monroe County
<b>Planned Activities</b>	lead clearances and visual assessments
<b>Project Name</b>	ED Loan and Grant Fund

19	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Economic Development and Job Training
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Business / Jobs Development (Economic Development)
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$120,000
	<b>Description</b>	Economic development loan or grant to for-profit business(es) in suburban Monroe County who create or retain jobs for low-moderate income individuals
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	4 FTE qualified jobs will be created/retained

	<b>Location Description</b>	Supported business(es) will be located in suburban Monroe County, excluding the towns of Greece and Irondequoit
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To provide economic opportunities to business owner(s) within suburban Monroe County with the goal of creating/retaining jobs for LMI qualified residents
20	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide planning and administration services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Planning / Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$383,982 HOME: \$155,241
	<b>Description</b>	General program administration of CDBG and HOME
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
21	<b>Planned Activities</b>	General administration of CDBG and HOME programs
	<b>Project Name</b>	Planning Services, Urban Vantage
	<b>Target Area</b>	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide planning and administration services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Planning / Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$16,000
	<b>Description</b>	Consultation for planning services related to affirmatively furthering fair housing, annual action plan, and consolidated annual performance evaluation report and other HUD related activities
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
<b>Location Description</b>	N/A	

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	consultation for planning services for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, and CAPER
22	<b>Project Name</b>	Program Delivery, Home Improvement Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Planning / Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	Program delivery for application financial review and construction management of Home Improvement program projects
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Outcomes reported with completed home improvement projects
	<b>Location Description</b>	for Home Improvement Projects throughout suburban Monroe County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	financial review, contract execution, and inspection for Home Improvement projects
23	<b>Project Name</b>	Program Delivery, Economic Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Economic Development and Job Training
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Business / Jobs Development (Economic Development)
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	Financial review and underwriting for Economic Development loan and/or grant program for businesses.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Outcomes will be reported with Economic Development loan/grant funded projects
	<b>Location Description</b>	assist businesses in suburban suburban Monroe County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Underwriting and financial review for businesses in suburban Monroe County

24	<b>Project Name</b>	Program Delivery, Planning Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Planning / Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	Environmental review and planning services for Home Improvement Program
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Outcomes will be reported with Home Improvement Program
	<b>Location Description</b>	throughout suburban Monroe County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Environmental review/assessments for home improvement
	<b>Project Name</b>	First-time Homebuyer



25	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	Closing cost and down payment direct subsidy for income eligible 1st time homebuyers purchasing their 1st home in suburban Monroe County
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5 LMI qualified First-time homebuyers

	<b>Location Description</b>	For homeowners who purchase their 1st home in suburban Monroe County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Direct down-payment and closing cost assistance to help approx 6 homeowners purchase their first home in suburban Monroe County
26	<b>Project Name</b>	Rental Housing Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	Hamlin
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$123,308
	<b>Description</b>	develop 2 new units to an existing single room occupancy property for individuals with developmental disabilities allowing those who are currently doubled-up to have their own rooms.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2 Individuals will benefit from this project
	<b>Location Description</b>	Brick Schoolhouse Road, Hamlin NY
<b>Planned Activities</b>	New construction to add 2 new 1 bedroom units, expanding the property from 10 units to 12 units to allow for individuals to have their own rooms	
	<b>Project Name</b>	Acquisition Rehab Resale

27	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$300,000
	<b>Description</b>	Acquisition of property, rehabilitation and resale of rehabbed property to income eligible 1st time homebuyers
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5 properties will be acquired through the acquisition rehab resale program to be sold to income eligible 1st time homebuyers
	<b>Location Description</b>	homes will be purchased in suburban Monroe County

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Acquire properties, rehabilitation, and resale the completed properties to income eligible 1st time homebuyers
28	<b>Project Name</b>	ESG 2023
	<b>Target Area</b>	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide essential public services Provide planning and administration services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services (Community Development) Planning / Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$160,987
	<b>Description</b>	
	<b>Target Date</b>	

<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	12 households will be supported through rapid rehousing, 40 households assisted with homelessness prevention, and 34 individuals will be assisted through coordinated access/street outreach
<b>Location Description</b>	Services will be provided throughout Monroe County service area in suburban Monroe County
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Homeless Prevention \$53,913(CFC \$16,913, HOPE Webster/Penfield \$37,000); Rapid Rehousing \$25,000, Street Outreach \$70,000 (PCHO \$35,000 Coordinated Access \$35,000); and administration \$12,074

## AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

Targeted areas are all within Monroe County's service area, including public facilities and infrastructure improvements in Gates, Henrietta, Penfield, Perinton, Sweden, East Rochester, Brockport, Fairport, Village of Scottsville and Village of Webster this year. Other than public facilities, funding that will be spent will be used to benefit low to moderate-income individuals, seniors, and persons with special needs throughout suburban Monroe County.

### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Monroe County Service Area block groups	100
Brighton	
Gates	
Henrietta	
Ogden	
Parma	
Penfield	
Perinton	
Rush	
Sweden	
Brockport	
Churchville	
East Rochester	
Fairport	
Hilton	
Pittsford	
Scottsville	
Webster	
Chili	
Clarkson	
Hamlin	
Mendon	
Riga	
Wheatland	
Honeoye Falls	
Spencerport	
Village of Pittsford	

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Village of Webster	

**Table 5 - Geographic Distribution**

**Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Funding was provided to municipalities for infrastructure improvements, met program priorities and if the projects are in low-mod census areas. Public services activities were funded at a rate not to exceed 15% of the annual CDBG allocation, including program income. The funds proposed for Planning and Administration, including program income will not exceed 20% of the annual CDBG amount, 10% of the annual HOME amount, and 7.5% of the ESG amount.

