

**CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS**  
**Community Development Block Grant Program**  
**2022 Action Plan**



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# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

The Action Plan is designed to be a collaborative method whereby a community establishes a cohesive vision for community development actions. It offers local jurisdictions the opportunity to shape the various housing and community development programs into effective, coordinated neighborhood and community development guidelines. The strategic plan is a particular course of action for recovery and rehabilitation the existing housing stock. It builds on local assets and coordinates a response to the needs of the community. It integrates economic, physical, environmental, community and human development in a comprehensive and coordinated fashion so that families and communities can work together and thrive. A strategic plan also sets forth program goals, specific objectives, annual goals, and benchmarks for measuring progress. It helps local government and residents keep track of results and learn what works. The Action Plan is a requirement of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that cities must prepare in order to receive Federal monetary assistance from HUD Programs. Ultimately, the Plan will be used to implement the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). This document is the Action Plan for Program Year 2022, year five of the five year Consolidated Plan submitted for years 2018-2022. The City will receive \$857,593 in the 2022 Program Year.

### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The City's Priority continues to be improving existing owner- occupied single- family dwellings. The objectives being: (1) **Create Suitable Living Environments**- Improving neighborhoods by rehabilitation of single- family homes as well as improving existing homes by making them more energy efficient and reducing homeowner's utility bills and bringing them up to safety code compliance. Partnering with the City's Community Engagement Department to ensure homeowners keep the outside of their homes neat is also a priority. (2) **Decent Affordable Housing**- Retention of affordable housing stock by rehabilitation of homes built prior to 1978 due to lead paint, the tiers to be followed are; moderate rehabs, these are dwellings from 1978 and older, emergency rehabs; these dwellings could be any year that has an immediate safety emergency like no A/C or running water or leaking roof, and minor rehabs, these are dwellings from 1978-1995, case by case. The City's goal is to provide rehabilitation to at least 25 owner- occupied homes each year. The outcomes being: **(1)** Availability and- or Accessibility **(2)** Affordability and **(3)** Sustainability.

### 3. Evaluation of past performance

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

In the past, the Housing Services Program has made a significant impact in not only low- income neighborhoods but in the City overall. The City continues to make the Housing Service Program a priority. From 2010- 2020 the CDBG program have rehabilitated and or completed emergency work on 368 single family dwellings, of the 368, 119 were emergencies. Only thirty six were sold before the 10 years matured on the DLA, that is approximately 10% of homes sold and 90% of the homes receiving assistance on are still owned by the same homeowner. This had increased stability in the housing market with rehabilitating homes that needed assistance.

In the 2021 Program Year, the City of Springdale provided funding for seven (7) nonprofit organizations; VFW, Bread of Life, Community Clinic, Returning Home, CASA, Compassion House, and VFW AUX in the total amount \$107,345 around 14% of the entitled grant.

In fiscal year 2020, the CDBG program have rehabilitated or provided repairs to 38 homes. In the FY21 allocations, we have rehabilitated (3) three single family homes.

### **FY21 Program Summary**

#### **CDBG FY2021 Program Summary**

The City of Springdale is anticipating the \$804,758 for the PY21. The funds will be dispersed as requested.

#### **The Program year starts July 1, 2021 and ends June 31, 2022**

The City of Springdale is an entitlement city in the Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and receives a formula grant annually. The primary objective of the CDBG Program is the preservation and development of viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, economic development opportunities, public services and public facilities principally for low and moderate income persons.

