

MOBILE COUNTY CONSORTIUM

2017 YEAR THREE ACTION PLAN

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Mobile County Commission serves as grantee and lead agency and as such is required to prepare an Action Plan for each year of the five-year planning period covered by the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan includes strategies for addressing some of the identified community needs with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME funds, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds.

This document, the Year Three Action Plan, outlines proposed activities to be undertaken with CDBG and HOME funds in PY2017 and also serves as an application for the grants. We did not receive ESG for PY2017. HUD announced the 2017 allocation on June 14, 2017. PY2017 allocations for Mobile County Consortium are \$1,362,464 in CDBG funds, \$437,574 in HOME funds. Accumulated Program income for the HOME program since January 6, 2017 to June 30, 2017 of \$422,357 is added to the HOME budget per HOME Commitment Interim Rule December 2, 2016.

The original five year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan which was adopted on April 13, 2015 had the Consortium's program year starting on June 1st and ending on May 31st. The County requested and was granted a change in the start and end dates of the Program Year. The new program year will start July 1 and end June 30th, effective PY17. Additional information on the five year consolidated plan can be found in Section ES-05 Executive Summary of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

The County will provide requested certifications of consistency with our Consolidated Plan in a fair and impartial manner for funding applications by other entities to address community needs.

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.

See Section AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives of this Action Plan.

The Consolidated Plan contains a range of goals, objectives, and outcomes formulated to address needs identified for homelessness, other special needs, affordable housing, non-housing community development, barriers to affordable housing, lead-based paint hazards, institutional structure, and coordination. These objectives include:

- Continue to collaborate with homeless providers to support Continuum of Care Services and HMIS System.
- Support services aimed at homeless prevention and the elimination of homelessness through rapid re-housing.

- Continue to plan, monitor and administer entitlement grant programs and ensure compliance with Federal Regulations.
- Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners.
- Increase development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership and rental housing opportunities.
- Increase the viability for potential homeownership and rental housing opportunities.
- Address community needs through community-based public service programs.
- Address community needs through improvements and expansion of public facilities and public infrastructure. These objectives are supported by a collection of associated strategies and performance goals. These strategies seek to work toward meeting the objectives stated, addressing the need for more affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, public facilities and infrastructure improvements, and public services. Specifics can be found in the Strategic Plan and in the Annual Action Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The County has continued to carry out the actions and strategies outlined in its Consolidated Plan. Except for instances where federal funding programs are not available or where resources could not be procured, the County has stayed with established priorities and commitments.

Mobile County has a history of successful programs funded through the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program. Of particular importance to the health of the county have been programs that address the condition of the housing stock. The County has successfully funded construction of affordable senior and family housing. The County also operates a successful program that provides down payment and mortgage assistance to new homebuyers. The County has worked actively with local homeless services providers to expand both the stock of units/beds available to homeless persons and services aimed at helping those persons find employment, housing, health care services, and educational opportunities. Details of past performance can be found in the County's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Over the years the County has 1) pursued all resources that it indicated it would pursue, 2) provided requested certifications of consistency with our Consolidated Plan in a fair and impartial manner for other entities to address community needs, and 3) not hindered Consolidated Plan implementation by action or willful inaction.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The development process for the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan has specific citizen participation requirements which are set forth in a Citizen Participation Plan adopted by the Mobile County Commission in 2002. In the process of compiling and developing the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans numerous forms of public input were solicited.

Consolidated Plan: Based on the Participation Plan, outreach included public forums, focus group meetings, an on-line survey, and consultation with public and private agencies and organizations to capture public input as to the priority needs for the next five years. Three Public Forums and Stakeholder Focus Group sessions were held. Supplemental interviews were conducted and information and input received. Attendees for the Focus Groups and Public Forums were gathered through invitations sent to select resident and community leaders, organizations, industry professionals and public officials, and a public meeting notice published in the local newspaper. Topics discussed in each Public Forum and Focus Group session included general issues related to the housing market, the condition of neighborhoods, community development needs, and concerns pertaining to fair housing choice in Mobile County. The Consolidated Plan format included discussions of the communities' priority needs for the next five years. Supplemental interviews were conducted with various community, social service, professional and industry representatives to obtain information from those unable to attend the sessions.

Participants in the focus groups and public forums as well as the general public were given an opportunity to complete a Priority Needs Survey as part of the Consolidated Plan process. The survey was presented at each of the aforementioned sessions and also made available on the County's website for completion and submission online.

Consultations were held with public and private agencies, elected and appointed officials, individual stakeholders and the public. Such officials and agencies included Mayors and other Elected or Appointed City Officials, the Mobile County Commission and public service agencies.

2017 Year Three Action Plan: At the initial planning and development stage, a notice of a public hearing was published on November 6, 2016 in the Mobile Press-Register (which is published in Mobile County and is one of the largest newspapers in the state) and on the County's website. The public hearing was held on November 17, 2016 to solicit citizen comments on housing and community development issues and to explain the application process. Public hearing locations are fully handicapped accessible.

Due to the late enactment of HUD's full 2017 fiscal year appropriation, which significantly shortened the window available to grantees to submit an Annual Action Plan, HUD issued a waiver reducing the public comment period associated with these plans from 30 to 14 days. Therefore an advertisement was published in the Mobile Press-Register on June 18, 2017 and on the County's website that provided notice of the July 6, 2017 public hearing and the public comment period, and included a summary of the draft Action Plan. The June 18, 2017 publication established the beginning of the minimum 14-day comment period that ended on July 6, 2017. The draft Action Plan was available for review at the City Halls of all Consortium member municipalities, at various libraries located throughout the County, at the Mobile County Commission (205 Government Street), and on the County's website. After giving consideration to any citizen comments received during the comment period and at the public hearing on July 6, 2017 a finalized PY17 Action Plan was prepared and adopted at the Commission meeting held on July 10, 2017.

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.

During the November 17, 2016 public hearing, general questions were asked about the types of activities that would be eligible for funding.

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

All questions asked were answered. No comments or views were received.

7. Summary

The Consolidated Plan provides a framework through which Mobile County manages its federal entitlement programs related to community development, housing, and homeless assistance. Data was provided through HUD's eCon software system, utilizing American Community Survey data and other sources, to construct the needs assessment and market analysis. The County worked with local service providers and other concerned citizens to develop the strategic plan and annual action plan, both designed to address needs within the County as identified through the public participation process and needs assessment.