**Discussion**

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

Through the CDBG HOME, and ESG funds, Monroe County administers programs to preserve and increase access to affordable housing. The Home Improvement Program (HIP), funded with both CDBG and HOME provides income eligible homeowners with grants and/or loans for needed repairs, thereby maintaining affordability. Home funds are utilized to provide gap financing for the development of affordable rental housing development, acquisition rehabilitation and resale as well as down payment and closing cost assistance for homeownership opportunities to low-mod income individuals, families, seniors, and individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. ESG funds provide rental assistance for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	34
Non-Homeless	12
Special-Needs	2
Total	48

**Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	40
The Production of New Units	2
Rehab of Existing Units	70
Acquisition of Existing Units	5
Total	117

**Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

The Acquisition Rehab Resale program in suburban Monroe County makes available single family residential homes for homebuyers purchasing their first home. This is especially critical in our community with the competitive housing market. The homes sold through the Acquisition Rehab Resale program are only available to those who have completed homebuyer education and are low- to moderate- income first-time homebuyers who are often outbid by market rate homebuyers with less restrictions. Homes sold through the Acquisition Rehab Resale program are completed to code with updated major systems.

The Home Improvement Program allows our older adults to age in place because the decision to remain in the home due to market conditions is ever increasing with demand on single family homes at an all-



time high. However the challenges and financial decision of making major necessary improvements remains difficult to age in place without assistance of the HIP program to make the necessary improvements such as walk-in showers allows our older adults to age in place.

Monroe County designates the Community Liaison as Community Development's Fair Housing Officer. Any Fair Housing complaints must be in writing and must contain such information as the Community Liaison requires. Upon receipt of such complaint, the Community Liaison must furnish a copy of the same to the person or persons who allegedly committed or about to commit the alleged discriminatory housing practice. Within thirty (30) days after receiving a complaint, the Community Liaison must investigate the complaint and give notice in writing to the person aggrieved whether he/she/they intends to resolve it.

**AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)**

**Introduction**

The Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) and the Village of Fairport Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) manages the two publicly administered Section 8 Programs in Monroe County. RHA has developed its Annual, Five Year and Strategic Plans. The Strategic Plan action items have become part of the overall Annual and 5-Year Plan. RHA has submitted its Annual/5-Year Plan to HUD and will be updating its Strategic Plan. Once complete, it will be included in RHA’s Annual/5-year Plan. Established in 1955 as an independent public corporation by New York State Public Housing Law, RHA serves more than 27,000 lower-income residents and program participants in the five-county Greater Rochester area, by providing quality comfortable living and services for people with limited incomes. Approximately 20% of total residents served reside in the 2,200+ RHA public housing units. Public Housing Units available for: Over 50 & Disabled: Danforth Tower East/West, Glenwood Gardens, Hudson Ridge Tower, Kennedy Tower, and Parliament Arms. Disabled & Over/Under 50: Lake Tower, Lena Gantt Estates, Lexington Court, and University Tower. Family Housing: Bay-Zimmer Townhouses, Bronson Court, Federal Street Townhouses, Harriet Tubman Estates, Holland Townhouses, Lena Gantt Estates, Lexington Court, and Parkside Apartments. Enriched Housing: Danforth Tower East, Hudson Ridge Tower, Johnathan Child. Single, Double, and Multiple Unit Scattered Site Homes. Resident Services: Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a voluntary employment and savings incentive program designed to assist families in becoming economically independent and self-sufficient. Supportive services in the program include homeownership, training for jobs, education, and life skills to help families reach their goals in 5 years. Service Coordination for RHA Elderly and Disabled Residents, including health and wellness, money and employment, transportation and more. The FURA Section 8 program territory encompasses the town of Macedon within Wayne County and the eastern part of Monroe County including the town and villages therein, of Irondequoit, Webster, Penfield, East Rochester, Brighton, Henrietta, Pittsford, Perinton, Mendon, and Rush. Currently, FURA administers eighteen (18) Section 8 Project-Based units, ten (10) at Crosman Senior Apartments and eight (8) at Fairport Apartments. Current program demographics through FURA’s Section 8 program reflect a total of 218 elderly and disabled families, and 200 other eligible households (i.e.: non-disabled families and 2-adult households). The average annual total household income of participants in FURA’s program is \$18,245. The average Housing Assistance Payment is \$537 and the average tenant payment for rent and utilities is \$413. FURA is authorized to administer 497 vouchers.

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

RHA is continuing its initiative to “Change the Face of Public Housing” by renovating and constructing new units that residents will be proud to call home. Current projects are RHA’s Bond-Hamilton, Edinburgh St., Thomas St., and Bronson Court Apartments located in the city of Rochester. RHA will continue its “Beautification Initiative” for all its public housing developments that will not only enhance curb appeal but the rest of the property as well. RHA will continue to provide quality affordable housing and services for its residents. RHA meets with resident councils, resident Commissioners, staff and

neighborhood associations to address needs and discuss upcoming projects. RHA has established a Resident Relations Committee which reports out to the Board of Commissioners. The Committee is comprised of RHA staff, resident commissioners, and resident council presidents who bring ideas and discussion items to each meeting. RHA takes all suggestions and recommendations from these sources into consideration when preparing the five-year Capital Improvement plan. Due to ever changing conditions, items are prioritized and can fluctuate within the plan from year to year. There are currently multiple projects in various stages, and more are being planned for the upcoming year. RHA will typically undertake roof replacement, driveway resurfacing, and porch restoration/replacement projects at several scattered site properties throughout the year. Focused investment of capital funds will occur at RHA's Bronson Court Apartments, Atlantic Townhouses, and Lexington Court Apartments. RHA was awarded a NYS Preservation Opportunity Program grant to develop plans for the preservation of public housing, which resulted in physical needs assessments (PNA) and environmental testing performed at most Public Housing locations. All the data is currently under review and will be categorized for each site which will enable RHA to create a pipeline of preservation/renovation/development strategies for sites like Harriett Tubman Estates, Lena Gantt, Holland Townhouses, Lexington Court, various high-rises, Bay-Zimmer Apts., and scattered sites RHA is advancing the redevelopment of its public housing sites; Federal Street Townhouses/Scattered Sites Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) project that is scheduled to close in Spring 2023, Parliament Arms-Fairfield Village which is scheduled to close Fall of 2023, Fernwood Phase I with financing applications submitted and Glenwood Gardens redevelopment project is in the design phase. These redevelopment projects may increase or decrease the number of available public housing units with the goal of increasing the number of quality affordable housing units. RHA has room in its Faircloth limit to add public housing units to its portfolio. RHA was awarded Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and other sources of funding to redevelop Federal St. Townhouses/Scattered Sites and has applied for LIHTC's for other projects. RHA may also issue its own bonds for development activities and acquiring property. RHA intends to apply for NYS funding opportunities for development and capital improvement activities and acquiring property. RHA intends to apply for NYS funding opportunities for development and capital improvement activities. RHA will be applying to New York State Housing and Community Renewal's Public Housing Preservation Program (PHP) when the NOFA is available. PHP is a partnership among HCR, HUD, Federal Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) outside New York City, and collaborating with private for profit and non-profit developers to address the needs of these properties and assist RHA in completing their plans to ensure the long-term sustainability of existing public housing units.