FY18- \$869,425

FY19- \$812,275

FY20- \$812,974

FY21- \$804,758

The activities contained in the City's work program are as follows:

- Rehabilitation of owner occupied single family dwellings from 1978 or older, including emergency repairs-- \$410,726 - 51%
- Direct grant to Nonprofit organizations -- \$107,345 – 13.5%

- Program administration -- \$75,000 - 11%
- Public Facility- (Luther George Park Expansion) \$260,000- 25%
- The average amount of CDBG program spent on a single family dwelling is \$23,308.27, for the 2020 program year CDBG Funding. Thirteen dwelling received rehabilitation assistance. This is to include seven (7) emergency work orders on HVAC systems, roofs, and plumbing issues.
- Qualifying conditions for homeowner assistance is; the structure was built on or before 1978 - and the home owner can meet established income qualified. . The qualified application must have occupied the home for more than a year. Guidelines provided by HUD are used to ensure accuracy.
- Anticipated completion time for rehabilitation project is approximately 60 days.
- The nonprofit organizations being requesting to be funded this year:
- VFW Post- \$15,000Received CDBG-CV funds- \$15,000Bread of Life- \$24,000Received CDBG-CV funds- \$16,000Received annual funds for \$24,000 since 2009Community Clinic- \$12,000Received CDBG-CV funds- \$88,706Received CDBG annual funds foe \$12,000 for the last yearReturning Home- \$12,000Received CDBG-CV funds- \$146,183Received CDBG annual funds of \$12,000 in 2019- \$10,000 and 2020- \$10,560CASA of NWA- \$10,000Received CDBG-CV funds \$ 20,000Received CDBG annual funds of \$10,000 for the last 5 yearsVFW Aux- \$15,000A separate entity from the VFW post, a separate Nonprofit OrganizationReceived CDBG-CV funds \$15,394Compassion House- \$19,345Received CDBG-CV funds \$50,000Received CDBG annual funds in 2020 for \$19,400 in 2018- \$12,500 and 2019 \$12,500

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City followed its Citizen Participation Plan (revised in 2020) when conducting the 2021 Action Plan process. We use many individuals and agencies in the development of the Consolidated Plan as well as the Annual Action Plan. We take all input we receive to help us analyze, measure and determine housing, facility and service needs, with an emphasis on low-mod, elderly, disabled, and homelessness. A Public Hearing is held in the planning process and the public is notified of this Public Hearing by a display ad placed in the local paper and on the City's website. The display ad meets the requirements of CDBG Regulation 24 CFR 91.105. The City encourages the residents of Springdale to provide input into both the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans by attending the Public Hearing or sending in their comments. Once the plans are completed, a Public Hearing display ad will be published to allow our residents to comment on the finalized plan before it is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A comment period is also held to allow those who cannot attend the Public Hearing to comment on the final plan. The final plan will consider and/or implement concerns and suggestions from citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties. Final review and stamp of approval to these plans will be made by the Mayor of Springdale and the Springdale City Council. The public is also given the opportunity to review the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER contains a summary of accomplishments and evaluation of progress made

during the year. All Public Hearings and meetings will be held in buildings that have access for persons with disabilities. The Hearings will be scheduled during the evening to provide working individual and families a great opportunity to attend. Because Springdale has a large Spanish speaking population, a bilingual (English/Spanish) person will be made available to non-English speaking persons. Technical assistance will also be provided to those requesting assistance in developing a proposal under the plan submissions. The Citizen Participation process is also involved on any impacts to the environment with a CDBG project as well as any amendments to an approved plan. It should be noted that due to COVID-19, some comment periods were shortened in accordance with HUD regulations.

**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.

Public meeting will be held on July 18th from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Shiloh Museum Meeting room at 121 West Huntsville, Springdale, AR 72764

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

there were no comments

**7. Summary**

Placing ads in newspaper on the June 19, 2022 to allow comments. the copy of the action plan again, will be at the library, Jones Center, City Hall and the Springdale Housing Authority for review.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	SPRINGDALE	
CDBG Administrator	SPRINGDALE	Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Springdale is governed by a Mayor and City Council. All contractual matters concerning the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program are approved by the Staff Attorney and City Council prior to signature by the Mayor. The CDBG Program is administered through the Department of Planning and Community Development and the CDBG Program Manager. The CDBG Program Manager is responsible for administering the programs covered in the Consolidated Plan as well as the Annual Action Plan. This includes the development, implementation, monitoring and activities reporting. While the CDBG Administrator prepares the drawdowns, the Planning and Community Development Director does the approvals all drawdowns. All checks are then written by Accounts Payable in the Department of Finance. Through the Continuum of Care the City attends meetings and training provided by these agencies in meeting the needs of our low income residents. The CDBG Administrator attends bi-yearly meetings of the Arkansas Community Development Association for additional training and participates in webinars and other training provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the National Community Development Association to include the Region VI Association.