Summary of Citizen Participation and Comment Period for the 2017 Action Plan

Mobile County published a notice of public hearing/comment period and a summary of the 2017 Action Plan on June 18, 2017 in the Mobile Press-Register and on the County's website. Copies of the 2017 Action Plan were available for public inspection beginning on June 19, 2017 at the following locations: Mobile County Commission, 205 Government Street. City Halls in: Bayou La Batre, Chickasaw, Citronelle, Creola, Mount Vernon, Prichard, Saraland, Satsuma, and Semmes. Public Libraries in: Chickasaw, Citronelle, Mount Vernon, Saraland, Bayou La Batre, Prichard, Semmes, Satsuma, and Mobile Main. The Plan was also available on the County's website. The 14-day comment period ended on July 6, 2017. Comments or suggestions concerning the Plan were to be submitted in writing by July 6, 2017 to Mr. John Pafenbach, County Administrator, Mobile County Commission, P.O. Box 1443, Mobile, AL 36633. A public hearing was held on July 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. during the Mobile County Commission meeting in the auditorium of Mobile Government Plaza located at 205 Government Street in Mobile, Alabama. After taking into consideration any comments received, the finalized 2017 Year Three Action Plan was adopted and approved for submission to HUD by the Mobile County Commission at its regular meeting on July 10, 2017.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	MOBILE COUNTY	Mobile County Commission
HOME Administrator	MOBILE COUNTY	Mobile County Commission
ESG Administrator	MOBILE COUNTY	Mobile County Commission

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

Mobile County works with a wide variety of agencies, organizations, and service providers in an effort to bring various viewpoints to bear in the identification of local housing and service needs. Ongoing relationships focused on specific needs and targeted meetings designed to bring public input into the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan process are two of the ways that the County utilizes outside organizations in the consultation process. A few of those agencies are listed below, but others were invited and/or participated that were not found in the HUD database. These agencies include: The Rape Crisis Center of Mobile; Semmes Woman's Club; Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama, Inc.; the Prichard, Chickasaw, and Mobile County Housing Authorities; Habitat for Humanity of South Alabama; South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC); and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The County has ongoing relationships with several housing providers (public, nonprofit and private) working on housing development activities. The County invites developers to apply for HOME funds in conjunction with Tax Credit deals. The County also works to utilize Section 8 and other vouchers from the Federal Government to address the housing needs of the County's lowest income households. Through the Continuum of Care process, the County maintains relationships with mental health providers, homeless shelter and services providers, and other governmental agencies with specific responsibilities for homeless individuals and families. The County also participates in a variety of other coalitions that seek to address other issues that relate to housing and service needs.

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.

County staff works actively with Housing First, Inc., the lead agency for the local umbrella for the development of the City and County of Mobile/Baldwin County Continuum of Care. Staff participates in regularly scheduled meetings and point-in-time surveys. The County has provided administrative support to supplement initiatives of the local Continuum of Care serving Mobile and Baldwin Counties, and also distributes Emergency Solutions Grant funding to the various agencies that make up the membership of the Continuum of Care. The County did not receive ESG funding for PY17.

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

The County consulted with Housing First, Inc., the lead agency for the local Continuum of Care and various homeless shelter providers, regarding the 2017 allocation of ESG funds in order to address the needs of the homeless population. Staff from Mobile County participates in the development of the Continuum of Care, working with area service providers to include County resources, to the extent possible, in the provision of services to homeless individuals and families in Mobile County. However, the County did not receive ESG funding for PY17.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing First, Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER OF MOBILE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Counseling Center of Mobile, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	OZANAM CHARITABLE PHARMACY, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	The Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	PENELOPE HOUSE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Legal Services of Alabama
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums.

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

No specific organizations were intentionally left out of the public participation process.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Housing First, Inc. as lead agency for the Continuum of Care Serving Mobile and Baldwin County	The Strategic Plan provides a set of goals for addressing homelessness, which are supported by the Mobile County Continuum of Care and its participating agencies. However the County did not receive ESG funding for PY17.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**Narrative (optional)**

The development of the Consolidated Plan and the component Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plans require the help of the local non-profit community and other organizations. Specific priorities are identified and ranked through that participation utilizing focus group sessions, forums, and surveys. The County relies on its ongoing relationships to ensure that these opinions and observations are incorporated into the Plans.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Consolidated Plan: Outreach included public forums, focus group meetings, an on-line survey, and consultation with public and private agencies and organizations to capture public input as to the priority needs. Three Public Forums and Stakeholder Focus Group sessions were held. Supplemental interviews were conducted and information and input received. Attendees for the Focus Groups and Public Forums were gathered through invitations sent to select resident and community leaders, organizations, industry professionals and public officials, and a public meeting notice was published in the local newspaper. Topics discussed in each Public Forum and Focus Group session included general issues related to the housing market, the condition of neighborhoods, community development needs, and concerns pertaining to fair housing choice in Mobile County. The Consolidated Plan format included discussions of the communities' priority needs for the next five years. Supplemental interviews were conducted with various community, social service, professional and industry representatives to obtain information from those unable to attend the sessions. Participants in the focus groups and public forums and the general public were given an opportunity to complete a Priority Needs Survey as part of the Consolidated Plan process. The survey was presented at each of the aforementioned sessions and also made available on the County's website for completion and submission online. Consultations were held with public and private agencies, elected and appointed local government officials, individual stakeholders and the public. Such officials and agencies included mayors and other elected or appointed city officials, members of the Mobile County Commission and public service agencies.

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consortium member municipalities, at various libraries located throughout the County, at the Mobile County Commission (205 Government Street), and on the County's website.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Three Consolidated Plan Forums and Stakeholder Focus Group meetings were held. A wide variety of individuals and social service agencies were invited to participate in the events. Surveys from meetings and online were linked to the County website. Responses provided direction with prioritization. Two public meetings were held for the 2017 Action Plan and a specific hearing for all the consortium member municipalities. A wide variety of individuals, elected officials, and agencies participated in the meetings.	Con Plan: The sessions identified a wide range of issues of concern to the attendees with regard to social and economic conditions, housing, public policy and awareness of fair housing, banking and mortgage lending issues, special needs housing, and public transportation. Action Plan: No comments were received.	All comments were accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The County did not receive ESG funding for PY17.

Mobile County is receiving funding from two federal grant programs, the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership. These two grant programs combined will bring resources into the county to support affordable housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects in the third program year. Additional funding for the third year will include HOME program income.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,384,790	0	0	1,384,790	3,201,445	Expected amount available for remainder of ConPlan is the sum of anticipated five year funding minus Year 1-3 allocation.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	437,124	422,357	0	859,481	1,034,372	Expected amount available for remainder of ConPlan is the sum of anticipated five year funding minus Year 1-3 allocation. Excludes one-time program income payment of \$350,000.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	0	0	0	0	0	The County did not receive ESG funds for PY17.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Match Requirements for the HOME Funds:

HOME funds match will be in the form of in-kind or cash contributions. If the total revenue match is larger than the required match expense, the difference will be accumulated to be used to meet match requirements when needed. In-kind or cash match will be contributed from the accumulated 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