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

RHA is committed to continuously improving communication between management and its residents and program participants and continues to work with area partners to provide services. RHA has created a new position, Public Participation Coordinator, to increase resident participation in self-sufficiency program offerings. RHA will continue to develop and promote its Section 3 program, resident councils and advisory board. RHA has established a Resident Relations Committee which reports out to the Board

of Commissioners. The Committee is comprised of RHA staff, resident commissioners and resident council presidents who bring ideas, discussion items to each meeting. RHA's Resident Services will continue to assist with resident needs and actively engage in homeownership opportunities and self-sufficiency program development. RHA intends to perform physical needs and environmental assessment of its public housing scattered site units and determine which single-family units will be designated for homeownership. Current residents will be given first option to purchase the home. RHA may use capital funds and/or operating reserves to renovate designated public housing scattered site homes prior to being offered for homeownership. RHA has implemented a homeownership plan that will include HUD's Section 32 Homeownership. This comprehensive plan outlines the requirements and guidelines of the program. RHA has 7 public housing residents to purchase their public housing home. RHA is submitting its Special Application Center submission to continue the process. RHA has surveyed additional public housing residents in an effort to create a pipeline of Section 32 homeowners. Thus far, 41 responses have been submitted and the Resident Services department will meet one on one with each resident who wishes to purchase their home and create a path to successful homeownership. In addition to the Plan, RHA has developed a post homeownership program to assist families in maintaining their homes and ensuring homeowners that they have somewhere to go for assistance when they need it. RHA intends to increase utilization of homeownership vouchers through increased outreach. RHA intends to seek partners who will grow and assist family self-sufficiency initiatives. RHA continues to improve use of its community-based Computer Labs with faster service, new equipment, and utilize Community Service hours to monitor computer labs. RHA may utilize unused (Tenant Participation Funds) Per Unit Monies (PUM) of developments without an active Resident Council to create a Youth Employment and Education Program (YEEP) for public housing residents. RHA has started an annual scholarship for youth and adults to promote self-sufficiency. RHA plans to promote other scholarship opportunities for public housing residents and HCVP Participants utilizing partnerships and sponsoring various activities to obtain funds, including grants, and unused resident participation funds. RHA plans to create a building trades pre-apprenticeship program by partnering with various groups who will provide hands-on training for public housing residents and HCVP Participants. RHA will explore and create new partnerships and seek funding opportunities to create a Youth, Sports, and Fine Arts Chapter to enhance the outreach opportunities for youth to participate in routine and non-traditional leisure activities including but not limited to golf, swimming, basketball, dance, performing arts, scuba diving, football, tennis, writing, and much more. RHA will partner with the Boy Scouts and work together to bring scouting opportunities to its families. RHA intends to create business opportunities for resident councils and/or the Jurisdiction-wide Resident Council or individual residents.

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

## **provided or other assistance**

This is not applicable since RHA has never been designated as a troubled Public Housing Authority (PHA).

## **Discussion**

(con't) HCR, RHA and HUD will coordinate to develop and implement a five-year strategy to preserve public housing units, address their need for capital improvements, and ensure their continued affordability. RHA intends on using Capital Funds to further its mission of "Changing the Face of Public Housing" and make needed repairs to its Public Housing stock. RHA will identify sites based on physical needs assessment and environmental testing reports, prioritize the most strategic use of its funds to preserve its housing stock. RHA will participate in task forces and initiatives to address the housing quality, homelessness, and emergency housing needs in the community. RHA completed a comprehensive physical needs assessment on all of its public housing properties. There was an emphasis on prioritizing single family units for homeownership. Work performed will include landscaping, paving, HVAC upgrades, and interior and exterior improvements. RHA will continue to reduce unit turnaround time for vacated housing units so that they can be filled with applicants from the waiting list. RHA will engage in energy saving projects such as lighting, water conservation, and more efficient HVAC systems that will improve the quality of life for residents. RHA Resident Services also works to partner with other agencies that can assist residents in self-sufficiency initiatives and goals. Homeownership, training, employment, life skills, and financial education continue to be a focus in the upcoming year. RHA has been awarded HUD Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Resident Opportunity & Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grants and contributes additional funds to further its mission of assisting residents and participants in becoming self-sufficient.

FURA awarded 28 additional Project Based Vouchers (PBV) through an RFP process in 2021. 20 PBVs were awarded to Rochester's Cornerstone Group for a 150 new construction supportive senior housing development at Marketplace Mall. Financing includes HFA bonds, Supportive Housing Opportunity Program funds, NYSEDA, ESSHI, Monroe County HOME. FURA has executed an agreement for Housing Assistance Payment with Cornerstone. Construction has begun with completion by June 2024. The remaining 8 PBVs were awarded to PathStone Development Corp for new construction of a 74-unit senior housing development on Baird Road in Fairport. Financing for the project includes LIHTC HTF, NYS HCR HOME, and NYSEDA. This project is currently under AHAP and FURA. Construction will begin soon. The project is expected to be completed in October 2024. FURA will be opening its Section 8 and Project Based Waiting list in May 2023. The list has been closed for nearly 3 years. Typically, FURA's Section 8 waiting list will remain open until there is a 2 year wait time for rental assistance. For the first time, FURA will be accepting applications electronically through a wait list portal. Applicants will be encouraged to apply online through the portal, however, paper applications will also be available to those who wish to apply in person or by mail.