The City's Planning and Community Development Department has a full time staff person responsible to administer the Community Development Block Grant Program and a full time Housing Rehabilitation Specialist to administer the Housing Services Program.

## **Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

For information about the Community Development Block Grant Program contact: Dean Allen, Community Development Block Grant Program Manager: Phone 479-750-8175 or Email: [gallen@springdalear.gov](mailto:gallen@springdalear.gov). Visit the City's website at [www.springdalear.gov](http://www.springdalear.gov).

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

### **1. Introduction**

The City consulted with the city council, residents, housing providers, homeless agencies and other public service agencies in the development of this plan.

#### **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 Community Development Block Grant Program Manager has display ads placed in the local newspaper notifying residents, housing providers and public service agencies about upcoming meetings and encouraging residents and others to attend and provide input into the development of the Action Plan and to comment on the final development of the Action Plan.

#### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The City is a member of the Continuum of Care and the Community Development Block Grant Program Manager attends the local meetings. Washington County and Benton County have made some significant strides in shelter expansions and support programs designed to reduce the number of homeless people. Being a part of a housing rehabilitation program, we are exposed to homeless persons that may be living with the homeowners of the homes we rehabilitate.

#### **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**

These agencies are invited to participate in public meetings and hearing for the 5- year Consolidation Plan, each Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance Report. The City of Springdale is not an ESG grantee.

### **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**

<b>1</b>	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	NWA Continuum of Care
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Community Development Block Grant Program Manager will attend all CoC meetings as well as Youth Council meetings to become more involved in improved coordination between the City and the organization.

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

The City of Springdale did not exclude any agency from the consultation process that would have been able to provide input of the development of the City's 2022 Annual Action Plan.

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care	Coordinating a community response to end homelessness in Northwest Arkansas is also a goal of the City of Springdale.

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

**Narrative (optional)**

City Staff and Springdale elected officials are all involved in the planning of the City's Annual Action Plan. They provide a key role in the formation of the projects and integrating the City's goals and objectives into the program development. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Manager attends meetings which enables the City to build relationships with State and local agencies that support the CDBG Program. The City of Springdale is a member of the Arkansas Community Development Association (ACDA) comprised of entitlement cities and state agencies which gives the City another opportunity to coordinate with other local and state governments in the implementation of their Annual Action Plan. The CDBG Program Manager also participates in the Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care meetings and training.

**AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

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

The Community Development Block Grant Program held a meeting on June 6, 2022 at 5:30pm to discuss and authorize the funding to non-profits for public service activities. A public meeting will be held on June 28,2022 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm to accept comments in regards to 2022 Action Plan. On July 18,2022 there was a public meeting between 5:00pm - 7:00pm. to accept comments in regards of the 2022 action plan. This will be at the Shiloh Museum Meeting room at 121 West Huntsville, Springdale, AR 72764

**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	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Persons with disabilities  Low income	very low attendance	no comments were made	no comments were made	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The City anticipates it will receive \$4,154,025 in Entitlement Grants during this five-year plan. The CDBG also get program income, these funds come from houses that sale prior to the lien is being removed. The Department also recieve rebate funds from the local utilities for installing energy efficient HVAC systems and energy efficient windows.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	857,593	12,681	628,577	1,498,851	3,477,700	The City was notified it would receive \$857,593 for the 2022 program year. we will have an estimated \$628,577 carried over from PY 2021. We anticipate \$12,680.65 program income will be carried over from PY 2021.

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**

Funds from the Community Development Block Grant will not be used to leverage additional federal resources. Homeowners are required to pay a portion of the cost for any maintenance-type related work required to be performed on their home if the work is required to pass the final building inspection required by the City.