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

Discussion

The County has programmed approximately \$2.2 million from the CDBG, HOME for the PY17. This sum includes the annual allocations and program income. These funds will be used to operate a range of private and public services as described later in the Action Plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	CDBG and HOME Administration	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Planning	Countywide CDBG Area Benefit	Demolition and Site Clearance Disability Services Domestic Violence Shelters Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Emergency Home Repairs Fire Equipment Health Services/Substance Abuse Housing Assistance - Homeownership Housing Development and Reconstruction Housing Repair Infrastructure Infrastructure (Culverts and Drainage) Legal Services Meals/Food Parks and Recreation Facilities Public Facilities and Community Facilities Senior Services Transportation Youth Services	CDBG: \$276,958 HOME: \$85,947 ESG: \$0	Other: 1 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Rental Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Housing Development and Reconstruction	HOME: \$773,534	Rental units constructed: 2 Household Housing Unit
3	Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Health Services/Substance Abuse Homeless Prevention and Emergency Assistance Legal Services Meals/Food Senior Services Transportation Youth Services	CDBG: \$207,719	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1043 Persons Assisted
4	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide CDBG Area Benefit	Infrastructure Infrastructure (Culverts and Drainage) Public Facilities and Community Facilities	CDBG: \$900,113	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 23908 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	CDBG and HOME Administration
	Goal Description	Provide funds for general program administration and planning.
2	Goal Name	Rental Housing
	Goal Description	Provide funds for acquisition, construction, development, rehabilitation, CHDO, and tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) for rental housing.
3	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide funds for public services that may include: general public services, senior services, handicapped services, legal services, youth services, transportation services, substance abuse services, battered and abused spouses, employment training, fair housing activities, tenant/landlord counseling, child care services, health services, abused and neglected children, subsistence payments homeownership assistance (not direct), rental housing subsidies, housing counseling, and other eligible activities.
4	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Provide funds for public facilities and infrastructure that may include: public facilities and improvements (general), senior centers, handicapped centers, homeless facilities (not operating costs), youth centers, neighborhood facilities, parks, recreational facilities, parking facilities, solid waste disposal improvements, flood drainage improvements, water/sewer improvements, street improvements, sidewalks, fire station/equipment, and other eligible activities.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects were developed by staff with consultation from non-profit service providers and community input through priorities established with involvement of the community survey.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	HOME Program Administration
2	CHDO: Acquisition/Construction of Affordable Housing
3	Acquisition/Construction Rental Housing
4	CDBG Administration
5	Rehab Facility for Handicapped Services, Irvington
6	Rehab of Facility for Handicapped Services, Mobile
7	Drainage Improvements - City of Prichard
8	Road Improvements - City of Creola
9	ADA Compliance Rehab to Senior Center and Municipal Building, Bayou La Batre
10	Semmes Senior Center Improvements
11	Homeless Prevention Legal Services
12	Prescription Drug Assistance
13	Child Abuse Victim Assistance
14	Senior Service Activities
15	Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy
16	Summer Youth Program
17	Financial and Homebuyer Counseling
18	Home Delivered Meals for Seniors

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The projects listed above were selected from the total project proposals received in accordance with their consistency with the priorities established through the Consolidated Plan forums and community survey process. These projects meet needs enumerated in the Needs Assessment and prioritization process to the extent that funding was available.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	CDBG and HOME Administration
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance - Homeownership Housing Repair Housing Development and Reconstruction Emergency Assistance Emergency Home Repairs Rental Housing Subsidies Transitional Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$85,947
	Description	Provide funds for planning, underwriting, and program administration. Funding sources include HOME Administration in the following amounts from Entitlement and Program Income respectively: \$ 43,712 and \$42,235.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	General program administration has no direct beneficiaries.
	Location Description	Mobile County Commission, Mobile Government Plaza, 205 Government St., South Tower, 8th Floor, Mobile, AL 36644
	Planned Activities	Provide funds for planning, underwriting, and program administration.
2	Project Name	CHDO: Acquisition/Construction of Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development and Reconstruction

	Funding	HOME: \$65,569
	Description	Provide funding to a CHDO organization for operating funds/development fees/acquisition/construction of affordable housing units.
	Target Date	7/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 low-moderate income household.
	Location Description	TBD
	Planned Activities	Provide funding to a CHDO organization for operating funds/development fees/acquisition/construction of affordable housing units.
3	Project Name	Acquisition/Construction Rental Housing
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development and Reconstruction
	Funding	HOME: \$707,965
	Description	Acquisition/Construction of Rental Housing. This is a multi-year funded project. Sources include PY15,PY16 and PY17.
	Target Date	7/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 Low/mod income households will be assisted.
	Location Description	TBD
	Planned Activities	Acquisition/Construction of affordable housing.
4	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	CDBG and HOME Administration
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Community Facilities Infrastructure Parks and Recreation Facilities Fire Equipment Demolition and Site Clearance Infrastructure (Culverts and Drainage) Homeless Facilities Code Enforcement Youth Services Child Care Services Disability Services Senior Services Health Services/Substance Abuse Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Meals/Food Transportation Legal Services Mental Health Services/Supportive Services Domestic Violence Shelters
	Funding	CDBG: \$276,958
	Description	Planning and general program administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	General program administration has no direct beneficiaries.
	Location Description	Mobile County Commission, Mobile Government Plaza, South Tower, 8th Floor, 205 Government St., Mobile, AL 36644
	Planned Activities	Provide funds for planning and general program administration.
5	Project Name	Rehab Facility for Handicapped Services, Irvington
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Community Facilities

	Funding	CDBG: \$47,971
	Description	Rehab of a facility that provides services for mentally and physically challenged individuals
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 60 mentally and physically challenged individuals.
	Location Description	Mobile ARC Southern Division 8553 Padgett Switch Rd, Irvington, AL 36544
	Planned Activities	Rehab of facility.
6	Project Name	Rehab of Facility for Handicapped Services, Mobile
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$175,000
	Description	Rehab of a facility that provides services for mentally and physically challenged individuals
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate 200 handicapped individuals will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Independent Living Center of Mobile 6750 Howells Fairy Road, Mobile, AL
	Planned Activities	Provide funds to rehabilitate a facility for Independent Living Center of Mobile. ILC provides various services for individuals with disabilities.
7	Project Name	Drainage Improvements - City of Prichard
	Target Area	CDBG Area Benefit

	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure (Culverts and Drainage)
	Funding	CDBG: \$66,142
	Description	Provide funds to improve drainage infrastructure in the City of Prichard, AL. Funding sources include PY11, PY12, PY13, PY14 and PY17 in the amount of \$94,907.14, \$78,235.36, \$106,684.50, \$106,295.00 and \$66,142.00 respectively, total funding equals \$452,264.00
	Target Date	7/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13672 low to moderate income persons.
	Location Description	Glendale Street, Prichard
	Planned Activities	Provide funds to improve drainage infrastructure in the City of Prichard, AL
8	Project Name	Road Improvements - City of Creola
	Target Area	CDBG Area Benefit
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Infrastructure (Culverts and Drainage)
	Funding	CDBG: \$371,000
	Description	Road improvements to Hall, Lyon, Hurst, and Ducey Road in the City of Creola. Roads will be improved up to amount of funds available.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 22 low to moderate households.
	Location Description	City of Creola

