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Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

The *2018 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan* is the City of New York's annual application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the four Office of Community Planning and Development entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

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The 2018 Action Plan represents the fourth year of a five-year strategy for New York City's Consolidated Plan years 2015 through 2019. The five-year strategy was articulated in Volume 3 of the amended 2015 Consolidated Plan.

For the 2018 Program Year, the City expects to receive \$299,845,285 from the four HUD formula grant programs: \$166,605,497 for CDBG; \$75,481,734 for HOME; \$44,228,148 for HOPWA; and \$13,529,906 for ESG.

At the end of 2018, the City's CDBG program received approximately \$235.4 million in program income from the sale of a property in a federal Urban Renewal Area. This amendment to the 2018 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan reflects changes in CDBG programming resulting from the portion of this program income allocated in the City Fiscal Year 2019 budget, which totals \$162 million. The remaining \$73.4 million of program income will appear in the City's Proposed 2019 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan to be released in 2019.

There are three new CDBG-funded programs described in this amendment: Accessibility Improvements in City Schools (\$66.5 million), Day Care Center Environmental Health Improvements (\$5 million), and Inspections in City Shelters (\$6.8 million). A fourth new program to be funded with this program income, the Parks Construction and Renovation Program, will appear in the Proposed 2019 Action Plan. Finally, the DOE School Kitchen Renovations Program will receive a new allocation of \$1.4 million in 2018; an additional \$.8 million will be allocated in the Proposed 2019 Action Plan. Program descriptions, budgets, and projected accomplishments for the new programs can be found in the section AP-38.

Additionally, this amendment will reflect budget increases resulting from the addition of this program income to the following existing programs: Code Violation Removal in Schools, Department of City Planning Comprehensive Planning, Public Housing Rehabilitation Program, and the Pelham Bay, Prospect, and Van Cortlandt Parks Administrators' Offices.

Finally, this amendment will incorporate budget increases to several programs resulting from a collective bargaining agreement between DC 37 and the City. These budget changes are outlined in the table below.

Please note that these changes do not constitute a substantial amendment to the 2018 Consolidated Plan and are thus not the subject of this public comment period.

ES Table 1 – Listing of Revised Funding Amounts for Existing CDBG Programs

| Program | Budget Change (\$) |
|---|---------------------------|
| 7A Program | 5,000 |
| Alternative Enforcement Program | 77,000 |
| Avenue NYC | 8,000 |
| Bronx River Project | 6,000 |
| Community Arts Development Program | 4,000 |
| DCP Comprehensive Planning | 222,000 |
| DCP Information Technology | 52,000 |
| Demolition Program | 22,000 |
| DFTA Senior Center Improvements | 6,000 |
| DHS Shelter Renovations Project Support | 5,000 |
| Emergency Repair Program | 404,000 |
| Fair Housing Services | 3,000 |
| GreenThumb | 27,000 |
| Housing Policy Analysis & Stat. Research | 17,000 |
| HPD Administration | 70,000 |
| HPD Emergency Shelters | 54,000 |
| Litigation | 55,000 |
| LPC Planning | 10,000 |
| Maintenance and Operation of Tax-Foreclosed Housing | 93,000 |
| Pelham Bay Park Admin. Office | 2,000 |
| Prospect Park Admin. Office | 12,000 |
| Scorecard Program | 2,000 |
| Shelter Modernization Program | 4,000 |
| Targeted Code Enforcement | 135,000 |
| Van Cortlandt Park Admin. Office | 2,000 |

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Both the current and previous mayoral administrations recognize that safe and affordable housing as a priority in maintaining the City's vitality. In May 2014, Mayor Bill de Blasio released *Housing New York: A Five-Borough, Ten-Year Plan*, a comprehensive plan to build and preserve 200,000 affordable units over the coming decade. In November of 2017, Mayor de Blasio released his *Housing New York 2.0* plan

accelerating and expanding the original *Housing New York* plan. *Housing 2.0* introduced a suite of initiatives under development to create 200,000 affordable homes two years ahead of schedule, by 2022, and reach a new goal of 300,000 newly constructed or preserved units by 2026. The housing related activities within the Proposed 2018 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan are part of the Mayor's broader housing strategy.

Although safe affordable housing is crucial to improving the lives of New Yorkers, the City allocates a large share of HUD entitlement funds to community redevelopment programs as part of a holistic approach to improving residents' quality of life.

Finally, the amended 2018 Consolidated Plan allocates a significant amount of funds to address its 2015 Strategic Plan goal of making the City more livable for people with disabilities. The City's Department of Education is committed to ensuring its programs, services, and activities are accessible to staff, members of the school community, students, family members with disabilities, etc. To this effort, the City has allocated \$66.5 million in CDBG funds in 2018 (and an additional \$66.5 million in 2019) to make physical improvements at City schools to remove architectural barriers to accessibility.

For the 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year, New York City intends to achieve its strategic objectives in the following manner:

01 Accessibility to Decent Affordable Housing

7 Formula Entitlement-funded Projects will receive a cumulative total of **\$87,976,561.00**

This funding is indented to reach the following goals:

- 320,670 Persons assisted with new/improved access to services (cumulative).
- 10 Rental or owner-occupied units made accessible to persons with disabilities.
- 588 Rental units constructed.
- 64 Households assisted with tenant-based rental assistance.
- 3,835 Homeless persons assisted with overnight shelter.

02 Decent Affordable Housing

19 Formula Entitlement-funded Projects will receive a cumulative total of **\$63,855,629.00**

This funding is indented to reach the following goals:

- 2,388 Housing units rehabilitated and returned to private ownership.
- 2,986 Persons living with AIDS provided with tenant-based rental assistance, supportive
- 100 First-time homebuyers assisted with downpayment assistance.

03 Sustain Decent Housing

1 Formula Entitlement-funded Projects will receive a cumulative total of **\$97,783,009.00**

This funding is indented to reach the following goals:

- 56,014 Rental units rehabilitated.
- 646,750 Households assisted housing units brought up to code via housing code enforcement/foreclosed property care (cumulative).
- 3,000 Persons assisted with homelessness prevention.