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

No public land or property within the City will be used to address any needs identified in this plan.

**Discussion**

Homeowners pay a portion of any maintenance-type related work required to be performed on their home and for any additional work they may want to have performed while a contractor is on site.

## 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

Table 6 – Goals Summary

#### Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The city's priority goal is the housing rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family dwellings built before 1978. There will be three tiers with the rehabilitation process, tier one is the moderate rehabilitation, this is the homes from 1978 and older. the next tier is emergency rehabs. the last tier is the minor rehabilitation, this is to include homes from 1978 to 1995. The City plans to commit at least 80% of the entitlement grant to the Housing Services Program. Housing Rehabilitation will be the largest funded activity under the Housing Services Program. The Housing Rehabilitation Program is a city wide program for low-to-moderate-income homeowners of single family dwellings.
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	General Program Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	

<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Assisting Local non-profit organizations. they will assist with homelessness, low income families. organizations will focus on taking care of the local community. The Non-profit organizations that will be funded this year will be: Bread of Life- \$24,000, Community Clinic- \$12,000, CASA of NWA- \$10,000, VFW posy 2952- \$9,000, Feed the 479-\$24,000 and VFW Aux- \$10,000.

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The City of Springdale makes funding allocation decisions on an open application process in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. All applications are reviewed for completeness and eligibility by Staff. In-site visits are made to discuss the application and eligibility for each project. Once these projects are determined, this information is given to City Council for their approval prior to submitting to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Projects for 2022 and reasons for allocation priorities and obstacles addressing these needs are listed below:

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Housing Services
2	Public Service- Bread of Life
3	General program Administration
4	Public Service- Community Clinic
5	Public Service- CASA of NWA
6	Public Service- VFW Post 2952
7	Public Service- VFW Auxiliary
8	Public Service- Compassion House
9	Public Service- Feed the 479
10	Public Service- Hydration for Life

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

The allocation of funds for those activities listed in the 2022 Action Plan are closely aligned with the needs identified in the needs assessment and housing market analysis in the City's 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and through input contributed by stakeholders and residents who participated in the development of the 2022 Action Plan. Because the primary national objective of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is to benefit low-income residents, CDBG Program funds will be targeted to individuals and families that are low and moderate income. Funds will also be targeted to include special needs population as well as the elderly and the homeless. By targeting these groups, not only provide a benefit to these individuals

and families, but it benefits the City as well. While not all of the housing applications are located in low mod census tracts, they are all low income. The Taxi Program is located throughout Springdale, but they are all low income. The rationale for assigning funding priorities is consistent with the evaluation criteria set forth in the Consolidated Plan. The City of Springdale administers a competitive application process for all CDBG funded programs on an annual basis. The City's objectives are to fund programs and services to the greatest extent possible, keeping in mind that service projects are subject to a 15% cap.

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

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	Focus on Single- family dwellings built from 1978 and prior are priority. Dwellings built after 1978 are secondary and will be accepted case by case situations.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25- low/ mod income families
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Springdale
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service- Bread of Life
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-income individuals and families City wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$24,000
	<b>Description</b>	Bread of Life is devoted to serving people in Springdale who find themselves in a crisis situation within an atmosphere of respect and compassion. Our primary ministry is to provide three (3) days of food. However, there is limited financial support for clients who find themselves in a temporary emergency situation. Staff, counselors, and volunteers work to determine the specific needs of each client and the options available for their particular situation
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10,937 clients
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Springdale

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The goal is to assist as many persons as possible, with efficient use of limited resources, to decrease hunger and homelessness.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	General program Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$75,000
	<b>Description</b>	The administrative costs in administering the program
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Administrative costs
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Springdale
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	administrative- salary for the administration for activities in the CDBG
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service- Community Clinic
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-income individuals and families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$12,000
	<b>Description</b>	The initiative will provide transportation assistance to low- income Springdale residents for medical and dental care by providing transportation vouchers. A large percentage of low- income Springdale patients have barriers to reliable transportation. This barrier results in missed medical and dental appointments at high rates of last- minute reschedules that jeopardize the health and wellbeing of those individuals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	the Community Clinic indicates the number of patients that will assist will be around 47,570
	<b>Location Description</b>	The City of Springdale low- income families and clients