	Planned Activities	Road improvements to Hall, Lyon, Hurst, and Ducey Road in the City of Creola. Roads will be improved up to amount of funds available.
9	Project Name	ADA Compliance Rehab to Senior Center and Municipal Building, Bayou La Batre
	Target Area	CDBG Area Benefit
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Community Facilities Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$140,000
	Description	Provide funds for the rehabilitation and accessibility improvements of City hall and Community/Senior Center to be in ADA compliant within the City of Bayou La Batre. Funding sources include PY15, and PY17 in the amount of \$200,000.00, and \$140,000.00 respectively, total funding equals \$340,000.00
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2570 persons.
	Location Description	Bayou La Batre
	Planned Activities	Provide funds for the rehabilitation and accessibility improvements of City hall and Community/Senior Center to be in ADA compliant within the City of Bayou La Batre.
10	Project Name	Semmes Senior Center Improvements
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000

	Description	Provide additional funds for Semmes senior center addition, includes design and construction. This project's funding amounts and sources are as follows: \$40,000.00, \$60,000.00, \$24,375.00, and \$100,000.00 from PY13, PY14, PY16, and PY17 respectively.
	Target Date	7/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 300 seniors will benefit.
	Location Description	Semmes Senior Center, 9635 Moffett Road, Semmes, AL 36575
	Planned Activities	Provide funds for addition to Semmes Senior Center to include design and construction.
11	Project Name	Homeless Prevention Legal Services
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Legal Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,719
	Description	Provide funds for a Homeless Prevention Project to provide civil legal representation to low/moderate income individuals.
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 150 persons at risk of homelessness will be assisted with this activity.
	Location Description	Legal Services Alabama, 104 St Francis St., Mobile, AL 36602
12	Project Name	Prescription Drug Assistance
	Target Area	Countywide

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Health Services/Substance Abuse
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Provide funds for a prescription drug assistance program, which provides pharmaceutical services at no cost to eligible low/moderate-income persons
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 150 persons will be assisted with this activity.
	Location Description	Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy 109 S Cedar St, Mobile, AL 36602
	Planned Activities	Provide Prescription Drug Assistance - Countywide - Provide funds for a prescription drug assistance program, which provides pharmaceutical services at no cost to eligible low/moderate-income persons.
13	Project Name	Child Abuse Victim Assistance
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Domestic Violence/Child Abuse
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Provide funds to assist with services that provide counseling and transportation for child sexual abuse victims and their non-offending families living in Mobile County.
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 120 child abuse victims will be assisted with this activity.
	Location Description	Child Advocacy Center 1351 Spring Hill Ave, Mobile, AL 36604

	Planned Activities	Provide Child Abuse Victim Assistance - Countywide - Provide funds to assist with services that provide counseling and transportation for child sexual abuse victims and their non-offending families living in Mobile County.
14	Project Name	Senior Service Activites
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Provide Senior Services Activities in Semmes/West Mobile - Provide funding for staff cost at a senior center to provide programming, scheduling, and coordination of activities that will be geared to the interests of the senior community plus designed to accommodate different ability levels.
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 200 seniors will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Semmes Senior Center 9635 Moffett Rd, Semmes, AL 36575
	Planned Activities	Provide Senior Services Activities – Semmes/West Mobile - Provide funding for staff cost at a senior center to provide programming, scheduling, and coordination of activities that will be geared to the interests of the senior community plus designed to accommodate different ability levels.
15	Project Name	Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Domestic Violence/Child Abuse
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000

	Description	Provide Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy - Countywide - Provide funds to assist a domestic violence victim advocacy project with staffing expenses
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 106 victims of domestic violence will be assisted with this activity.
	Location Description	Non-profit agency location.
	Planned Activities	Provide Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy - Countywide - Provide funds to assist a domestic violence victim advocacy project with staffing expenses.
16	Project Name	Summer Youth Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Youth Services Child Care Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Provide funds for a summer youth development program
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 225 youth will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Sites in Mount Vernon and Citronelle.
	Planned Activities	Provide Summer Youth Program – North Mobile County – Provide funds for a summer youth development program at sites in Mount Vernon and Citronelle that will serve low/moderate income youth.
17	Project Name	Financial and Homebuyer Counseling

	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance - Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Provide funds to a nonprofit organization that has an established framework of communication and outreach to low/moderate-income persons to conduct financial and housing counseling, Homebuyer Training classes and to provide affirmative marketing of the program. Homebuyer counseling provides low/moderate-income homebuyers a guide to the home buying process and good financial management pre and post purchase of a home, including foreclosure prevention. Homebuyer Training classes are offered to provide equal access to all residents of the County to the Down Payment Assistance program and the Construction of Affordable Homes Program.
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 78 low/moderate-income persons will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Non-profit agency location.
	Planned Activities	Provide funds to a nonprofit organization that has an established framework of communication and outreach to low/moderate-income persons to conduct financial and housing counseling, Homebuyer Training classes and to provide affirmative marketing of the program. Homebuyer counseling provides low/moderate-income homebuyers a guide to the home buying process and good financial management pre and post purchase of a home, including foreclosure prevention. Homebuyer Training classes are offered to provide equal access to all residents of the County to the Down Payment Assistance program and the Construction of Affordable Homes Program.
18	Project Name	Home Delivered Meals for Seniors
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services

Needs Addressed	Senior Services Meals/Food
Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
Description	Provide funds for a meal delivery program at Grand Bay Senior Center for senior citizens of low to moderate income living in the Grand Bay and St. Elmo areas
Target Date	7/31/2018
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated number to be served is 30 seniors.
Location Description	Grand Bay and St. Elmo areas.
Planned Activities	Provide funds for a meal delivery program for seniors.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

Much of the funding from the CDBG and HOME programs is available for use in any of the neighborhoods or countywide, depending on the specifics of the designated activities. Also, some funding is available according to individual benefit rather than area benefit. It is, therefore, difficult to provide reasonable projections of the distribution of funds by target area. The numbers below are strictly estimates based on experience.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Countywide	40
CDBG Area Benefit	60

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The proposed allocation of funds is based on federal funding requirements for each formula-allocated grant. Areas of low to moderate-income concentration and special needs/limited clientele are targeted. Areas of low homeownership and deteriorating housing conditions were also considered. The

jurisdiction does not anticipate dedicating target areas at this time.

Discussion

The distribution of funds by geographic area is projected to be primarily countywide due to use of funds for administrative, non-profit support, and individual benefit-oriented programmatic uses of the funds. The remaining funds are estimated to be spread through smaller CDBG-eligible areas. See attached Low Mod Map for reference.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The annual goals listed previously specify the following production numbers for housing assistance and for homelessness, non-homeless, and special needs populations.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	16
Special-Needs	0
Total	16

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	5

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

Discussion

These figures relate to production targets specified in the annual goals for 2017. HOME funding for these activities may target more households.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are three housing authorities located in Mobile County's jurisdiction: Mobile County Housing Authority, Chickasaw Housing Authority, and Prichard Housing Authority. Mobile Housing Board is located in the City of Mobile jurisdiction.