Effective July 2023, FURA will be implementing a new landlord outreach and incentive program to improve low-income housing opportunities to program participants. FURA will engage in proactive

outreach to recruit landlords and will offer financial incentives to new landlords who lease units to program participants. Other financial incentives will be available to mitigate concerns over financial loss due to action or inaction of a tenant. This will help to retain existing landlords and recruit new landlords who are reluctant to participate in the program. Semi-annual landlord forums will be held to facilitate positive relationships with new and existing landlords. Section 8 staff will provide current and upcoming program information and discussions will be encouraged to allow landlords to discuss concerns or questions.

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

Monroe County will continue to work with the Continuum of Care to coordinate services to the homeless and to provide outreach and other services, emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing to persons experiencing homelessness and/or with special needs. Coordinated Entry (CE) and the Housing First model are the primary tools that will end chronic homelessness. Through CE, the Chronically Homeless are prioritized for placement into permanent supportive housing. All CoC and ESG programs incorporate housing first principles into their programs to reduce barriers to accessing housing and to reduce terminations from programs. In 2016, the Rochester/Monroe County CoC reached functional zero toward ending veteran homelessness. Functional zero status does not mean that veterans won't become homeless; but it means that the CoC now has sufficient resources to get veterans into appropriate housing quickly and that veterans remain stably housed. The CoC, City, and County continue to partner with the Veterans Administration, Veterans Outreach Center, and other organizations serving veterans to ensure current resources are maintained and support new housing units targeted to veterans. To end homelessness for families and dependent children, the primary strategies being utilized are diversion and rapid re-housing. Strategies to end homelessness for unaccompanied youth include outreach, transitional housing and a rapid re-housing dedicated to young adults (ages 18 – 23). The CoC will continue to pursue additional resources for homeless youth through HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grants. Transitional housing, rapid re-housing programs and permanent supportive housing programs serving the re-entry population are proving to be successful in assisting this population with accessing and remaining stable in permanent housing. The Coordinated Entry system fully implemented in January 2018 aids in reaching these goals by employing diversion strategies to prevent entry into the homeless system and vulnerability assessments to ensure that those with the highest needs are prioritized and are referred to the programs that will best meet their needs. Consistent with the 2012 Homelessness Resolution Strategy, Rochester will: Continue to implement diversion as the first response to a housing crisis; Emphasize a rapid rehousing/housing first approach for the entire system; Increase Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) resources; Use Progressive Engagement in Providing Services; improve practice and capacity in PSH programs by targeting PSH to people with the highest needs based on the vulnerability assessment tool, building PSH provider capacity, integrating employment services into PSH programs, and implementing a "Moving On Strategy" from PSH interventions; Implementing data-driven decision-making and evaluation; and ensuring leadership and accountability.

**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**

Person Centered Housing Options (PCHO) and the Rapid Engagement Demonstration (RED) Team will continue to identify and engage the unsheltered homeless. PCHO, RED, MC Collaborative, and the Veteran Administration regularly visit soup kitchens, libraries, and public places that unsheltered homeless adults frequent. Youth street outreach workers will continue to regularly engage homeless and at-risk youth on the street, recreational centers, and other locations that youth frequent. The objective is to engage with the unsheltered homeless and link them with housing, services, and mainstream benefits. Additional outreach is conducted during the Code Blue season, when temperatures fall below 32 degrees. Any person requesting emergency shelter when the temperature is below 32 degrees must be placed in shelter or if there are no shelter beds available, in local hotels. Youth service providers will continue to utilize street outreach workers who use a mobile unit to conduct ongoing, regular outreach efforts with homeless and at-risk youth, including LGBT youth. Services include medical screenings (including HIV testing), condom distribution, and linking youth to community-based services and income streams. Homeless youth who agree to placement are transported to emergency shelters. Veterans outreach workers visit shelters, soup kitchens, and other locations in an effort to identify homeless veterans and link them to the VA and community-based services. Street outreach is conducted to engage the unsheltered homeless in the locations where they are known to congregate (e.g., encampments, parks, etc.). Specialized Office of Mental Health (OMH) outreach workers connect with homeless persons experiencing serious mental and/or substance abuse issues. Outreach workers who speak Spanish and other languages participate in these efforts.

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

Monroe County works with the CoC and its partners to carry out outreach and services to homeless persons and to provide emergency shelter for all homeless populations; homeless youth, veterans, victims of domestic violence, persons with chemical dependency and/or mental health issues and other homeless individuals and families. Transitional housing is provided for homeless youth, veterans, and re-entry populations many of whom have chemical dependency and/or mental health issues. The emergency shelter system was greatly impacted by COVID-19. Shelters were decompressed (census reduced) in late March of 2020 to ensure social distancing guidelines could be followed by shelters. This was accomplished by placing those who would be most vulnerable to COVID based on age and/or chronic health conditions into hotels where they would have their own rooms. By the end of 2021, most shelters were back at their optimum capacity and shelter occupancy is approaching pre-COVID numbers.

**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**

To end homelessness among households with dependent children, the CoC is utilizing Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs. RRH provides short term rental assistance and case management services to move families from shelter to permanent housing quickly and ensure housing stability. It is also providing diversion assistance for those who have a viable alternative to a shelter but require some support. The CoC plans to increase the number of homeless households with children assisted through RRH projects by working with TH projects serving families to help them restructure using a RRH model and by soliciting housing organizations without such programs to create new RRH projects. ESG funding supports Coordinated Care Services, Inc.'s Rapid Rehousing program (RRP) that responds quickly to households referred through coordinated entry, secures appropriate PH, and uses an array of mainstream benefits and supports to maximize resources, increase housing stability and reduce repeat episodes of homelessness. RRH projects have sought and been awarded funding from other sources (e.g., NYS OTDA, and HUD CoC Funding), and this effort will continue. The needs of domestic violence victims, including their families, will continue to be broadly addressed. The Rochester/Monroe County Domestic Violence Consortium, with 50-member organizations from human services and the legal system, promotes a coordinated community response to domestic violence. In addition, staff of housing providers who serve domestic violence victims are trained in trauma-informed care and safety planning. Willow DVC serves people who are victims of domestic violence (or at risk) along with their children, offering counseling, education, and a secure shelter, whose location is not publicly identified. A 24-hour hotline provides information on housing and services for domestic violence victims. Willow DVC has stringent policies to ensure the safety and privacy of its clients, and names and other identifying data are not entered into HMIS. YWCA, LAWNY and Willow operate a rapid rehousing project for households experiencing domestic violence. For the past several years, there has been a DV Bonus Project opportunity as part of the annual HUD CoC funding competition. A Rapid Rehousing project was submitted but not selected for an award. The Center for Youth (CFY) Services Center House provided emergency housing and services for unaccompanied homeless youth, ages 12-17. CoC will continue to offer a range of outreach, emergency, and transitional housing and support services available through CoC and other funding resources. The Center for Youth (CFY) operates a RRH program for Transition Age Youth (ages 18 – 24) in our community. Youth providers have a common intake form, work together closely, and meet on a monthly basis to ensure that homeless youth have access to safe housing and services. In all cases, before a youth leaves a program, the youth is linked to a family member or other responsible, supportive adult. Youth providers will continue to work with Monroe County Office of Mental Health (OMH) to ensure access to mental health services and ease transition from the youth to the adult mental health system. Youth ages 16-17 and 18-24 will be targeted separately and offered age-appropriate services, while youth as young as 12 will also be served. Genesis House, an emergency housing program for older homeless youth, ages 17-20, closed its doors due to insufficient funding. This was the only emergency housing program dedicated to this population. Homeless youth who are 18-20 are able to access the adult shelters.