04 Availability/Accessibility to a Sustainable Living Environment

13 Formula Entitlement-funded Projects will receive a cumulative total of **\$96,308,996.00**

This funding is indented to reach the following goals:

- 17,517,711 Persons assisted with new/improved access to services (cumulative).
- 22,038 Homeless persons given overnight shelter (cumulative).
- 4,500 Persons provided new/improved access to senior centers.

05 Affordability of a Sustainable Living Environment

2 Formula Entitlement-funded Projects will receive a cumulative total of **\$3,338,000.00**

This funding is indented to reach the following goals:

- 173 Households assisted with day care services.
- 3050 persons assisted with improved access to food.

06 Sustainability of a Suitable Living Environment

9 Formula Entitlement-funded Projects will receive a cumulative total of **\$207,073,000.00**

This funding is indented to reach the following goals:

- 2,100 Elderly homeowners assisted with home repairs.
- 4 Owner-occupied historic homes rehabilitated.
- 287,378 Persons provided new/improved access to a facility.
- 12 Demolitions to remove slum or blighted conditions as part of geographically targeted revitalization effort.
- 138,044 Low- and moderate-income areas assisted.
- 265,000 Persons provided with public service activities within the Bronx River and the adjacent areas.
- 2,555 Public Housing Units will benefit from rehabilitation of NYCHA buildings.

07 Availability/Accessibility to Economic Opportunity

2 Formula Entitlement-funded Projects will receive a cumulative total of **\$3,790,000.00**

This funding is indented to reach the following goals:

- 1,800 Persons assisted with new/improved access to literacy, educational or vocational services.
- 44 Commercial districts in low-/moderate-income areas revitalized.

08 Not-Applicable-Planning & Program Administration

13 Formula Entitlement-funded projects for which performance goal indicators are Not Applicable

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4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The Amendment Public Comment Review Period

The City used the same notification methods to notify the public of the amended 2018 Action Plan's release for public review as it did for the release of its Proposed 2018 Action Plan. Over 1,800 notification letters were sent to New York City residents, organizations and public officials inviting comments during the public review period. In addition, notices regarding the review period were published in four local newspapers: an English-, a Spanish-, a Russian-, and a Chinese-language daily, each with citywide circulation. Furthermore, the notice was posted on DCP's website. The respective notices included relevant Plan-related information so that informed comments are facilitated.

To provide access to the document copies of the amended 2018 Action Plan Addendum were obtainable by the public at the City Planning Bookstore, 120 Broadway, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10271, Phone: 212-720-3667, (Walk-ins: Monday, Tuesday: 9:30 am-11:30 am, Wednesday: 1-3 pm with arrangements made for other days/times) or any of the DCP borough offices. In addition, copies of the Action Plan Amendment Addendum are referenceable in the City's Municipal Reference & Research Center (City Hall Library), and the main public library in each of the five boroughs. Furthermore, an Adobe Acrobat version of the Action Plan was posted on DCP's website (<http://www.nyc.gov/planning>) for public review.

The public comment period began **February 7, 2019** and extends for 30 days ending **March 8, 2019**.

The public is instructed to submit their written comments on the amended 2018 Action Plan by close of business, **March 8, 2019** to: Charles V. Sorrentino, New York City Consolidated Coordinator Plan, Department of City Planning, 120 Broadway 31st Floor, New York, New York 10271, email: Con-PlanNYC@planning.nyc.gov.

Comments received will be summarized and agencies' responses incorporated into the version submitted to HUD.

AMENDED ACTION PLAN

Expected Resources

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

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Increases in the amount of federal monies appropriated to HUD generally resulted in increases to the City's 2018 Consolidated Plan Program Year grant awards. Overall, the 2018 grant awards represent an approximate \$38.6 million increase in entitlement grant funds received in comparison to the City's 2017 grant awards.

Increases to the CDBG, HOME formula entitlement grant programs' award amount (\$16.3 million, and \$22.2 million, respectively) more than offset the slight decrease in ESG monies (a reduction of approximately \$12,700).

After the passage and signage of the HOPWA Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) in July 2016, which modernized the HOPWA allocation formula from cumulative AIDS cases to living with HIV/AIDS, the NYC EMSA anticipated a decrease in the City's HOPWA 2018 grant award. However, a 5% increase to the national HOPWA program in the final FFY18 appropriation bill offset what would have been a funding cut to the City's 2018 HOPWA award as per the new HOPWA formula guidelines. As a result, the City's 2018 HOPWA award increased slightly by \$31,037.

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Additionally, this amendment will reflect budget increases resulting from the addition of this program income to five (5) existing CDBG-funded programs.

Finally, this amendment will incorporate budget increases to several programs resulting from a collective bargaining agreement between District Council 37 (DC37) and the City.

Anticipated Resources

Table AP-1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---|--|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ | | |
| CDBG | public - federal | Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services | 166,605,497 | 225,610,000 | 87,817,503 | 480,033,000 | 340,860,497 | The 2018 total has been adjusted to include the additional \$162 million in CD program income generated by the sale of a Federal Urban Renewal site. The Expected Remainder Amount assumes a Federal Fiscal Year 2019 CD allocation of \$166,605,497, \$136,952,000 in program income, and \$37,303,000 in Prior Year Resources. |
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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Table AP-2 – Goals Summary

| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|---|------------|----------|---|-----------------|---|--------------------|--|
| ***** | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Make the City more livable for ppl w/disabilities | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Homeless Special Needs | | Administration - CDBG Non-Housing Community Development/Public Services Non-Housing Community Development/Pub. Facilities | CDBG: \$66,657,000 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 315952 Persons Assisted. Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted. |
| ***** | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Promote community development through planning | 2015 | 2019 | Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development | | Administration - CDBG Non-Housing Community Development/Planning | CDBG: \$19,965,000 | |
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| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|--|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------|---|
| 24 | Provide recreational activities for low/mod people | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | | Administration - CDBG Non-Housing Community Development/Public Services | CDBG: \$4,207,000 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16898111 Persons Assisted. |
| 25 | Provide safe learning environment in City schools | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | | Administration - CDBG Non-Housing Community Development/Pub. Facilities | CDBG: \$46,140,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 287378 Persons Assisted. |
| ***** | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | Reduce homelessness | 2015 | 2019 | Homeless | | Administration - CDBG Homelessness - Emergency Shelter Homelessness - Outreach (ESG-CDBG COMBINED) Non-Housing Community Development/Pub. Facilities | CDBG: \$12,324,000 | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 9938 Persons Assisted. |
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| Sort Order | Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|----------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|---|
| 30 | Reduce hunger | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | | Administration - CDBG Non-Housing Community Development/Public Services Non-Housing Community Development/Pub. Facilities | CDBG: \$1,806,000 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3050 Persons Assisted. Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted. |
| 31 | Reduction of blighted properties | 2015 | 2019 | Non-Housing Community Development | | Administration - CDBG Non-Housing Community Development/Clearance Public Housing | CDBG: \$153,179,000 | Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit. Buildings Demolished: 12 Buildings. |

Goal Descriptions

Table AP-3 – Goals Description

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|-------|-------------------------|--|
| ***** | | |
| 13 | Goal Name | Make the City more livable for ppl w/disabilities |
| | Goal Description | Assist people with disabilities, landlords, and advocates in the areas of housing and housing rights; perform accessibility improvements in public facilities. |
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| 19 | Goal Name | Promote community development through planning |
| | Goal Description | Perform citywide comprehensive community development planning to help formulate long-term development and policy objectives for the City. |
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| 24 | Goal Name | Provide recreational activities for low/mod people |
| | Goal Description | Provide recreational opportunities to low- and moderate-income people by funding staff to coordinate and manage programs at park facilities and the creation/improvement of parks and playgrounds. |
| 25 | Goal Name | Provide safe learning environment in City schools |
| | Goal Description | Provide a safe environment in NYC public schools and EarlyLearn day care centers through the prevention or removal of code violations. |
| * * * * * | | |
| 28 | Goal Name | Reduce homelessness |
| | Goal Description | Support operations, improvement, and expansion of adult and family shelters, street outreach services, and drop-in centers at which homeless persons or domestic violence victims receive services to help them return to self-sufficiency as soon as possible. |
| * * * * * | | |
| 30 | Goal Name | Reduce hunger |
| | Goal Description | Address hunger and food insecurity by expanding access to free school- and pantry-based meals. |
| 31 | Goal Name | Reduction of blighted properties |
| | Goal Description | Improve neighborhood quality through the elimination or improvement of blighted properties. |

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Department of Homeless Services (DHS) is the recipient of the City's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). These funds support efforts to serve homeless and at-risk of homelessness individuals and families.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) administers the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant.

The Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) administers the City's HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Grant. Proposed projects funds affordable housing new construction, affordable housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyers homeownership assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance.

The Office of Management and Budget has oversight responsibility for the Community Development Block Grant program.

(For additional information about Hurricane Sandy, the City's response, and Disaster Recovery (DR) funded programs, please visit www.nyc.gov/cdbg to read the current CDBG-DR Action Plan.)

For 2018 the Action Plan's listing of projects has been re-ordered to correspond with their associated One-Year Goal(s) as found in section AP-20, Annual Goals and Objectives. The exceptions to this sort order are the four newly-added CDBG-funded programs, which have been appended to the end of the program listing. It should be noted that the order of the One-Year Goals in AP-20 are automatically sorted alphabetically by HUD's eConPlanning software suite and therefore, should not be misinterpreted as the City's order of priority.

Projects

Table AP-4 - Project Information

| # | Project Name |
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| ***** | |
| 26 | DCP Comprehensive Planning |
| ***** | |
| 33 | Pelham Bay Park Administrator's Office |
| 34 | Prospect Park Administrator's Office |
| 35 | Van Cortlandt Park Administrator's Office |
| 36 | Code Violation Removal in Schools |
| ***** | |
| 45 | Public Housing Rehabilitation Program |

| # | Project Name |
|-------|---|
| ***** | |
| 76 | Accessibility Improvements in City Schools |
| 77 | Day Care Center Environmental Health Improvements |
| 78 | DOE School Kitchen Renovations Program |
| 79 | Inspections in City Shelters |

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

Community Development Block Grant

In early 2018, the City realized a \$16 million increase to its Federal Fiscal Year 2018 CDBG Entitlement Grant and recognized \$19.6 million in CDBG program income from the sale of several federal Urban Renewal properties. These funds were allocated to programs in the Proposed 2018 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan. At the end of 2018, the City’s CDBG program received \$235.4 million in program income from the sale of another federal Urban Renewal property. This amendment to the 2018 One-Year Action Plan reflects changes in CDBG programming resulting from the portion of this program income allocated in the City Fiscal Year 2019 budget, which totals \$162 million, and the reallocation of \$1.2 million in prior years’ underspending. The remaining \$73.4 million of program income will appear in the City’s Proposed 2019 Consolidated One-Year Action Plan to be released in early 2019.

The City has allocated this program income in accordance with citywide priorities, especially in regards to environmental health and safety initiatives and accessibility, as follows:

- The City added the Food Pantry Services program, which is administered by the Department of Youth and Community Development, with a 2018 allocation of \$375,000. Since 1999, the NYC City Council had requested that \$375,000 be allocated to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty for its food pantry. In 2018, the Council chose to no longer distribute these funds to the Met Council. For information and the list of the new organizations that will receive funding, please see the Food Pantry Services entry.
- The Code Violation Removal in Schools program is administered by the Department of Education. In the 2018 Proposed Consolidated Plan, the City allocated \$20.9 million additional CDBG funds (and reallocated prior years' unspent funds) to pay for the upgrading and retubing of boilers in public schools. In this Amended Plan, the City is allocating an additional \$20.2 million to this program for various code violation activities, including the remediation of lead in school water fixtures.
- The Public Housing Rehabilitation Program is administered by the New York City Housing Authority. In the 2018 Proposed Consolidated Plan, the City allocated additional CDBG funds (and reallocated prior years' unspent funds) to renovate public housing developments. As part of this Amendment, the City is allocating an additional \$60 million of the CDBG program income to this program.
- The DOE School Kitchen Renovations Program, which had not received a CDBG allocation since 2017, will receive \$1.4 million in new funds for the installation of walk-in refrigerators at City schools.