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

The Mobile Housing Board (MHB) has been approved under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. RAD is a voluntary program authorized by the U.S. Congress and run by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which allows selected public housing authorities the opportunity to leverage public and private equity and to convert public housing units to project-based voucher units. The Section 8 voucher funding stream from HUD has been more stable over time. This means MHB can preserve the long-term affordability of its subsidized units without increasing the rental cost to MHB residents.

RAD provides the ability to reposition traditional public housing developments into mixed income communities, moving these outdated developments from areas of isolation to modern and thriving rental development of choice.

Cottage Hill Place is the first of the RAD and Lower Income Housing Tax Credit Developments in Mobile County with development and construction underway.

The County has waived property tax for the Cottage Hill Place development in order to provide a long term viable project that will keep rents affordable for the tenants.

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

The County provides encouragement to public housing residents to attend the Homebuyer Training Classes. These classes can become a springboard for residents to attend credit counseling, if they would like to participate in the Down Payment Assistance program but bad credit prevents them from securing a first mortgage. The County will encourage and support efforts of public housing residents to participate in credit counseling with the goal of becoming a future homeowner. The County has formed partnerships with nonprofit organizations to increase Fair Housing activities that public housing residents wish to undertake. All public housing residents have equal opportunity to benefit from housing assistance as well as public services.

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

HUD has designated Mobile Housing Board (MHB) as troubled. The Board of MHB is appointed by the City of Mobile and is under their jurisdiction.

There are no public housing agencies in the Consortium jurisdiction designated by HUD as a troubled agency.

Discussion

All three housing authorities provide services to residents with quality housing and encourage families to move to self-sufficiency

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

Introduction

We did not receive ESG funding in PY17.

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

We did not receive ESG funding in PY17.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

We did not receive ESG funding in PY17.

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

We did not receive ESG funding in PY17.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The County is funding homeless prevention legal service activities in PY2017. We did not receive ESG funds in PY2017.

Discussion

We did not receive ESG funding in PY17.

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

Introduction:

As with most other local governments, available funding for affordable housing, high land costs, and the lack of low income household access to credit are factors that create barriers to affordable housing. The County works proactively to ensure diverse housing is available throughout the County and provides funds for purchase of homes or developments of housing units. However, due to cuts in funding for affordable housing at both the Federal and State level, these resources are becoming increasingly stressed. Higher land prices affect the cost of multifamily development and increase mortgage payment amounts for single family homebuyers. Another barrier to affordable housing is access to mortgage loans for low income buyers. One result of the 2008 finance crisis was the tightening of credit rules and increases in insurance premiums related to mortgage lending. The result is less households able to qualify for a mortgage loan.

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

None.

Discussion:

No public policies were identified that have negative effects on affordable housing development. Mobile County does not have zoning that would limit housing development.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The County currently provides a variety of services to the residents of Mobile County, some funded by CDBG, HOME, and previously with ESG allocation, with private, State, and City funding bringing additional assets to bear on these problems.

The County will provide requested certifications of consistency with our Consolidated Plan in a fair and impartial manner for funding applications by other entities to address underserved needs. Below are some of the actions currently performed by the County or under consideration for the future.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The County will continue to look for new funding sources for programs to address underserved needs. Funding is the major obstacle in providing the services needed to focus on the vast variety of issues that prevent families from breaking out of poverty and from living in the best, most affordable housing possible. The county has entered into an agreement with an agency that provides services, including housing, to recently incarcerated persons. This is an often overlooked population that faces difficulty when released from incarceration.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County will consider providing financial assistance for Tax Credit Projects for affordable housing development to expand elderly or multi-family rental development projects and homeownership opportunities when those projects are presented for review.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

- Continue to meet HUD lead-based paint abatement standards in housing rehabilitation programs.
- Seek funding as it becomes available to provide testing and abatement of lead-based paint hazards in single-family housing where young children are present.
- Expand the stock of lead safe housing units through housing initiatives.
- Seek funding as it becomes available to provide for testing, abatement, training, and educational awareness.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County will continue its efforts in conjunction with nonprofit service agencies to reduce the number of poverty-level families through the development of services needed to assist those families with educational opportunities, job growth, and life skills training through the various social service agencies operating in the county. Specific elements of this Action Plan will effectively reduce the number of poverty level families through the proposed activities to be undertaken with CDBG and HOME funds yearly. Housing construction projects funded through the HOME program will result in the creation of

jobs and provide affordable housing. Providing affordable housing will enable some low-income households who have carried an excessive housing cost burden to realize an increase in disposable income thus raising those households up from the poverty level. The planned infrastructure improvements will create entry-level construction jobs that will provide an economic stimulus and benefits for the low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The County will focus on the elimination of homelessness and the impact of supportive services to low-income households to reduce the number of persons living in poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

- Work with non-profit organizations to address community needs and provide support to federal and non-federal funding initiatives.
- Work with private industry to address important issues that hamper housing and community development efforts.
- Identify opportunities to create private/public partnerships for project finance and development to leverage federal funds.

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

The County will continue to coordinate planning activities with private housing and social service agencies. County staff will also continue its participation in other coalitions and study groups as the opportunity arises.

Discussion:

The actions are primarily the continuation of what the County is currently doing in the various areas. No major obstacles in the institutional structure have been identified that need to be addressed. The County is also satisfied with its efforts to coordinate with consortium members, private housing organizations and social service agencies. The County will continue ongoing evaluation of performance and citizen engagement to ensure high quality programs and strong partnerships to enable better service to the Low and moderate citizens of the County.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. CDBG does not have program income included.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	70.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

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

The County will continue to support the many efforts of the non-profits and social service provider agencies in the community in their efforts to obtain funding from various sources for their programs. Many of these organizations receive private donations to sustain their programs, and most apply for funding on the federal, state, and local level.

The availability of increased federal funds would enhance any of the listed programs and would mean that more services, and housing, could be provided. Because of the scarcity of any type of funding, the County has been working with various organizations to try to develop programs that would increase the leveraging capacity of federal funding mechanisms so that more money would be available for other needed endeavors. Better utilization of the existing resources is a main concern of everyone.

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

The Consortium uses the recapture provisions of 24 CFR 92.254 (a)(5)(ii)(A)(2) and (4). Recapture net of proceeds; Owner investment returned first. In the event of a voluntary or involuntary transfer of title of the purchased home during the applicable period of affordability, the County will recapture all or a portion of the direct subsidy provided to the homebuyer.

If there are no net proceeds from the voluntary or involuntary transfer, repayment is not required and HOME requirements are considered to be satisfied. The term net proceeds is defined as sales price less payment of any superior loan and special liens due thereunder, expenses of sale, and the value of the homebuyer's initial investment in the purchased home.

Direct subsidy is the amount of HOME assistance that enabled the homebuyer to purchase the home at an affordable price. It includes any HOME funds provided as down payment assistance, closing costs assistance, or direct financing to the buyer. If HOME funds were used for the cost of developing a home which is sold below fair market value, direct subsidy also includes the difference between the fair market value and the purchase price.