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	In an effort to provide fair and equitable access to our patient population, Community Clinic will be using Uber health in order to provide transportation to our patients need. Uber health is a HIPAA_ complaint technology solution for healthcare organizations that leverages the ride hailing power of the Uber platform. The web based dashboard allows hospitals and other healthcare professionals to request, manage, and pay for rides for others, at scale.
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service- CASA of NWA
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-income individuals and families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	CASA of NWA provides compassionate volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children. We are committed to ensuring a consistent voice, safe home, and promising future for children in foster care.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	CASA indicates the total of children that were served last year was 892 abused and neglected children.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The City of Springdale
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CASA of NWA will provide advocacy to 25 foster children from Springdale. The process begins when children who have experienced potentially life-threatening abuse or neglect are removed from their Springdale home by DHS and placed in foster care. Shortly following, a Washington County judge will determine if a child is dependent/ neglected. At this point the judge may assign a CASA advocate to the case.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service- VFW Post 2952
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-income individuals and families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$9,000

	<b>Description</b>	The mission of the VFW is to foster camaraderie among United States Veterans of overseas conflicts. We do this through Veteran assistance. it is to assist Veterans that are in need of assistance with transportation to medical appointments, food insecurities, homelessness.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	200 Veterans and their families
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Springdale
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Are nationally VFW mandated for community services through service recognition, but the VFW go over and beyond by providing scholarly and monetary award in Springdale to select "Teacher of the Year", 'Law Enforcement Officer of the Year', 'Firefighter of the Year' as well as sustaining scholarships to four, concurrent college students who are selected by the VFW.
7	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service- VFW Auxiliary
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-income individuals and families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	We are family members of veterans who served overseas during wartime. our Springdale Post Auxiliary works with the veterans that are in crisis which to include mentorship, some financial supplements and youth activities
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Around 77 veterans and 16 families are affected by their service.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Springdale
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide "Go- Buckets" a large can filled with personal care, household items to assist with veterans that are homeless and moving into a place of their own. We also give baskets full of bedding and other essential needs like non-perishable foods. During the holiday season, VFW Aux will provide meals and gift cards to the low- income veterans in need.

8	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service- Compassion House
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-income individuals and families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,731
	<b>Description</b>	Compassionately offering pregnant teens a safe place to live. We strive to empower each resident with life skills, education and support-developing productive contributors in the community.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	30 teen mothers directly and indirectly- 200-300
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Springdale
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Providing shelter/ housing, food and clothing. in addition, case management for residents, curriculum for classes, fuel and transportation cost to transport residents to and from prenatal care, school, counseling appointments. Emergency care relief to provide staffing 24/7.	
9	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service- Feed the 479
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-income individuals and families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$24,000
	<b>Description</b>	Committed to creating locally sourced opportunities to give, serve and engage a community in need while building a sustainable grace- driven organization that offers hope to hurting.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	138,137 individuals have been served
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Springdale

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Operate a "choice pantry" service for individuals in need for food. Open 4 days a week and allow our clients to shop our pantry once per month for pantry food and come once per month for USDA food if they qualify.
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service- Hydration for Life
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low-income individuals and families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Program
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$7,300
	<b>Description</b>	Promoting proper hydration to prevent heat illness through education and supporting activity in the low to middle class children.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	15000 personal
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Springdale school districts
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Our goal is to ensure that all Springdale Schools are equipped with hydration education resources, and that children are provided with a reusable water bottle and understanding for hydration education and heat illness prevention. Additionally, we aim to distribute materials into the Springdale Senior living centers/ Areas on Aging to ensure the seniors also have the proper resources for those at risk for chronic illness.