- As part of this amendment, the City is creating three new programs:
 - Accessibility Improvements in City Schools will receive an allocation of \$66.5 million. This program will increase the number of City schools that are accessible through physical improvements that will provide greater ease of ingress/egress for students, parents, employees, and community members with disabilities.
 - Day Care Center Environmental Health Improvements will receive a new allocation of \$5 million.
 - Inspections in City Shelters will receive a new allocation of \$6.8 million.

Additionally, this amendment reflects minor increases from the addition of this program income to the budgets of the following existing programs: Department of City Planning Comprehensive Planning, and the Pelham Bay, Prospect, and Van Cortlandt Parks Administrators' Offices.

Finally, this amendment will incorporate budget increases to several programs resulting from a collective bargaining agreement between DC 37 and the City. The total budget increase across the 26 programs impacted by this collective bargaining is \$1,297,000.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

Table AP-5 – Project Summary

| ***** | | |
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| 26 | Project Name | DCP Comprehensive Planning |
| | Goals Supported | Promote community development through planning |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development/Planning |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$16,544,000 |
| | Description | Staff performs comprehensive planning functions citywide: zoning actions; housing, economic development, and census data analysis; open space and waterfront revitalization plans; urban design; etc. |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | This program is categorized as a planning activity and thus is not required to provide accomplishment projections. |
| | Location Description | <p>NYC Department of City Planning - 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronx Borough Office - 1775 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10453 • Brooklyn Borough Office - 16 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11241 • Queens Borough Office - 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY 11424 • Staten Island Borough Office - 130 Stuyvesant Place, Staten Island, NY 10301 |
| | Planned Activities | <p>CD funds pay for Department of City Planning (DCP) staff that performs planning functions within the following divisions:</p> <p>Strategic Planning: Oversees DCP's functional planning activities, land use policy, and long-term development and policy objectives for the City. Activities include preparation of planning documents, directing citywide studies, and working with the City Planning Commission on planning and development.</p> <p>Borough Offices: Develops local zoning and land use policy and prepares neighborhood plans. The offices maintain links to the city's communities by providing technical assistance to community boards, civic organizations, and elected officials regarding zoning and land use. The offices review development actions to ensure conformance with local area needs and plans.</p> |

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| | | <p>Capital Planning: Works with NYC agencies to create data sets around City facilities that can be used for planning activities. The division provides analyses to agency partners for the City's 10-Year Capital Strategy. The division assists the borough offices in neighborhood planning activities and serves as staff to the City's Neighborhood Development Fund.</p> <p>Housing, Economic, and Infrastructure Planning (HEIP): Develops citywide plans and policies addressing HEIP. It conducts economic, employment, and housing analyses. HEIP analyzes land use proposals, assists in initiating zoning text and map amendments, and coordinates preparation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Report on Social Indicators. HEIP's Population Section conducts demographic studies; advises on demographic, immigration, and census policy issues; distributes census data, analyses, and maps on DCP's website; and is the City's liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau.</p> <p>Planning Coordination: Supports the management of DCP's work program and execution of City Charter-mandated responsibilities such as management of the agency's land use project pipeline; review of community-based 197-a plans; preparing the Mayor's Management Report, Citywide Statement of Needs, and Statements of Community District Needs; conducting interagency coordination and community outreach; and providing analysis and technical assistance.</p> <p>Waterfront and Open Space: Prepares comprehensive and local area plans, advises on citywide waterfront and open space policy issues, and reviews proposed actions on the city's waterfront for consistency with the Waterfront Revitalization Program.</p> <p>Zoning: Responsible for maintaining the Zoning Resolution, laws that govern land use in the city and providing general zoning information to the public and other agencies. The Division conducts planning studies to update the Resolution to address the City's needs.</p> <p>Urban Design: Staff assists on projects affecting infrastructure design, master planning, overall massing and architectural expression, streetscape, landscape, and sustainable design. The department develops City planning policy to support urban design, reviews large-scale projects for modification and approval, and designs projects in-house. The department also conducts studies ranging from site-specific projects to comprehensive neighborhood plans and citywide initiatives.</p> |
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| | | <p>2020 Census Outreach Office: Staff will help ensure an accurate enumeration of NYC’s population. The Office will establish a network of community-based leaders who will deliver messages emphasizing the importance of the census to residents, with a focus on populations vulnerable to undercounting.</p> <p>As part of this amended 2018 Consolidated Plan, the City is adding \$1.4 million to this program to expand translation services at public hearings and to fund staff who will automate the City’s Environmental Quality Review process and coordinate the City’s planning efforts with regional partners.</p> |
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| 33 | Project Name | Pelham Bay Park Administrator's Office |
| | Goals Supported | Provide recreational activities for low/mod people |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development/Public Services Administration - CDBG |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$989,000 |
| | Description | CD funds pay for staffing and related expenses associated with the administration of Pelham Bay Park. |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | For 2018, the program anticipates that 5,400,000 people will visit Pelham Bay Park. |
| | Location Description | Pelham Bay Park, Bronx |
| | Planned Activities | <p>The Pelham Bay Park Administrator's Office provides services for the largest park in the Bronx, serving low- and moderate-income borough residents. CD-funded staff includes the Park Administrator, Natural Areas Manager, Wildlife Manager, and Special Events Coordinator. The Administrator's Office offers the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of conservation and recreation activities; • Coordination and implementation of special projects and events; • Coordination of natural area restoration and horticultural improvements; • Coordination of public programs; • Coordination and implementation of volunteer programs; • Administrative and liaison functions with the park's primary community group, the Friends of Pelham Bay Park, and other community and user groups; • Public relations and community outreach; |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of capital planning; and • Delivery of services to ensure park safety and security. <p>Equipment may also be purchased when funds are available.</p> <p>A Federally-funded user study of Pelham Bay Park indicated the majority of visitors to the Park come from CD-eligible Bronx census tracts. Pelham Bay Park is adjacent to the neighborhoods of Co-op City, Pelham Bay, Baychester, and City Island, and is easily accessible by public transportation. In 2018, CD funds will also be used to update the user study.</p> <p>As part of this amended Consolidated Plan, the City has allocated an additional \$400,000 to this program for equipment purchases that will be used to better serve park visitors.</p> |
| 34 | Project Name | Prospect Park Administrator's Office |
| | Goals Supported | Provide recreational activities for low/mod people |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development/Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$1,425,000 |
| | Description | CD funds pay for the staffing costs and related expenses associated with the administration of Brooklyn's Prospect Park, which includes the Audubon Center and Lefferts Historic House. The Audubon Center is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to wildlife preservation and natural education. The Lefferts House offers free public programs that focus on the everyday life of the Dutch settlers that inhabited Brooklyn in the 1700s. |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | For 2018, the program anticipates that 8,863,109 individuals will visit the park (based on a user survey). |
| | Location Description | Prospect Park, Brooklyn |
| | Planned Activities | <p>The Prospect Park Administrator's Office provides the following services for the park, which serves the borough of Brooklyn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of conservation and recreation activities; • Coordination of educational programs; • Coordination and implementation of volunteer programs; • Coordination and implementation of special projects and events; |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative and liaison functions with the nonprofit Prospect Park Alliance; • Public relations and community outreach; • Coordination of capital planning and investments; and • Delivery of services to ensure park security and upgrading. <p>Funds may also be used to purchase equipment when available.</p> <p>The Prospect Park Audubon Center in the Boathouse has developed a curriculum of urban environmental education programs open to academic groups and the general public. The Center combines exhibits, nature trails, and citizen science projects to meet the varying instructional levels required for educators, students, and the public. The Center's initiative, "Pop-up Audubon," brings educational programs out to the public at various locations in the park. The Lefferts Historic House interprets everyday life in the farming village of Flatbush as Dutch, African, and Native American children experienced it in the early Nineteenth Century.</p> <p>Volunteer recruitment and coordination of Volunteer programs provides thousands of volunteer hours essential to the function and vitality of the Park. The Prospect Park Tennis Center's Junior Development program serves the diverse population within Brooklyn communities, including many underserved youth that participate on a scholarship basis.</p> <p>A Federally-funded user study of Prospect Park indicated the majority of park visitors come from CD-eligible Brooklyn census tracts. In 2018, CD funds will also be used to update the user study.</p> <p>For more information about Prospect Park, please visit the following websites: www.nycgovparks.org/parks/prospectpark or www.prospectpark.org.</p> <p>As part of this amended Consolidated Plan, the City has allocated an additional \$400,000 to this program for equipment purchases that will be used to better serve park visitors.</p> |
| 35 | Project Name | Van Cortlandt Park Administrator's Office |
| | Goals Supported | Provide recreational activities for low/mod people |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development/Public Services |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$1,225,000 |
| | Description | CD funds pay for staffing and related expenses associated with the administration of Van Cortlandt Park. |