## **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.**

Youth being discharged from foster care or other institutional settings typically return to their family of origin or another responsible family member or adult. When no such adult can be located, the youth is placed in a community program specifically designed to prepare youth for independent living. CoC will continue to educate homeless providers about the importance of ensuring that youth are not discharged into homelessness. Shelters have been instructed to immediately contact MCDHS to report the failed discharge plan if a youth is attempting to access homeless services. The youth is then connected to a caseworker who attempts to re-unite the youth with his/her family or other responsible adult and link him/her to appropriate services. If such a re-uniting is not possible, the youth is referred again to a community program that prepares youth to transition to independent living.

Hospitals have been encouraged to not discharge people with no available housing after hours or weekends so that they can first go to MCDHS for assessment and placement into a shelter that can best meet their needs. When this is not possible or patient leaves against medical advice, hospital social work staff have been provided with information on local emergency shelters (e.g., physical layouts, staffing, hours open) so a referral is made to the shelter that can best meet the person's needs. Hospital staff call the shelter to confirm a bed is available, any required follow-up care is communicated to shelter staff, and the patient is provided with a sufficient supply of medication. Three emergency shelters (12 beds) have beds dedicated for persons who are being discharged from hospitals, due to health or mental health who are homeless which provide additional support through the use of peers and Health Home Care Managers to transition to and stabilize in permanent housing.

Inpatient facilities licensed or operated by NYSOMH and NYSOASAS are encouraged to refer individuals to housing consistent with the level of care required by the patient and to not discharge patients until a comprehensive discharge plan is in place. Prior to discharge, individuals in need of supervised housing, and who agree to a referral are referred to the County Single Point of Access (SPOA). The SPOA facilitates housing assistance for eligible individuals and connects persons to mental health care coordination services. Through HSN, CoC will continue to educate stakeholders about the primary providers of licensed mental health residential beds (DePaul Community Services, East House, Housing Options Made Easy, Rochester Psychiatric Center), intensive case management programs (Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester General Health System, Unity Health System), and care coordination services (ACT Team, Project Link, MICA Net).

Ex-offenders are most frequently discharged to their families or to independent living under the supervision of parole. NYS Parole has contracts with several community agencies to place ex-offenders when no other housing can be located (e.g., Salvation Army Adult Rehab Center, Grace House, and

DuBois Re-Entry Program). NYS is implementing a pilot project in Monroe County for effectively linking eligible individuals from this population to Health Homes, which will provide enhanced care management, ensuring that enrollees are linked to housing and social services supports. CoC Team and Monroe County Re-Entry Task Force will continue to work closely, utilizing common members, to assist ex-offenders to successfully transition back into the community. Linking ex-offenders to mainstream resources will reduce the number of ex-offenders from entering the homeless system. Delphi, the umbrella agency for Monroe County Re-Entry Task Force operates a very successful RRH program for persons who are released and have no permanent housing identified.

## **Discussion**

**Con't from Helping homeless persons** Project Anchor, a new project that began operations in late 2022 is a partnership with MCDHS and Catholic Charities Family and Community Services (CCFCS) to provide a rental supplement up to 100% of the metro-Rochester FMR for households with incomes under 50% AMI to 300 households in Monroe County. Up to 50% of the rental supplements will be reserved for homeless individuals or families. Priority will be given to households involved in the Child Welfare System. The ability to pay 100% of FMR will increase the ability of households to remain stable in permanent housing, reducing the number of households entering the homeless system.

The primary strategy to address the needs of the chronically housing population is permanent, supportive housing (PSH). PSH provides a deep rent subsidy (participant pays 30% of income for rent) and on-going case management and support services to participants who have a long term disability and who have been homeless for more than one year, or have had four or more episodes of homelessness totaling at least one year in the past three years. There is no limit on the length of stay in PSH. Housing First principles have been adopted by all of the PSH programs in the CoC to reduce barriers to accessing housing. Chronically homeless persons are prioritized for entry into all PSH programs when openings occur. The CoC Strategic Plan includes a goal of increasing affordable, supportive housing programs for homeless populations using nonCoC funding. Two programs utilizing Empire State Supportive Initiative (ESSHI) funding for the chronically homeless opened in 2021. Two new ESSHI projects, a 24 unit project serving homeless and a 35 unit project for the chronically homeless began renting up in November and December 2022.

The Veterans Administration (VA) and the Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) will continue to exclusively serve homeless veterans in the CoC geography. Both the VA and VOC provide emergency and transitional housing options for veterans. Both also partner with the Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) to provide PSH options for Veterans. Referral to the PSH programs come directly from the VA and/or through Coordinated Entry. VOC and Eagle Star have recently opened affordable, supportive housing for veterans that have been funded through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI).