## **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**

The City of Springdale is part of the fastest growing regions in America. Northwest Arkansas is headquarters for three Fortune 500- companies; Wal-Mart, out of Bentonville, AR, Tyson Foods, out of Springdale, AR, JB Hunt Trucking, out of Springdale, AR. It is home to many companies that sell products and distribute products from all of these companies. The University of Arkansas, a recognized research institution and academic excellence is located in Fayetteville, AR. Beaver Lake provides swimming, boating, kayaking/ canoeing, fishing, water sports, and hunting amenities with 487 miles of shoreline. Northwest Arkansas is also home of the Ozark Mountains.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects proposed for 2022 will have an impact on many residents of Springdale. The housing project will benefit low and moderate- income persons and prevent or eliminate slum or blight conditions. The service and facility projects will benefit low to low-moderate- income persons with special populations to include elderly, physically and disabled/ handicapped persons.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Low-income individuals and families	100
City wide	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

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

The rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically is to meet the primary objective of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which is to benefit low-income and moderate-income residents per Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards.

### **Discussion**

The City strives to improve low-income residential neighborhoods, especially those with high concentrations of minorities. These improvements bring the areas up to standards equal to other areas of the City and make the neighborhood safer and more desirable to live. The City's priority is the rehabilitation of owner-occupied single family dwellings built before 1978.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

One of the principal necessities is affordable housing. The City is committed to provide affordable housing of choice to low-to-moderate-income families. Make educating the public on fair housing issues and rights and affirmatively further fair housing a priority. In the height of the housing construction, the new construction approach was the high-end market homes. Land prices had escalated to a point that the cost of land precluded the building of affordable housing. When the housing market crashed, most of the available homes in the City were not considered affordable housing. Maintaining the existing older affordable housing stock is the City's priority.

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

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

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	30
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	30

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

## **Discussion**

The City of Springdale does not receive funds that can be used for new construction and does not affect in providing affordable housing through new construction. However, the City can continue to bring affordable housing stock to better condition through our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) rehabilitation program and implement ordinances that allow for affordable housing in Springdale. Over the past years, the City have consistently used the majority of our CDBG funding to rehab existing houses to preserve the housing stock, and help maintain low income residents in structurally sound homes that are warm, safe, and dry. This program has also allowed our elderly and disabled to remain in their homes by providing rehabilitation activities that improve accessibility as needed, remove dangerous code deficiencies, remove lead-based paint hazards and mold remediation, and improve the quality of life and property values and lower their utility bills for those residents

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The Springdale Housing Authority is the public housing authority in Springdale. The Springdale Housing Authority is a Section 8 agency serving Washington County. According to the most recent Report, the Springdale Housing Authority manages 195 active housing choice vouchers. The voucher program has an annual turnover of 12%. In the turnover rate, there were 10 of those that were death related 10 evictions and 10 regular move outs that the SHA would rent again. The average voucher household contains 2.47 persons. The demographic analysis is as described; 49.38% white, 40.5% Pacific Islander, 2.69% Black, .41% Asian, .83% Indian/ Alaskan, 1.86% other and 4.34% declined to answer. There are a total of 484 family members and 196 numbers of families. There are 69 male, head of households (35.2%), 127 total female head of house hold (64.8%), and 49 couples. Ethnicity is; 36.16% Hispanic, and 63.84% Non-Hispanic. Section 8 housing demographic analysis is described; 65.25% white, 19.34% black, 1.64% Asian, .33% Indian/ Alaskan, 4.15% Pacific Islander, .66% mixed, and .66% other. Ethnicity is; 26.56% Hispanic, and 73.44% Non- Hispanic. There are 305 numbers of family members, 143 families that are Section 8. The average number of family members are; 2.13. The number of male head of households- 29 (20.28%), there are 114 (79.72% of female head of households. And 9 couples. SHA, their average of children living in the area is 10 years old, there are around 184 children living in the dwellings. There are around 104 males and 80 females; this age ranges from age one to age eighteen. In section 8 housing, the average age is 9; there are a total of 118 children, ranging from 56 males and 62 females.