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| Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | For 2018, the program anticipates that 2,600,000 individuals will visit Van Cortlandt Park. |
| Location Description | Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx |
| Planned Activities | <p>The Van Cortlandt Park Administrator's Office represents the third largest park in New York City and predominantly serves low- and moderate-income residents of the Bronx. CD-funded staffing includes the Park Administrator, the Special Events Coordinator, and an Office Manager. Along with two Park Managers, they oversee four offices: one at Ranaqua to coordinate with the Borough Administration; one at Van Cortlandt Garage for the forest restoration and turf & trails crews; another at the park's headquarters building for the maintenance and operations staff; and at the Van Cortlandt Golf House for teen and volunteer programs. Staff at these offices oversees all programming, maintenance, and operations of the park in addition to capital projects and community outreach.</p> <p>The CD-funded Special Events Coordinator oversees permitting for hundreds of events from family barbecues to the New York Philharmonic Concert that comes to the park. The park offers free public programming including the Barefoot Dancing Series in the spring and summer, monthly volunteer forest workdays, and weekly Bird Walks conducted from April to November. Newly added programs include the Hike & Draw series, Painting from Nature series, and a rowing program.</p> <p>The Department of Parks and Recreation's <i>Van Cortlandt Park Natural Areas Management Plan</i> and the <i>Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan 2034</i> include horticultural and natural area plans. These documents currently guide work on the park's physical aspects.</p> <p>CD-funded staff coordinates the programs and concerns of a Community Council made up of representatives from the many diverse park user groups. The Council meets twice a year to grapple with park issues and recommend solutions in concert with the master plan ideas. Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park, Van Cortlandt Track Club, Friends of Canine Court, National Society of The Colonial Dames in the State of New York, Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail, Woodlawn Taxpayers Association, Bronx Community Board 8, NYC Audubon, Bike NY, Transportation Alternatives, and many sports and athletic leagues are all represented. The Administrator's Office produces seasonal calendars promoting programs of all these groups for the general public as well as maintains the official website for the park, www.vcpark.org.</p> |