Direct subsidy will be in the form of a deferred loan or loans, each secured by a promissory note and mortgage. The loan(s) will be forgiven pro rata, in equal monthly increments over the period of affordability, as set out in the promissory note(s), mortgage(s) and required HOME written agreement(s) (collectively, the loan documents) as long as the home remains the principal residence of the homebuyer and no other events of default, as are also set out in the loan documents, occur.

The HOME program establishes the following period of affordability based upon the amount of assistance (direct subsidy) provided to the homebuyer:

- Direct subsidy of Under \$15,000 will be forgiven in equal amounts on a monthly basis over a period of 5 years
 - Direct subsidy of \$15,000-\$40,000 will be forgiven in equal amounts on a monthly basis over a period of 10 years
 - Direct Subsidy of Over \$40,000 will be forgiven in equal amounts on a monthly basis over a period of 15 years
3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The HOME program establishes the following period of affordability based upon the amount of assistance (direct subsidy) provided to the homebuyer:

- Direct subsidy of Under \$15,000 will be forgiven in equal amounts on a monthly basis over a period of 5 years
- Direct subsidy of \$15,000-\$40,000 will be forgiven in equal amounts on a monthly basis over a period of 10 years
- Direct subsidy of Over \$40,000 will be forgiven in equal amounts on a monthly basis over a period of 15 years

If the homebuyer ceases to occupy the home; leases the home; converts the home to non-residential use; or should the home be destroyed by fire or other cause; or should the homebuyer refinance the first mortgage for any purpose other than 1) reducing the interest rate and/or 2) reducing the term of the mortgage; or “cash out” equity in the home, the homebuyer will be required to repay the County the entire amount of direct HOME-assistance provided.

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:

The County does not intend to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds. In addition, the funds will not be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program. The County is aware that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.220(l)(4)

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

Mobile County did not receive ESG funds for PY17

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

County did not receive ESG funds for PY17.

Congress has directed HUD to improve the collection of data on the extent of homelessness locally and nationally. Communities must collect an array of data including an unduplicated count of homeless persons, analyze their patterns of the use of the McKinney-Vento and other assistance, including information on how they enter and exit the homelessness assistance system and assess the effectiveness of that assistance. Through the Federal Register Notice, the Emergency Solutions Grants Program was made a part of this mandate. Therefore, all proposed projects/organizations must provide written certification of their participation in an existing HMIS.

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

Mobile County did not receive ESG funds for PY17

3. 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.

Mobile County did not receive ESG funds for PY17

4. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Mobile County did not receive ESG funds for PY17

Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(5)

1. Distribution of Funds

- a. Describe the eligibility requirements for recipients of HTF funds (as defined in 24 CFR § 93.2).
- b. Describe the jurisdiction's application requirements for eligible recipients to apply for HTF funds.
- c. Describe the selection criteria that the jurisdiction will use to select applications submitted by eligible recipients.
- d. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on geographic distribution, which is a description of the geographic areas of the State (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) in which it will direct assistance during the ensuing program year.
- e. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the applicant's ability to obligate HTF funds and undertake eligible activities in a timely manner.
- f. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which rents for units in the rental project are affordable to extremely low-income families.
- g. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the financial feasibility of the project beyond the required 30-year period.
- h. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the merits of the application in meeting the priority housing needs of the jurisdiction (such as housing that is accessible to transit or employment centers, housing that includes green building and sustainable development features, or housing that serves special needs populations).
- i. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the location of existing affordable housing.
- j. Describe the jurisdiction's required priority for funding based on the extent to which the application makes use of non-federal funding sources.

2. Does the jurisdiction's application require the applicant to include a description of the eligible activities to be conducted with HTF funds?

3. Does the jurisdiction's application require that each eligible recipient certify that housing units assisted with HTF funds will comply with HTF requirements?

4. **Performance Goals and Benchmarks.** The jurisdiction has met the requirement to provide for performance goals, consistent with the jurisdiction's goals established under 24 CFR 91.215(b)(2), by including HTF in its housing goals in the housing table on the SP-45 Goals and AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives screens.

5. Rehabilitation Standards. The jurisdiction must establish rehabilitation standards for all HTF-assisted housing rehabilitation activities that set forth the requirements that the housing must meet upon project completion. The jurisdiction's description of its standards must be in sufficient detail to determine the required rehabilitation work including methods and materials. The standards may refer to applicable codes or they may establish requirements that exceed the minimum requirements of the codes. The jurisdiction must attach its rehabilitation standards below. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds for the rehabilitation of housing, enter "N/A".

In addition, the rehabilitation standards must address each of the following: health and safety; major systems; lead-based paint; accessibility; disaster mitigation (where relevant); state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements; Uniform Physical Condition Standards; and Capital Needs Assessments (if applicable).

6. Resale or Recapture Guidelines. Below, the jurisdiction must enter (or attach) a description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HTF funds when used to assist first-time homebuyers. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

7. HTF Affordable Homeownership Limits. If the jurisdiction intends to use HTF funds for homebuyer assistance and does not use the HTF affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD, it must determine 95 percent of the median area purchase price and set forth the information in accordance with §93.305. If the jurisdiction will not use HTF funds to assist first-time homebuyers, enter "N/A".

8. Limited Beneficiaries or Preferences. Describe how the jurisdiction will limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population to serve unmet needs identified in its consolidated plan or annual action plan. If the jurisdiction will not limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the extremely low- or very low-income population, enter "N/A."

Any limitation or preference must not violate nondiscrimination requirements in § 93.350, and the jurisdiction must not limit or give preferences to students. The jurisdiction may permit rental housing owners to limit tenants or give a preference in accordance with § 93.303 only if such limitation or preference is described in the action plan.

9. Refinancing of Existing Debt. Enter or attach the jurisdiction's refinancing guidelines below. The guidelines describe the conditions under which the jurisdiction will refinance existing rental housing project debt. The jurisdiction's refinancing guidelines must, at minimum, demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing. If the jurisdiction will not refinance existing debt, enter "N/A."

Discussion:

ATTACHMENTS

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMENTS

MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATION CONCERNING WRITTEN COMMENTS

July 14, 2017

Year Three 2017 Action Plan Amendment Consolidated Plan 2015-2019

I, John F. Pafenbach, do hereby certify as Administrator of the Mobile County Commission that there were no written or oral citizen comments received during the comment period June 19, 2017 through July 6, 2017 concerning Year Three 2017 Action Plan.