The funding from the CDBG entitlement does not fund the SHA.

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

The City of Springdale Public Housing Office, is the Springdale Housing Authority, they are a separate entity.

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

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Manager attends and is involved in any meetings and workshops to encourage involvement in management and participation in homeownership. The Springdale Housing Authority (SHA) oversees the Section 8 program.

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

The Springdale Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

### **Discussion**

Ongoing communication with the public housing authority and agencies will continue in order to identify needs and opportunities to further address preservation of existing affordable units and to assist Section 8 residents who love in Springdale.

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

### **Introduction**

The City of Springdale does not anticipate any private or public funding resources in 2022 that specifically targets homeless needs and/or prevention. We will, however, continue to partner with the Northwest

Arkansas Continuum of Care to address the needs of the homeless. The purpose of this coalition is to reduce and/or end homelessness in Northwest Arkansas. Currently, the Continuum of Care provides emergency shelters, transitional shelters and safe havens in Northwest Arkansas to meet the needs of homeless. The Continuum of Care provides the leadership, coordination, planning, and mobilization of resources to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in Northwest Arkansas.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The City does not have any goals or actions in the Action Plan to reduce or end homelessness.

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

The largest gap in meeting the needs of the homeless is the need for additional emergency shelters and transitional housing with support services. Safe havens are also needed in this area. The City wants to make sure the needs of individual and families experiencing homelessness, including women and families fleeing domestic violence and unaccompanied youth are met. The City receives no emergency shelter grants, but we are aware that emergency housing provides short-term accommodations for individuals and families, who have immediate housing needs, assess level of need, and provide case management assistance in obtaining appropriate housing. Transitional housing helps households move toward self-sufficiency by providing supported semi-independent living for a period of up to 24 months. Northwest Arkansas has emergency and transitional housing programs specifically designated for survivors of domestic violence as well as housing programs dedicated to youth experiencing homelessness. Veterans also have options for emergency shelters and transitional housing. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has been used in the past to help meet needs of the homeless

#### **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 has no goals in this Action Plan to address transitional housing.

**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.**

Families living below the poverty level and those on fixed income are often unable to afford to maintain their homes, which puts them at risk of becoming homeless. The City will continue to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support housing rehabilitation. We will also continue our ongoing efforts to increase the number of affordable housing units in Springdale. We feel it is imperative to keep our housing stock in good shape and to prevent anyone from becoming homeless due to the condition of their home

## **Discussion**

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

### **Introduction:**

The City of Springdale maintains its commitment to preserve, maintain, and increase the stock of affordable housing. Housing affordability is a key component to the quality of life of Springdale' residents. Barriers to affordable housing can lie in several things--displacement of residents due to economic pressures, lack of public investment in specific neighborhoods (including services and amenities), deteriorated vacant structures and land, location and type of affordable housing, inability to access existing housing, location and access to proficient schools, lack of income, availability of affordable units in a range of sizes, lack of communication between residents and those who develop, residential foreclosures, residential evictions, age and condition of housing, and lack of fair housing outreach and enforcement. All of these things are due to banking, finance and industry regulations, socio-economic situations, neighborhood conditions, and policy legislation and enforcement. A barrier can also mean that more than 30% of household gross income is spent on housing, including utilities.

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

The City will address any negative effects public policies may have as barriers to affordable housing within its authority

### **Discussion:**

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

The Assessment of Furthering Fair Housing identified goals and priorities for the City of Springdale. The City will implement strategies to meet underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards on older housing rehabilitation projects, and enhance coordination between public and private housing.

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

The major obstacle to meeting all of the identified needs is the lack of material and building supplies for the contractors. Sometimes we have projects ready to go, but we have to delay them while we wait on supplies and materials. Because of that we carry forward funding from each year to allow our service projects that are relied upon by so many to continue operating. We try to make sure the projects that will have the most impact are done first.