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| | | <p>A Federally-funded user study of Van Cortlandt Park indicated the majority of visitors to the park come from CD-eligible Bronx census tracts. In 2018, CD funds will also be used to update the user study. Van Cortlandt Park is adjacent to the Kingsbridge, Norwood, and Woodlawn communities and is easily accessible by public transportation.</p> <p>For more information about Van Cortlandt Park, please visit the following websites: www.vcpark.org or www.nycgovparks.org/parks/VanCortlandtPark.</p> <p>As part of this amended Consolidated Plan, the City has allocated an additional \$700,000 to this program for equipment purchases that will be used to better serve park visitors.</p> |
| 36 | Project Name | Code Violation Removal in Schools |
| | Goals Supported | Provide safe learning environment in City schools |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development/Pub. Facilities |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$41,140,000 |
| | Description | CD funds are used by the Department of Education to prevent or remove code violations in New York City schools. |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | For 2018, the program anticipates that it will prevent or remove code violations in schools that serve an estimated 287,378 children. |
| | Location Description | Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | CD funds are used by the Department of Education to prevent or remove code violations in New York City schools. The activities may include the installation, repair, or replacement of emergency lighting, elevator guards, elevator upgrades, boiler repair, boiler compliance inspections and tune-ups, corridor doors, door closers, bathrooms, fire-rated doors and hardware, panic hardware, fire alarm systems, fire suppression systems, fire extinguishers, sprinklers/standpipes, radiator shields, potable water systems, sewage systems, kitchen ventilation/exhaust systems, and heating/cooling/refrigeration systems; environmental health inspections; flame-proofing curtains; and the repair of building elevators, escalators, sidewalks, bleachers, retaining walls, interior masonry, falling plaster, damaged flooring, ceilings, electrical fixtures, water closets, mandated signage, and wiring; and repairs or removal to address DEC violations. To avoid archaeological concerns, playground resurfacing may be performed provided there is no increase in the playground area and no excavation is proposed. |

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| | | <p>DOE will continue to use CD funds to test for and address elevated lead levels in school drinking water. In September of 2016, New York City and New York State agreed to new lead testing protocols in city schools. Using contractors and custodial staff, DOE will test all 1,726 schools located in approximately 1,400 buildings and remediate any fixtures that test positive for lead. CD will newly fund six personnel dedicated to the scheduling of the testing and remediation work by DOE vendors.</p> <p>As part of this amended Consolidated Plan, the City has allocated an additional \$15 million to general Code Violation removal activities, \$5 million to lead testing/remediation, and \$200,000 for the oversight staff.</p> |
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| 45 | Project Name | Public Housing Rehabilitation Program |
| | Goals Supported | Reduction of blighted properties |
| | Needs Addressed | Public Housing Administration - CDBG |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$142,268,000 |
| | Description | CDBG funds will be used to renovate NYCHA residential buildings. |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | In 2018, the program will benefit or improve an estimated 0 housing units. Benefits for the Public Housing Rehabilitation Program will be realized in 2019 and beyond and are anticipated to reach 140,000 housing units. |
| | Location Description | NYCHA Developments Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | CD funds will be used to pay for various rehabilitation activities in NYCHA residential buildings. CD funds will also pay for New York City Housing Authority staff to oversee the work. |
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| 76 | Project Name | Accessibility Improvements in City Schools |
| | Goals Supported | Make the City more livable for ppl w/disabilities |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development - Public Facilities |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$66,500,000 |
| | Description | The NYC Department of Education will use CD funds to make NYC public schools more accessible to people with disabilities. |

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| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | For 2018, the City does not project any accomplishments for this program. However, over the life of the funding, the City projects that all 8.2 million residents of New York City will benefit from these activities. |
| | Location Description | CD funds will be used at public schools throughout the city. |
| | Planned Activities | As part of this amended Consolidated Plan, the City has allocated \$66.5 million to this newly-created program. CD funds will be used by the Department of Education to provide accessibility improvements in City schools in order to increase the percentage of schools that are fully or substantially accessible. Proposed improvements are geared towards making schools accessible to the general public, which will provide greater ease of ingress/egress for students, parents, employees, and community members. Activities may include, but are not limited to, providing and installing accessible entrances (e.g., entrance doors, ramp installation and upgrades, extension of ramp handrails, automatic door openers, accessible door handles/bevels, compliant door hardware, doorbells to within reach range at entrances); widening doorways; installing room labels with braille; removal of projecting items; installing lifts and ramps over changes of elevations in corridors; adjusting reach ranges for water fountains, Automated External Defibrillators (AED), and fire extinguishers; installing elevators or accessible chair lifts; and providing accessible seating and path of travel in auditoriums. |
| 77 | Project Name | Day Care Center Environmental Health Improvements |
| | Goals Supported | Provide safe learning environment in City schools |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development-Public Facilities |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$5,000,000 |
| | Description | CD funds will be used to address environmental health conditions at City-owned or -leased day care centers. |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | For 2018, the City does not project any accomplishments for this program. However, over the life of the funding, the City expects that approximately 6,000 children will benefit from these activities. |
| | Location Description | DOE projects that CD-funded work may take place at 81 EarlyLearn sites throughout New York City. |
| | Planned Activities | As part of a larger effort to strengthen birth-to-five care and education, the City is shifting management of its contracted day care program, known as <i>EarlyLearn</i> , from the Administration for Children’s Services to the Department of Education (DOE). As part of this shift, DOE will use CD funds to re-evaluate and address environmental health conditions at 81 City-owned or -leased <i>EarlyLearn</i> sites. |

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| 78 | Project Name | DOE School Kitchen Renovations Program |
| | Goals Supported | Reduce hunger |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development - Public Facilities |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$1,431,000 |
| | Description | CD funds will be used to upgrade/replace walk-in refrigerators at school kitchens. |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | For 2018, the City does not project any accomplishments for this program. However, over the life of this funding, the City expects to complete refrigerator replacements at five buildings housing eight city schools that serve 4,268 children. |
| | Location Description | DOE anticipates that CD-funded projects will take place at the following sites: Bronx <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.S. 047 - 1794 East 172nd Street • P.S. 306 and The Bronx School of Young Leaders - 40 West Tremont Avenue Brooklyn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liberty Avenue Middle School and Vista Academy - 350 Linwood Street • P.S. 124 Silas B. Dutcher - 515 Fourth Avenue Manhattan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.S. 319 and M.S. 324 - 21 Jumel Place |
| | Planned Activities | The Department of Education (DOE) will use CD funds to replace aging walk-in refrigerators. |
| 79 | Project Name | Inspections in City Shelters |
| | Goals Supported | Reduce homelessness |
| | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development-Public Facilities |
| | Funding | CDBG: \$6,800,000 |
| | Description | This funding will support inspections in designated DHS and HRA shelter units. |
| | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | The program will not complete any accomplishments in 2018. However, over the life of the funding, funds will be used to support inspections in approximately 9,200 shelter and transitional housing units. |
| | Location Description | Citywide |
| | Planned Activities | As part of this amended Consolidated Plan, the City has allocated \$6.8 million to this new program. New York City's Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and the Human Resources Administration (HRA) conduct regular inspections of shelter and transitional housing units. Funding will support inspection |

