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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Every five years, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS must prepare a strategic plan (known as the Consolidated Plan) which governs the use of federal housing and community development grant funds that it receives from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). When preparing a Consolidated Plan, grantees must assess the needs and issues in their jurisdictions as a part of their preparation of these documents.

The grant funds received from HUD by the Unified Government that are covered in the Consolidated Plan include:

- ✦ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- ✦ Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program
- ✦ Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

The Unified Government must also submit to HUD separate Annual Action Plans for each of the five years during the Consolidated Plan period. The 2024 Annual Action Plan is the third year in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plans serve as the Unified Government's yearly applications to HUD that are required for it to receive the annual allocations from the three grant programs. These grants from HUD are known as Entitlement Grant Programs because communities receive the funds every year if they meet program requirements and criteria associated with each of the three grants. Under HUD's grant program regulations, the Unified Government may use its CDBG, HOME and ESG grant funds in Kansas City, KS.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

When preparing a Consolidated Plan, grantees must assess the needs in their jurisdictions as a key part of the process. To inform development of priorities and goals over the next five years, the Consolidated Plan's Needs Assessment discusses housing, community development, and economic development needs in Kansas City, KS. The Needs Assessment relies on data from the US Census, 2013-2017 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS), and

a special tabulation of ACS data known as Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data that estimates the number of households with one or more housing needs. Local data regarding homelessness and assisted living is included. Finally, public input gathered through interviews, focus groups, meetings, and the community survey are coupled with data analysis to identify priority needs related to affordable housing, homelessness, assisted housing, community development, and economic development in Kansas City, KS.

Priority Objectives

Priorities identified during the development of the Unified Government's 2022-2026 Five-Year Plan include:

- ✦ Improve housing opportunities by creating and preserving decent, safe, affordable rental and homeownership housing.
- ✦ Reduce homelessness by assisting individuals and families to stabilize in permanent housing.
- ✦ Create and sustain a suitable living environment through infrastructure and public facility improvements.
- ✦ Provide public services to expand economic opportunity, improve health and safety, enhance food access, and provide other assistance for low- and moderate-income households, seniors, people with disabilities, and other eligible groups.
- ✦ Promote economic development to expand economic opportunity.
- ✦ Expand fair access to housing through education and enforcement activities.
- ✦ Support administration of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) describes the accomplishments in the most recently completed grant program year. The 2022 CAPER covers the program year from October 2022 to September 2023.

Some highlights from the 2022 CAPER include:

- ✦ 31 households received critical housing rehabilitation such as plumbing/sewer, electrical, roofing, heating systems or updates to make the home accessible to those with limited mobility.
- ✦ 3 affordable homeowner housing units were added.

- 👉 542 persons at-risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness received services under the Emergency Solutions Grants.
- 👉 1,915 persons benefitted from public facilities and infrastructure improvements.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

An important component of the research process for the Annual Action Plan involved gathering input regarding fair and affordable housing conditions and other community development needs in Kansas City, KS. The Unified Government used a variety of public engagement approaches with residents and other stakeholders in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan.

Public Hearings

There were two public hearings held prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan. The first two hearings were held on July 11, 2024, prior to the development of the Annual Action Plan to accept general comments about priorities and needs within the community. Community members were able to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The meeting was recorded and broadcast on UGTV and YouTube. XX community members participated in the first two public hearings.

The third hearing was held during the public comment period to receive comments regarding the draft plan on July 26, 2024. Community members were able to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The meeting was recorded and broadcast on UGTV and YouTube. xx comments were received during the public hearing.

Public Comment Period

Additionally, the Draft 2024 Annual Action Plan was published on July 15, 2024, and the public was encouraged to provide comments on the draft plan until August 13, 2024. The Draft Plan was published on the UG website and hard copies of the plan were available in the Community Development Office. Community members were encouraged to provide comments via an online comment form. Comments that were received via email and phone were also accepted and included in the record.

5. Summary of public comments

The Unified Government held a 30-day comment period and a public hearing to receive input from residents and stakeholders on the draft Annual Action Plan prior to approval by the Board of Commissioners and submission to HUD. The Unified Government received xx comments on the plan.

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

All public comments were accepted and taken into consideration in preparing the Consolidated Plan.

7. Summary

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, a set of priority needs were identified. These priorities include affordable housing, homeless needs, public facilities and infrastructure, public services, economic development, fair housing, and program administration. The Consolidated Plan also contains goals, measurable objectives, and implementation actions for each of the plan's elements. The Annual Action Plan is an extension of the Consolidated Plan as it outlines the specific activities that the UG plans to undertake with the annual grants.

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The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

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

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

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	Kansas City	Department of Community Development
HOME Administrator	Kansas City	Department of Community Development
ESG Administrator	Kansas City	Department of Community Development

Narrative

Kansas City, KS is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The Consolidated Plan covers the period from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027. The plan identifies priority community development and housing needs in Kansas City, KS and provides a strategy to address them. The 2024 Annual Action Plan discusses specific projects to be funded during the 2024 program year, which begins October 1, 2024 and ends September 30, 2025. The 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at <https://www.wycokck.org/Departments/Community-Development/Plans-Reports>.

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

Introduction

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS conducted an array of virtual and in-person public engagement opportunities to inform the Consolidated Plan's goals and priorities. In March 2022, the Unified Government held four public meetings (three virtual and one in-person) with 24 participants. The Unified Government also conducted interviews with 30 stakeholders in the fields of affordable housing, homelessness, public services, and fair housing, and with Unified Government staff. Finally, the Unified Government conducted an online Housing and Community Needs survey with 142 respondents. The community engagement for the Consolidated Plan shapes the goals and projects in each of the Unified Government's Annual Action Plans.