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

The City of Springdale has a housing rehabilitation program to foster and maintain affordable housing. In this program we do basic systems repair, provide energy efficient windows to include screens, exterior doors to include storm doors, energy efficient HVAC units, insulation, any electrical or plumbing work needed to bring house to safety code compliance, and any work needed that is a health or safety hazard. The City does lead based paint testing when needed. The City of Springdale uses a large portion of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation for housing rehabilitation. Any housing unit the CDBG rehabilitates that has been identified as lead hazard, it will be taken care of. All Federal Regulations will be followed, and we will comply with all lead-based paint hazard reduction requirements including risk assessment, notifications, using the appropriate level of control/mitigation measures, and obtaining clearance for houses found to contain lead paint that will be disturbed by the rehabilitation program. The Renovation, Repair and Painting Laws were enacted in 2008. Since April 2009, this law has required contractors to attend training for certification regarding the potential lead-paint or lead dust. Companies and individuals working on renovations that disturb paint in homes built before 1978 must be certified by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. All persons conducting the lead hazard control work must successfully complete an approved eight hour "Lead Safe Work Practices" (LSWP) class. This class will provide workers with information they need to understand that lead-based paint can create health hazards and that using proper work practices can control hazards. Proof of LSWP training will be required prior to commencement of lead-hazard control work. Testing for lead-based paint will be done prior to any bidding or rehabilitation. Testing will be done by a qualified firm. Applicants for housing rehabilitation found to have lead-based paint will receive priority funding status for the cost of the remediation.

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

The City will have all homes qualified for the Housing Services Program tested for the presence of lead-paint before any housing rehabilitation work will be performed. Any materials found with lead-paint will be removed if properly or covered per regulations.

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

The City of Springdale believes education and job opportunities are paths that lead families out of poverty. We are aware that to reduce the number of poverty-level individuals and families we must increase the opportunities for the low-income by creating jobs and workforce development as well as providing essential services, educational outcomes, housing security and affordability, and economic security. Using our Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding the City will continue existing programs that

promote a stable living environment and reduce dependency. the City knows housing is a significant financial burden. the CDBG will continue providing housing rehabilitation and home repairs to help the low-income remain in their homes. This program not only promotes a stable living environment and reduce dependency, but prevents homelessness, financial hardships and possible institutionalization. The City will continue to work to maximize program dollars and opportunities in neighborhoods, with the greatest number of low-income residents. The City will also continue to provide services such as transportation assistance to our low-income individuals and families.

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

The City will provide sub-recipient training prior to the execution of sub-recipient agreements. Staff will participate in HUD-sponsored training opportunities as they become available. When appropriate, the City will include sub-recipients to attend training to strengthen their understanding of the rules and regulations applicable to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City will maintain its webpage with up-to-date information as a resource for our sub-recipients as well as our residents.

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

The public and private agencies collaborate with in developing the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. City department heads, Mayor and City Council are also involved in all plan development. The City will continue to seek cooperative working partnerships to leverage the City's 2022 Program Year allocation. City Staff and representatives of the local public housing authority, private housing resources, health service providers, social service agencies, as well as agencies that deal with youth and homeless communicate and work well together for the benefit of the residents of Springdale. The City shares timely news announcements through press releases. Notices of special interest to social service agencies are forwarded to agency representatives by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Manager.

**Discussion:**

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

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

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

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

#### Other CDBG Requirements

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

The City of Springdale strives to use their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on the extremely low to low-income individuals and families. The City has no activities deemed "Urgent Need" in the 2022 Action Plan. The CDBG funding housing rehabilitation program are grants to the homeowner. One way program income is generated only through a later sell of the property and rebates received by utilities for using energy efficient HVAC and windows in the rehabilitation. The City gets rebates with installing new insulation. All housing rehabilitation projects that are completed will have a Deferred Loan Agreement (DLA) at the Washington and Benton County Courthouses which keeps the property from being sold until the DLA has been released. The DLA is pro-rated each year until the DLA is released, 10% a year. After 10 years the loan will be forgiven and removed from the dwelling.