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Affordable Housing

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

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

Since 2003, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) has collaborated with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (“HPD”) to construct new affordable housing on NYCHA properties. In June 2017, NYCHA and HPD, in collaboration with the New York City Housing Development Corporation (HDC) and the selected development teams, closed on construction financing for 159 units of affordable senior housing at Mill Brook Houses in the Bronx and 145 units of affordable senior housing at Ingersoll Houses in Brooklyn. Development teams have been selected for affordable housing development sites at Van Dyke Houses in Brooklyn, at two Betances sites in the Bronx, and for the first NextGen Neighborhoods development at Holmes Towers in Manhattan. NYCHA is in the process of reviewing proposals and selecting a developer for the NextGen Neighborhoods development at Wyckoff Gardens in Brooklyn and for the next round of affordable housing development sites at Sumner Houses (Brooklyn), Twin Parks West (the Bronx), Morrisania Air Rights (the Bronx), and Harborview Terrace (Manhattan). In November 2017, NYCHA and HPD also released the initial Seniors First RFP for affordable senior housing at Bushwick II (Group E), Baruch, and Sotomayor Houses. Additional RFPs for development sites will be issued as part of Mayor de Blasio’s Housing New York 2.0 Plan in 2018.

Activities completed and planned for 2017-2018 include:

1. Sale of property at Ocean Bay Apartments in Queens for construction of neighborhood retail space;
2. Ground lease of sites for construction of 100% affordable housing at Betances V, Betances VI, and East 165th-Bryant Avenue (the Bronx) and at Van Dyke Houses (Brooklyn); and
3. Disposition of a site at Soundview Houses in the Bronx for development of 53 new affordable homeownership units.

Additionally, in the 2018 Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan, the City had allocated \$82,268,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding for NYCHA repairs. As part of this Amended One-Year Action Plan, the City has allocated an additional \$60 million to this effort, for a total 2018 budget of \$142,268,000. It is expected that these funds will be used to restore building façades, replace or renovate development roofs, replace fire and water lines, rehabilitate apartments, upgrade heating systems, and perform lead-based paint inspections and remediation. CD funds will also be used to pay for the Capital Planning Division staff that will oversee these and other non-CD funds.

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

Introduction

New York City continues to implement successful strategies to prevent homelessness, encourage individuals living on the street to move into housing and provide services to those living in emergency shelter with the goal of successful permanent housing placements. During the next year, the City will carry on and expand many of these efforts including city funded rental assistance programs, support of other innovative permanent housing models and expansion of supportive housing development with the NYC 15/15 Initiative. The City will continue rehousing initiatives focused on special populations, including veterans, youth and the chronically homeless.

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Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) provides safe and appropriate emergency shelter when remaining in housing is not an option. By mayoral action in 2016, the delivery of homeless services were overhauled, expanded and enhanced to better serve homeless persons and families, and those at risk of homelessness. Significant investments were made in the areas of prevention, street outreach and shelter operations. With the Human Resources Administration (HRA) and other agencies, DHS will continue to administer targeted rental assistance programs tailored to eligible families and individuals in shelter; enhance services for children and adults in shelters and improve health and safety conditions.

NYC DHS and social services agencies partners provide emergency and transitional shelter for families with children, adult families, and single individuals in a network of general and specialized facilities. DHS provides individuals and families with shelter and services with an overall goal of housing stability. Twenty-six (26) DHS shelter programs receive ESG funding for operations and services. These shelter programs serve a wide range of discrete subpopulations and include: substance and mental health services, services for survivors of domestic violence and their children, transitional housing for youth or persons with medical needs, interim housing for street homeless awaiting permanent supportive housing placements, employment services, housing placement assistance, and other programs.

NYC DHS provides Safe Haven and Stabilization beds which are low-threshold, low-demand service models specifically for chronically street homeless individuals. Safe Haven beds provide an immediate housing alternative with private or semi-private rooms and flexible program requirements. HOME-STAT Street Outreach teams are the sole referral source and can place clients directly from the street with few administrative barriers. In addition, the model allows for more intensive work with each client by offering a higher case manager to client ratio.

Drop-In Center and Respite beds are also available to street homeless individuals. These programs provide a variety of services including but not limited to meals, counseling, medical/psychiatric services, showers, laundry facilities, clothing, referrals for employment, benefits assistance, etc.

In 2018, the City expects to assist 12,100 individuals through ESG funded emergency shelter services.

Through the Office of the Ombudsman, DHS provides independent and impartial information and education on homeless services, conflict resolution and mediation, and timely client-focused case management in response to constituent issues and concerns. Staff is available to meet with constituents in person, by phone or email in order to provide assistance and advocate on their behalf to resolve issues. The Office works collaboratively with other DHS departments as well as external agencies and representatives.

Please note that the City uses Community Development Block Grant funds for one drop-in center and to inspect for health and safety standards in shelters and transitional housing units. In addition to paying for DHS staff that oversees capital renovations at City homeless shelters and for security services at the 30th Street Men's Shelter, CD funds have been allocated in 2018 to perform inspections in shelters and transitional housing units.

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

The City provides case management services and comprehensive housing placement strategies to transition families and individuals from shelter into stable housing as quickly as possible. DHS encourages effective placements from shelter through partnership with contracted shelter providers to move clients to stable permanent housing, avoid individuals returning to shelter, and targeting placement of chronically homeless and special populations.

The City will continue to implement and refine new strategies to increase stable permanent placements. These efforts include the creation of new rental assistance programs for homeless families and individuals that began in 2014; expanding new supportive housing development; and development of new models, including master leasing contracts. These programs help working families/individuals, survivors of domestic violence, elderly individuals/families, persons with disabilities, and households with histories of repeated shelter stays move into permanent housing. The NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) also provides aftercare services designed to help stabilize clients, including assisting with linkages to community-based resources and assistance with benefits and landlord/tenant issues.