John F. Pafenbach, Administrator
Mobile County Commission

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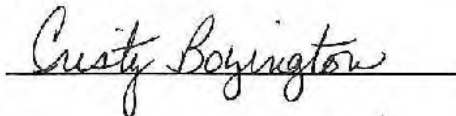
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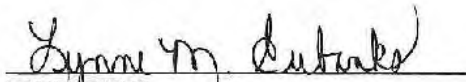
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Cristy Boyington, being sworn, says that she is bookkeeper
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And, that the attached notice appeared in the November 6th, 2016
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of
December, 2016


NOTARY PUBLIC



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PLEASE EMAIL: legals@press-register.com

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HUD COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDS
AND THE PY2017 APPLICATION PROCESS**

The Mobile County Commission will hold a public hearing on November 17, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Mobile Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama. The County Grants Department will provide a brief overview of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Planning and Development Funds - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME funds and will provide information on eligibility and the application process for funds. CDBG funds can be used to address a broad range of local housing and community development needs and to provide public services for low and moderate-income persons as defined by HUD. ESG funds can be used for activities to address homelessness and homeless prevention activities. HOME funds address housing needs for low and moderate-income persons.

The CDBG Application package is available on the Mobile County website <http://www.mobilecountyal.gov/government/govt-grants.html>, will be available at the hearing and by written request from: The Mobile County Commission, Attn: Grants Department, P. O. Box 1443, Mobile, AL 36633. Applications must be received and time and date stamped by the Grants Department by 12:00 p.m. on January 11, 2017.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and provide comment. Mobile Government Plaza is ADA compliant. Those with disabilities requiring special accommodations or request for translators or related services for non-English speaking persons should contact Nayyar Mahdi at (251) 574-5086 four days in advance of the meeting for assistance.

Las personas con discapacidad que requieren adaptaciones especiales o solicitudes de traductores o servicios relacionados para las personas que no hablan inglés deben contactar Nayyar Mahdi al (251) 574-5086 cuatro días antes de la reunión para la ayuda.

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November 6, 2016



Press Register

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State of Alabama,) ss
County of Mobile)

Stephanie Hardin, being duly sworn, deposes that he/she is principal clerk of Alabama Media Group; that Press Register is a public newspaper published in the city of Mobile, with general circulation in Mobile County, and this notice is an accurate and true copy of this notice as printed in said newspaper, was printed and published in the regular edition and issue of said newspaper on the following date(s):

Press Register 06/18/2017

Principal Clerk of the Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of June 2017

Notary Public:

MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THE COMBINED PERIOD
2017 YEAR THREE ACTION PLAN
AMENDMENT 2015-2019
CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Mobile County Commission is the lead agency of the Mobile County Commission. It is required to submit an Action Plan for each year of the five-year planning period covered by the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan includes strategies for addressing some of the identified community needs with community development, Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME funds, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds. Program year 2017 (FY17) Action Plan is in the third year of the five-year Consolidated Plan. In accordance with 24 CFR Part 57, Mobile County is publishing a summary of the FY17 Action Plan Use of Funds July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018, and amendments to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan in order to afford affected citizens an opportunity to examine the impacts and to submit comments.

A public hearing will be held during the Commission conference of the Mobile County Commission on July 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the multi-purpose room of 205 Government Street in Mobile, Alabama. The purpose of this hearing is to encourage citizen participation concerning the FY17 Action Plan and the amendment to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Due to the late enactment of HJR 101, 2017 fiscal year appropriation which has significantly shortened the window available to citizens to submit an annual Action Plan, HUD has not a waiver to reduce the public comment period associated with these plans from 30 to 14 days. Therefore, the County will accept comments from June 19 until July 6, 2017. Comments or suggestions concerning the Plan are to be submitted in writing before this date to the John Parnham, County Administrator, Mobile County Commission, P.O. Box 1433, Mobile, AL 36683. The public hearings will be accessible to all in attendance. If you have a disability, which may require special, individual assistance for the public hearing please notify the County at (251) 574-5086 at least 4 working days prior to the hearing. Mobile County is an equal opportunity employer. The County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, veteran

status, characteristics of personal identity, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law.

The FY17 Action Plan will be finalized after giving consideration to citizen comments received during the comment period and at the public hearing on July 6, 2017. The Commission will consider adopting the FY17 Action Plan amendment and the subsequent submission to HUD at the July 10, 2017 10:00 a.m. Commission meeting to be held in the auditorium of the Mobile Government Plaza located at 205 Government Street in Mobile, Alabama.

2017 YEAR THREE ACTION PLAN
The FY17 Action Plan outlines proposed activities to be undertaken with CDBG and HOME funds. We did not receive any funds this year. CDBG and ESG funds are \$137,024. In HOME funds, Accumulated Program income for the HOME program since January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 of \$422,211 is added to the HOME budget per OMB Consolidated Interim Rule December 2, 2016.

2017 CONSOLIDATED DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUMMARY
Public Facilities/Works:
- Rehab of facility for handicapped services, Irvington \$47,971
- Rehab of facility for handicapped services, Mobile \$175,000
- Bridge Improvement, Usable Rd, Prichard \$66,142
- Bus/Hall/Lounge/Rest Room Improvements - Crystal Creek \$371,000
- Adult day care Rehab in Senior Community center and Municipal Building, Bay La Bate \$140,000
- Senior Center improvement, Bay La Bate \$100,000
- Total amount allocated to public facilities/works \$800,113
PUBLIC SERVICES:
- Childhood homebuyer counseling \$12,000
- Prescription Drug Assistance \$29,000
- Child Abuse Victim Assistance \$25,000
- Senior Services Adult Services Program \$50,000
- Senior Services Grand Bay \$10,000
- Domestic Violence Legal Assistance \$35,218
- Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy \$4,000
- Summer Youth Program \$60,000
Total amount allocated to public services \$375,218
Domestic Violence and Adult Services

General Program Administration \$275,958
TOTAL CDBG BUDGET \$1,175,331
FY2017 HOME BUDGET
- HUD Acquisition/Construction of one unit \$65,569
- Acquisition/Construction of Rental Units \$707,935
- Program Administration \$4,317
- Program Administration from public listed \$12,235
TOTAL HOME BUDGET \$850,481

AMENDMENT 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The original five-year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan which was adopted on April 13, 2015 had the Consolidated program year starting on June 1st and ending on May 31st. The County requested and was granted a change in the start and end dates of the Program Year. The new program year will start July 1st and end June 30th. Copies of the 2017 Action Plan as well as amendments to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan are available for public inspection at various locations within the County and may view the plans beginning June 19, 2017 at the following locations: Mobile County Commission 205 Government Street, City Hall in Bay La Bate, Chickasaw, Clanton, Crenshaw, Hattiesburg, Meridian, Saraland, Schriber, and Wetumpka. Public Libraries in Chickasaw, Wetumpka, Mount Vernon, Saraland, Bay La Bate, Emerald, Semmes, Saraland, and Mobile. The Plans are also available on our County's website at www.mobilecountyal.gov under Grants department, HUD Grants. For further information contact the Grants Department at (251) 574-5086. Spanish translation and/or interpretation will be provided upon request. Please call the Grants Department at (251) 574-5086. Los personas con discapacidades que requieren adaptaciones especiales o servicios de intérpretes de servicios relacionados, por favor contactar a Mylena Mancera al (251) 574-5086. También días antes de la reunión para la asistencia.