**Con't from Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless** The Reentry

Association of Western New York (RAWNY) recently began operations of a Reentry One Stop Center to provide services, support, and to make connections to community resources men and women returning home from incarceration from the Monroe County jail, state correctional facilities, and federal detention. Safe, affordable housing is the most requested service by persons who are criminal justice involved and one of the primary reasons for homelessness.

To reduce the time in Emergency Shelter (ES) or Temporary Housing (TH), the CoC has adopted a Housing First approach, which has resulted in eliminating many preconditions (e.g., sobriety, minimum income threshold) that can be barriers to accessing safe, affordable permanent housing. In addition, ESG funds have been used for rapid rehousing efforts, especially for families, to move them quickly to PH and reduce future episodes of homelessness. Data on the length of time that homeless individuals and families spend in CoC and ESG-funded ES, TH, and Supportive Housing (SH) programs are included in HMIS and will be used to track changes over time. Non-HUD funded projects are represented among the over 70 community agencies in the HSN, where members are educated on best practices and tools that can be used to reduce the length of time individuals stay homeless.

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction**

Monroe County is working to expand access to and knowledge of County administered community development services, such as the Home Improvement Program, first time homebuyer programs, and HOME funded affordable rental housing units by providing/conducting outreach, and by providing easily accessible information. Communities outside of the City limits struggle with vacant property issues and there are few high quality, homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income buyers in many Monroe County communities. In addition, the supply of single family residential properties for lower income homebuyers is limited and has been difficult to acquire with the current state of the housing market. Monroe County is continuing to fund the acquisition rehab resale program that will revitalize neighborhoods, increase inventory, and make available more affordable housing properties to first time homebuyers interested in purchasing their first home. Due to the foreclosure moratorium during the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased cost of properties, low-income homebuyers have had to compete for the purchase of homes with those who do not have the same funding or regulatory restrictions in the purchase of their home. Monroe County vacant properties are harder to purchase when competing/bidding with landlords who are purchasing properties for renters with no income restrictions. The need for affordable housing is especially acute for families and seniors in Monroe County. Local housing problems could be solved with more single family or family rental housing.

Monroe County is aware of the fact that nationwide, 61.7% of fair housing complaints were based on disability discrimination in 2019. During the COVID-19 pandemic, 31% of COVID-19 deaths in the US were older adults, staff, and caregivers in institutional settings as of June 2021. Nationwide, less than 1% of housing units are available to people who use a wheelchair full time. The impediments to available housing nationwide are also concerning in Monroe County because the CDC has found that adults with disabilities are twice as likely as those without disabilities to have inadequate transportation.

Monroe County will continue to work with partners in local governments, public housing providers, local developers, as well as community partners to help address housing needs of community members and promote and market affordable housing.

### **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 Update to the Analysis of Impediments (AI) indicates that discrimination continues to be the major negative factor in locating housing for seniors and families. The Plan is a multi-year plan designed to address barriers to housing in Monroe County for low-income families and individuals and members of protected classes. Monroe County will work with municipal, developers, and community partners

through outreach and engagement to promote and market affordable housing.

## **Discussion**

(con't from AP-65) To reduce the extent to which individuals and families leaving homelessness experience additional homeless episodes, the CoC will utilize prevention, diversion, and short-term rental assistance, and arrears payments. The Monroe County DHS Diversion Unit will continue to assist those at risk of homelessness with payments for such costs as back taxes, mortgage payments, auto repairs, and tools/uniforms for jobs. Returns to homelessness are also decreased as the result of less stringent compliance demands for participants, automatic renewals of leases, and ensuring that discharges are in accordance with fair housing requirements. Data in HMIS is used to determine if and when individuals and families leaving TH, RRH, and PSH experience another episode of homelessness in those cases where either they exit to homelessness or they exit to permanent housing, but subsequently re-enter the homeless system in the CoC geography. To improve the housing stability of persons in permanent supportive housing, the CoC will utilize the local Coordinated Entry System to ensure that households are directed to the housing and services that will best meet the needs of that household. Special attention is given to increasing access to mainstream supportive services and enhancing case/care management options to ensure effective integration of homeless housing & community-based services and supports.

## **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

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

Housing costs remain a burden to low-moderate income families as well as availability of units. Demands for resources continue to increase due to funding regulations and restrictions. Monroe County will continue to focus on: 1) creating and maintaining affordable housing stock; 2) continuing the Home Improvement Program to assist low income homeowners maintain their home and pay for necessary repairs; 3) continue to fund programs that assist job creation and retention and business expansion; 4) increase efforts to expand Section 3 new hires by increasing coordination with the City of Rochester, Rochester Housing Authority, RochesterWorks, Monroe County Human Services-Employment Assistance Division to assist contractors in finding and hiring low income individual and contracting with Section 3 businesses; 5) maintaining funding for the acquisition rehab resale program to increase housing stock and making available more affordable housing for first time homebuyers in suburban Monroe County.

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

Monroe County will: Create, maintain, and rehabilitate affordable housing stock; prioritize projects in communities where there is currently no affordable housing; and continue to fund public works/infrastructure improvement projects in low and moderate income areas. Monroe County's partnership with the Rochester Housing Development Fund Corporation (RHDFC)/Greater Rochester Housing Partnership (GRHP) has worked to expand the acquisition rehab resale program in suburban towns and villages. This program has, and will continue to increase affordable housing inventory and make available more single family units for homeowners interested in purchasing their first home in suburban towns and villages throughout Monroe County where housing stock is low and competitive for First time homebuyers.

This year, the GRHP staff have been awarded additional grant funding from a local bank to make available up to \$40,000 for three (3) properties in the County's acquisition rehabilitation resale program, which will offset the total development cost per project and allow Monroe County to maximize HOME funds to purchase additional properties to rehab and resale to income eligible homebuyers.