In 2018, the City and New York City Coalition on the Continuum of Care (CCoC) will also continue their efforts to increase permanent housing for chronically homeless individuals, and continue efforts to quickly place veterans into permanent housing and connect them to the necessary services and benefits.

The New York City (NYC) Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and the CCoC use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for federal reporting purposes to ensure NYC is compliant with requirements and standards put forth by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Specifically, HMIS is used for regular reporting including the Annual Homeless Assessment Report, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, Housing Inventory Chart-Housing Inventory Count, System Performance Measures and the Notice of Funding Availability. DHS and

federally-funded CCoC programs also use HMIS to ensure data quality, completeness, accuracy, and consistency with the goal of improving program performance. Data collected and uploaded into HMIS (by DHS' CARES system for Emergency Shelter, and by Providers for Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing) is used to run statistical reports for up-to-date information on a host of metrics used to assess program performance and track a variety of demographics. HMIS is also used to monitor system and individual level performance for the CCoC and function in coordination with ESG-funded programs. HMIS will support regular monitoring to ensure NYC's progress in meeting the goals outlined in Opening Doors, HUD's federal strategy to prevent and end homelessness.

The NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) also uses CDBG funds for its HPD Emergency Housing Services program. Through this effort, the City pays for relocation costs for households that have become homeless due to fires or other unsafe building conditions that led to a vacate order. In addition to paying for temporary housing, CD funds are used for case management services for displaced tenants and for HPD staff that work with tenants to return home upon re-habitability of the vacated units - if the units can be rehabilitated, or to help these tenants find alternative housing where their original units have been destroyed or are otherwise not habitable.

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

Introduction:

Housing New York, Mayor de Blasio's 2014 ten-year housing plan, and recently released *Housing New York 2.0* establish the objective of achieving a more equitable city, in which all New Yorkers have a safe and affordable place to live, in neighborhoods that provide opportunities to succeed.

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

In 2016, the City enacted two major reforms to its zoning resolution that will increase the production of permanently affordable housing. In 2017, the City continued to implement and maximize the authorities provided by these changes. Because these new policies require the private market to include a higher share of mixed-income affordable housing in exchange for local incentives, the City anticipates that as overall production growth increases, so too will the supply of affordable housing.

In addition, certain existing regulations impede the development of affordable housing. Amending regulations to remove these impediments would encourage the construction of new housing.

The Department of City Planning (DCP) is developing a paperless filing system that will increase the agency's ability to manage its workload and provide additional transparency to the land use review process. The implementation of the paperless filing system requires a rule change to allow the transmission of electronic documents. The system will allow applicants, elected officials and the public to understand where a project is in the land use review process and what the next steps are. DCP staff will be able to share documents electronically across divisions and manage the review via set milestones and expected timeframes.

The City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) is the process by which the City conducts environmental quality reviews of discretionary actions, including land use and other approvals, in compliance with city and state law. Over the years, the CEQR process has become increasingly complex, and the delays and costs associated with environmental reviews have become burdensome to both public and private applicants seeking approvals to build affordable housing or take other actions. In an effort to make the CEQR process more efficient DCP has released Fast Track, an expedited review process for certain, qualifying applications (Type II) that do not require detailed environmental review. The goal of this process is to give Applicants more certainty over the timeline of their applications by streamlining DCP's review and increasing the role of the Applicant in the process. See: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/applicants/applicant-portal/fast-track.page>. As part of this amended 2018 One-Year Action Plan, the City has allocated an additional \$.2 million of Community Development Block Grant funds to the DCP Comprehensive Planning program to fund additional staff for this effort.

People with disabilities still have difficulty securing affordable and accessible housing. The City has increased oversight of accessibility standards in its regulated affordable housing stock and will extend oversight to the private market. The City is increasing targeted marketing of affordable housing developed to people with disabilities, and requiring disability verification in the resident selection process to ensure that accessible units serve the people who need them.

Through educational events and informational materials the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), HPD, and other City agencies also stepped up efforts to build awareness of affordable housing and subsidies for people with disabilities. The City continues work to make the Housing Connect Lottery System more efficient and accessible and to broaden marketing efforts for City-financed buildings to ensure all eligible individuals with disabilities who are not already stably housed participate in housing lotteries.

The City will continue its efforts to expand the production of supportive housing, a critical ingredient in helping households in need of additional services succeed in stable environments. To ensure that community voices and priorities are part of any City rezoning or planning towards the development of affordable housing, City agencies work in partnership with local elected officials, community-based organizations and residents to identify opportunities to revitalize and shape growth in neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs.

Near-Term Actions

- In 2017, HPD awarded designations for the New Infill Homeownership Opportunities Program (NIHOP) and Neighborhood Construction Program (NCP) designed to create 100 percent affordable housing on vacant city-owned land. In 2018, the winning development teams will work with the City to construct both rental and homeownership opportunities affordable to New York City's workforce population ranging from low to middle income households. An additional RFP for the NIHOP and NCP programs is expected to be released in 2018.
- HPD, DHS and the City's Human Resources Administration (HRA) continue their interagency process to develop a model for financing innovative permanent housing for homeless individuals and families using dollars that would otherwise be spent on higher cost homeless shelters. In 2018, HPD will hire dedicated staff to work on program development, rollout and implementation in partnership with DHS and HRA.
- The City, through HPD's Mix & Match Mixed Income Program and the New York City Housing Development Corporation's (HDC) Mixed-Middle Income (M2) Program, will continue to finance multi-family rental housing affordable to low, moderate, and middle income families.
- In 2018, HPD will continue to work towards an update and expansion of its current online lottery application system via *Housing Connect*. The planned system will provide a guided experience for applicants to help them create an accurate, complete application, and offer opportunities to apply for the housing that best meets their needs and preferences. It will offer an expanded portfolio of affordable housing options, including re-rentals and homeownership opportunities. The new system will also streamline much of the resident selection process, allowing faster review of applications and easier communication among the agency, marketing agencies, and applicants.