Merleia Liddon, President
Mobile County Commission

PRESS REGISTER
JUL 18, 2017

RESOLUTION

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

**AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION
OF YEAR THREE ACTION PLAN
(July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)
Adopted July 10, 2017**

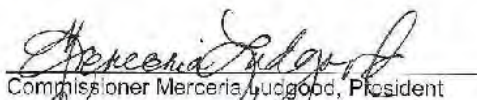
WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has designated Mobile County as an Urban County and nine municipalities have joined with the County to form an Urban County Consortium (Consortium) in order to receive annual entitlement grants from HUD under the Community Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program; and


WHEREAS, prior funding included the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), these funds are not included in the Year Three Action Plan because they were not allocated to the Consortium for PY 2017; and

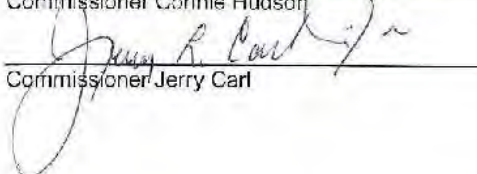
WHEREAS, the Mobile County Commission desires to adopt the Action Plan for year three of the five year consolidated planning period for the period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, public input was solicited during public hearings with notices of public hearings and a summary of the proposed Action Plan published in the Press Register. The Plan was available at City Halls, Public Libraries, and the County's website on June 19, 2017 and a minimum of 14 day public comment period followed. No adverse comments to the proposed Plan were received by the County during that time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the **MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION** that the Year Three Action Plan for program year 2017 is hereby adopted. The Commission authorizes the President to sign all appropriate documents associated with the submission of the plan to HUD.


Commissioner Merceria Laddgood, President


Commissioner Connie Hudson


Commissioner Jerry Carl

CERTIFICATIONS

CERTIFICATIONS RELATING TO THE URBAN COUNTY GRANTS APPLICATION

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July 18, 2017

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Merceris L. Ludgood, President
Mobile County Commission

RE: Certification Relating to the Urban County Grant
Application

Dear Commissioner Ludgood:

Urban County grant applications require certification that the County has adopted policies which:

- (1) Prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
- (2) Enforce applicable state and local laws which prohibit physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of any such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.


As you know, Mobile County has no law enforcement authority whatsoever; law enforcement is entrusted to the Sheriff of Mobile County, a constitutional officer.

The County has no authority over the Sheriff's operations. Additionally, each of the municipalities within Mobile County maintains its own law enforcement agency over which the County has no authority. These law enforcement agencies have standard operating procedures that govern the use of excessive force.

The County's authority under Alabama law is prescribed by statute. The County cannot lawfully undertake a function, absent specific statutory authority.

For the reasons set out herein, this certification does not apply to Mobile County.

Sincerely,


MARTHA E. DURANT
Chief Staff Attorney

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Tenth Floor, South Tower, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36644-1001
Telephone: (251) 574-3333 · Facsimile: (251) 574-3335

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace --It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will
 - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature/Authorized Official

July 18, 2017
Date

President, Mobile County Commission
Title

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation --It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan --Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan --It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds --It has complied with the following criteria:

- 1 **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
- 2 **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) , 2015, 2016, 2017 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
- 3 **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force --It has adopted and is enforcing:

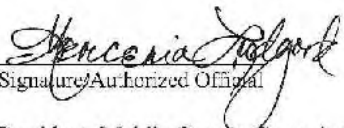
1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws --The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint --Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws --It will comply with applicable laws.

 July 18, 2017
Signature/Authorized Official Date
President, Mobile County Commission
Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance --If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs --it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance --before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

 July 18, 2017
Signature/Authorized Official Date

President, Mobile County Commission
Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

B. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1 By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.

2 The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

3 Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.

4 Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).

5 If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).

6 The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

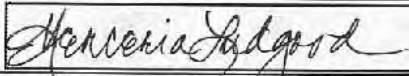
Community Development Block Grant:

Consumer Credit Counseling of Mobile, 705 Oak Circle Drive E, Mobile, Mobile, AL 36609
Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, 571 Dauphin Street, Mobile, Mobile, AL, 36602
The Child Advocacy Center, 1351 Springhill Avenue, Mobile, Mobile, AL, 36604
South Alabama Regional Planning Commission, Grand Bay Senior Center, Grand Bay, Mobile, AL,
Penelope House Family Violence Center, Inc., Unpublished, Mobile, Mobile, AL, -
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Alabama, 1102 Government Street, Mobile, Mobile, AL, 36604
Semmes Woman's Club, c/o Semmes Senior Center, 9635 Moffett Road, Semmes, Mobile, AL 36575
Legal Services Alabama, Inc., 107 St. Francis St., Ste. 700, Mobile, Mobile, AL 36602

SF-424

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision		
* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>		
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>		
4. Applicant Identifier: AT-10097 Mobile County (UGSI)		
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: PAFB-001-61-0002
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Mobile County		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 63-6301644		* c. Organizational DUNS: 0406715210006
d. Address:		
* Street1: 205 Government Street		
Street2: <input type="text"/>		
* City: Mobile		
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>		
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* Zip / Postal Code: 36610001		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Grants Department		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Ms. * First Name: Nayyer		
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: Mahdi		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: Director of Grants Management		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: (251) 574-5006		Fax Number: (251) 574-5083
* Email: mahdi@mobile-county.net		

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11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.218"/>			
CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grant"/>			
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value="NA"/>			
* Title: <input type="text"/>			
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/>			
Title: <input type="text"/>			
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <div> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> </div>			
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="CDBG proposed activities to be undertaken: Public Services, Public Facilities and Improvements, Public Infrastructure/Public Works, Planning and Administration"/>			
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="07/01/2017"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="06/30/2018"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal:	1,384,790.00
* b. Applicant:	<input type="text"/>
* c. State:	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local:	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other:	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income:	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL:	1,384,790.00
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? <input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/> . <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Merceria"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Ludgood"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="President"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(251) 574-1000"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="District1web@mobile-county.us"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="7/19/2017"/>

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* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		
* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision		
* 3. Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):		
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>		
4. Applicant Identifier: AL 15087 Mobile County (DOC)		
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: M-17-UC-01-0032
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Mobile County		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 65-6001644		* c. Organizational DUNS: 0606715210000
d. Address:		
* Street1: 205 Government Street		
* Street2:		
* City: Mobile		
* County/Parish:		
* State: AL: Alabama		
* Province:		
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code: 36644001		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Grants Department		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Ms. * First Name: Nayyer		
Middle Name:		
* Last Name: Mahdi		
Suffix:		
Title: Director of Grants Management		
Organizational Affiliation:		
* Telephone Number: (251) 574-5086		Fax Number: (251) 574-5080
* Email: nmahdi@mobile-county.net		

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="State Government"/>			
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* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>			
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11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.239"/>			
CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="HOME Investment Partnership Program/Entitlement Grant"/>			
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18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* c. Federal:	437,121.00
* d. Applicant:	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
* e. State:	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
* f. Local:	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
* g. Other:	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>
* h. Program Income:	422,357.00
* i. TOTAL:	859,481.00
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