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

Monroe County will continue to enforce actions specific to its housing programs in lead-based paint hazard identification, disclosure, and reduction. These activities are expected to make up half of the repairs undertaken this year. Federal requirements for lead-safe work practices and contractor certifications have substantially increased the cost of home repairs, making it more difficult to accomplish steps necessary to ensure health and safety related deficiencies are corrected. All properties

purchased through the First-Time Homebuyer Program must have inspections for lead-based paint hazards prior to final approval of applications for assistance. Purchase subsidies are issued only after receipt of inspection reports indicating that no lead-based paint hazards are present at the time of purchase. Proway Management, a NYS Certified Women/Minority Owned Business, Rochester based lead paint testing firm provides \*risks assessment, lead based paint inspections, and clearance inspection services for the Home Improvement program participants. The Monroe County Department of Public Health's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program is funded by the NYSDOH. The current grant known as "Childhood Poisoning Prevention Program +" has been approved for a contract period of 10/1/21-9/30/26 with a total of \$5,175,000. The lead program conducts medical case management and environmental inspections for children with a known blood lead level  $\geq 5\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ . In 2022, the lead program identified 195 children with elevated blood lead levels. Inspections of housing units associated with the children were conducted in 181 units and 97 units were identified with lead hazards. Please refer to attached Monroe County maps which show number of children with confirmed Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLLs) above the current NYSDOH reference level of  $5\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$  blood lead level. The city of Rochester boarder is shown in purple. Local data show that children residing outside of the city continue to be at risk for lead poisoning and continue to have elevated blood lead levels above the reference value of  $5\mu\text{g}/\text{dl}$ . This data supports the continued effort to focus on lead hazard identification, remediation, and education when serving the residents of Monroe County. Lead Program Public Health Sanitarians conduct environmental inspections of properties to find lead hazards in homes where children with elevated lead levels reside or spend considerable time. Any hazards found must be remediated using Lead Safe Work practices and be conducted by a Certified Renovator. All properties must achieve lead dust clearance in accordance with current EPA standards. A Lead Program nurse ensures that children receive follow-up testing and care from their pediatric provider. Both sanitarians and nurses provide lead poisoning prevention education to parents and guardians.

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

Rochester Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) coordinated efforts to access the initial funding to establish two adult mentoring programs. Bridges to Success and Family Independence Initiative (FII). FII completed its first funding cycle and successful program, meeting its target outcomes of increased employment and earned income. Bridges to Success finished Cohort 1 last year and because it had better outcomes than FII was extended into a second cohort which is still in full operation. Bridges to Success in being run in partnership with Action for a Better Community serving 100 participants.

Monroe County Department of Human Services and Rochester Rehabilitation are partnering in a program "Paths to Empowerment." This program will support individuals who are making the transition from public assistance to self-sufficiency. The program will coordinate existing resources and make linkages to community resources to maximize success for persons working toward employment retention.

The CoC is focusing on increasing income for all participants in CoC funded homeless



programs. Activities include ensuring participants are receiving all public benefits that they are eligible for, creating a SOAR program that will assist participants with long term disabilities in securing SSI/SSDI benefits, linking participants to employment and educational services in the community, and providing financial literacy services. While linking people to public benefits may not always lift a household out of poverty, ensuring that all households have a source of income, health insurance and adequate food resources (SNAP, WIC, etc.) is essential.

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

Monroe County Community Development will continue to work collaboratively with the divisions in Planning and Development, other County departments, including the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, Office of the Aging, area service providers, the City of Rochester, the Rochester Housing Authority, the Fairport Urban Renewal Agency, Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH), the local Continuum of Care, and local towns and villages to enhance services and develop a more effective system for service coordination.

Monroe County is updating its Comprehensive Plan, known as Plan Forward. The Plan when completed will address big, global concepts like sustainability, social equity, energy supply & conservation, and climate change adaptation in ways that are appropriate and unique to Monroe County, while at the same time addressing local challenges like accessibility, economic development, recreation, food accessibility, and transportation.

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

Community Development staff works collaboratively with the Department of Human Services, the City of Rochester, local towns and villages, local and state public and private housing agencies, including the Rochester Housing Authority and the Fairport Urban Renewal Agency. Coordination with public and private housing and social services agencies are a priority to enhance services and maximize resources.

Monroe County has re-established The Council of Governments (COG), which is an intergovernmental body made up of the chief elected officers of the County, City of Rochester and every town and village in Monroe County. The goal of this bipartisan assemblage is communication and collaboration to enhance government services for our community.

### **Discussion**

(con't from Actions planned to reduce lead-based pain hazards) The MCDOPH is currently executing a Healthy Neighborhoods Grant. The grants run from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027. The focus of the grant is primary prevention for Tobacco Control, Fire Safety, Injury Prevention, Lead prevention, Indoor Air Quality, General Housing Conditions, and Asthma Control. Each year, Outreach workers will perform approximately six hundred (600) initial visits in zip codes 14605, 14608, 14609, 14611 and 14621, which

have well documented public health and housing issues. Additional zip codes may be added during this grant round. A total of 125 follow-up visits are also anticipated. Topics covered will include lead poisoning prevention (deteriorated paint, dust, cleaning, and nutrition), fire safety issues, carbon monoxide, general sanitation issues, code violations, electrical problems, tobacco cessation, general home safety, and controlling asthma triggers. Referrals will be made to MCDOPH programs and other agencies when problems are identified. During this grant round, the HNP grant manager intends to expand referrals made to outside agencies/programs that can provide additional assistance in home environmental issues, especially in relation to asthma and home repair/improvement.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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.	0.00%

#### 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:

Monroe County leverages HOME funds with other funding secured by its housing partners to develop affordable homeownership and rental housing. Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and other non-profit housing developers apply for and receive funding from

Annual Action Plan  
2023

79

state and local resources with leveraged support from the County's housing program, to enhance their applications with a final project that supports the goals from all agencies. Monroe County's investment of HOME funds is consistent with the forms of assistance included in 24 CFR 92.205(b).

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:

Monroe County, through the HOME program, provides conditioned grants up to \$10,000 of down payment assistance and closing cost assistance to income eligible applicants below 70% of Area Median Income (AMI), and a maximum of \$5,000 for income eligible applicants between 71-80% of AMI for First Time homebuyers to reduce the cost of purchasing their first home.

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:

Monroe County will provide the CHDO Home Investment Partnership program funds to acquire property in accordance with 24 CFR Part 92. At the time a FTHB applicant enters into a purchase agreement for an eligible property (the "Property"), they accept the amount, terms, and conditions of Buyer's Agreement. Home buyers will execute a Note and Mortgage with a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant. Language for the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant will be as follows: Title of the PROPERTY is conveyed subject to the following restrictions: The Property was acquired with the assistance of funds from Monroe County Home Investment Partnership Funds provided under 24 CFR Part 92. As a condition of the subsidy, the Property must be the Owner's Principal Residence ("Principal Residence" shall mean that the Owner must reside at the Property for any consecutive nine months in each year of the Affordable Housing Period and it must be his/her principal residence) for ten (10) or fifteen (15) years dependent on the Home Investment from the date of this deed. If the Affordable Housing Period has not expired and the Owner sells, rented, title is transferred voluntarily, or in case of bankruptcy, foreclosure, etc., or if the OWNER otherwise fails to occupy the Property as his/her Principal Residence; The Owner agrees to sell the Property to a low-income family as defined in the Regulations that will use the Property as its Principal Residence for the duration of the ten (10) or fifteen (15) year period. Documentation must be provided to Monroe County verifying the prospective buyer's income eligibility. The price at resale must (1) ensure that the Property will remain affordable to a reasonable range of low-income homebuyers, and (2) provide the Owner a fair return on investment (including the Grantee's investment and any capital improvement). These affordability restrictions and residency requirements shall terminate upon foreclosure or transfer in lieu of foreclosure. The County may use purchase options, rights of first refusal, or other preemptive rights to purchase the housing before foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure to preserve affordability. Nonetheless, these affordability restrictions shall be revived according to the original terms if, during the original Affordable Housing Period, the Owner of record before the foreclosure, or deed in lieu of foreclosure, or any entity that includes the Owner or those

with whom the Owner has or had family or business ties, obtains an ownership interest in the Property.

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:

This is not applicable. Monroe County does not use HOME funds to refinance debt.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

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

The County, the City of Rochester, the Continuum of Care (CoC) and HSN (a collaboration of more than 60 local homeless services, legal, primary care, mental health, substance abuse, re-entry providers and community stakeholders) have met throughout each program year to jointly plan for ESG. In keeping with past practice of providing the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program Desk Guide March 2001 to all sub-recipients, the County and City has provided sub-recipients and community providers that coordinate with them the Emergency Solutions Grant Rules and Regulations, and tools available to date including Definition of Homelessness (Criteria for Defining Homeless and Record Keeping Requirements), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Components and Activities. The County and the City provided sub-recipients with information about the new homeless definition and eligibility, documentation and record requirements and HMIS participation. The CoC provides HMIS licenses and training to the County's ESG sub-recipients.

Written standards are attached for Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Shelter Operations, Homeless Prevention, and Rapid Rehousing. These programs are eligible for ESG funding.

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

Coordinated Entry is defined by HUD as a consistent and streamlined process for accessing the resources available in the homeless crisis response system...ensuring that those with the highest need, most vulnerable households in the community are prioritized for services and that the housing and supportive services in the system are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

The intended target population for Coordinated Entry is all households or person(s) who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of experiencing homelessness in Rochester and Monroe County and seeking assistance from the local crisis response system, which includes prevention assistance and homeless system services. This includes single adults without children, adults

accompanied by children, families, unaccompanied youth, parenting youth, person(s) fleeing domestic violence, and veterans.

The community has agreed upon the use of a common assessment tool, known as the VI-SPDAT, to help identify the immediate needs of the household and begin directing them to the appropriate permanent housing intervention based on those needs. Interventions include Rapid Re-Housing for those; who have moderate needs and Permanent Supportive Housing, which will be reserved for those with the highest needs. Households scoring low on the assessment are identified as not needing a housing intervention and are likely able to resolve their homelessness without ongoing assistance. The VI-SPDAT score will be used as one of the determinants in the community-wide prioritization model. While it is important to have an efficient and effective process by which households can access the homeless system, it is equally important for households to be quickly exited into the appropriate permanent housing that will best meet their needs and minimize their likelihood of returning to homelessness. The CE program is currently exploring options for a new assessment tool as the VISPDAT is no longer going to be supported by its developer, Org Code.

Prioritization is a critical component of a Coordinated Entry system to appropriately exit households to permanent housing and to ensure those with the greatest needs have timely access to services. CE has developed a prioritization model based on input from community stakeholders to establish a process to effectively identify those with the highest needs and connect them to the appropriate permanent housing more quickly. CE Workgroup meets regularly to determine how households are prioritized and what information will be used to determine the way in which the list is ordered. A by name prioritization list is now in place and all TH, PSH and RRH housing providers are only permitted to accept households that are referred through the Coordinated Entry prioritization process. The work group continues to meet to make sure CE is functioning efficiently and makes revisions to policies and procedures as needed.

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).

Awards for the 2023-24 program year were based upon a 2022 Request for Proposal (RFP) process, which was jointly administered by the County and City. The notice was published by legal notice in The Daily Record and distributed via networks including those of the CoC and HSN and respectively on its established website. Awardees were chosen by a committee of County, County Department of Human Services, City, and CoC administrative board, and a formerly homeless community member. Services under this proposal cycle will run from August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2024.

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.

In compliance with Section 576.405(a) of the Interim Rule, the County has engaged persons who are currently or formerly homeless in their planning process. Formerly homeless persons are active members of the Homeless Services Network and are represented on the CoC Board and the HSN Steering Committee. Programs serving the homeless are also required to have homeless or formerly homeless persons involved in policy setting and decision making processes. Both permanent supportive housing and street outreach programs are utilizing persons with lived experience as peers to provide additional support to participants.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The County utilizes the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) to document program progress and monitor program performance on an ongoing basis. The County requires all ESG sub-recipients to submit data to HMIS as required by HUD. A Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is prepared annually by the County. Each ESG funded project uses HMIS to run their CAPER and download it directly into SAGE for the County to produce that report. The CoC will assist the projects as needed to do the submission. The CAPER contains a summary of resources and programmatic accomplishments, the status of actions taken in concert with the CoC to implement the strategies contained in the Consolidated Plan, and evaluation of progress made in addressing identified priority needs and objectives.

Performance Standards are in alignment with the new measures implemented with the HEARTH Act including: reducing the duration of homelessness; reducing recidivism; reducing the number of people who become homeless; increasing employment and income; and stability in permanent housing.