The Unified Government held a 30-day public comment period and three public hearings to receive input from residents and stakeholders on the draft 2024 Annual Action Plan prior to approval by the Board of Commissioners and submission to HUD. The comment period began on Monday, July 15, 2024 and ended on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

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

The Unified Government's Community Development Department maintains a communicative relationship with the Housing Authority of Kansas City, KS, providing advertisements of available services and upcoming activities for distribution to residents. Unified Government staff regularly host and attend meetings with community stakeholders. The Unified Government also has representation on the board of the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, which helps coordinate services between individuals experiencing homelessness, homeless services providers, and health and mental health organizations. Representatives from many of these organizations engaged in the development of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, as well as the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which was submitted to HUD in February 2023.

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

Kansas City, KS falls under the MO-604 Kansas City (MO&KS), Independence, Lee's Summit/Jackson, Wyandotte Counties Continuum of Care, led by the Greater Kansas City

Coalition to End Homelessness. ESG funds are used toward housing and services for people experiencing homelessness, including activities such as Rapid-Rehousing, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and street outreach. The Unified Government also participates annually or bi-annually in the CoC's Point-in-Time count. Additional efforts to address the needs of individuals and households experiencing homelessness are made through the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness. The Coalition meets monthly to work on strategies to address homelessness in the region, in-line with its 2020 Needs Assessment.

As a result of the American Rescue Plan Act the Unified Government was awarded a one-time grant of HOME-ARP funds which will be utilized to expand shelter, housing and services for unhoused individuals and other HOME-ARP qualifying populations. The Unified Government will be working with local area non-profits to implement these activities including the local CoC.

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

The Unified Government allocates ESG funds to nonprofit subrecipients within the Kansas City, KS area and relies on several data sources to develop priorities and performance standards for ESG funds and evaluating outcomes. These sources include the CoC's needs assessments and other ongoing planning efforts; the Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count; and interviews and focus groups with housing and service providers.

ESG priorities include a low-barrier approach to homeless services, also known as the Housing First model and activities such as street outreach, emergency shelter, rental assistance, stabilization services and HMIS. The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness has identified racial equity, partnering with people experiencing homelessness to drive the work, and coordinating with health care as additional priorities.

The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness is the HMIS lead agency for the Continuum of Care. The Unified Government does not directly participate in the administration of HMIS.

1. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Commented [JF1]: This is the list from the Consolidated Plan. Need to update for 2024 AAP.

Agency/Group/Organization Name	Type	Section of Plan Addressed	How was the group consulted?
1 Argentine Betterment Corporation	Civic Leaders	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Community Workshop
2 Avenue of Life	Services-Homeless	Homeless Needs- Families with Children; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
3 Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas	Services-Homeless	Homeless Needs; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
4 Central Avenue Betterment Association	Civic Leaders	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
5 Community Housing of Wyandotte County	Housing	Housing Need Assessment; Market Analysis	Stakeholder Interview
6 Cross-Lines Community Outreach	Services-Homeless	Homeless Needs; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
7 Friends of Yates	Services- Victims of Domestic Violence; Housing	Homeless Needs; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
8 Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness	Continuum of Care	Homeless Needs; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview

9	Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City	Housing	Housing Need Assessment; Market Analysis	Stakeholder Interview
10	Hillcrest KC	Services- Homeless	Homeless Needs; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
11	Hispanic Economic Development Corporation	Civic Leaders	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
12	Historic Westheight Neighborhood Association	Civic Leaders	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Community Workshop
13	Kansas City Dream Center	Services- Homeless, children	Homeless Needs; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated (continued)

14	Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing Needs	Stakeholder Interview, Focus Group
15	Kansas City, KS Public Schools McKinney Vento	Services- Homeless, education	Homeless Needs; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
16	Kansas Legal Services	Services- Fair Housing	Housing Need Assessment; Other- Fair Housing	Stakeholder Interview
17	Metro Lutheran Ministry	Services- Homeless	Homeless Needs; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview, Focus Group
18	Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corp. Inc	Housing; Services- Homeless, education, employment	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
19	Our Spot KC	Services- Homeless, children; Housing; Other- LGBTQ	Homeless Needs- Unaccompanied Youth	Stakeholder Interview

20	PCs for People	Other- Broadband	Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
21	Rosedale Development Association	Civic Leaders	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
22	The Hub Argentine	Civic Leaders	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Community Workshop
23	The Whole Person	Services- Persons with Disabilities; Housing	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
24	Unified Government Board of Commissioners, Districts 6 and 8	Other government- Local	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
25	Unified Government Emergency Management Department	Other- Hazard mitigation	Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview

26	Unified Government Planning + Urban Design Department	Other government- Local	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview, Community Workshop
27	Unified Government Planning Engineering	Other- Hazard mitigation	Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
28	Unified Government Transportation Department	Other government- Local	Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
29	United Way of Greater Kansas City	Services- Homeless	Homeless Needs; Homelessness Strategy	Stakeholder Interview
30	Wyandotte Economic Development Council	Business Leaders	Housing Need Assessment; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy	Stakeholder Interview

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

Efforts were made to consult a wide variety of community stakeholders throughout Kansas City and Wyandotte County. No agency types were excluded from outreach efforts. See the attached Citizen Participation Record.

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

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
2023 Point-in-Time Count	Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness	The 2023 Point in Time Count identifies the changing demographics of the county's homeless population and indicates areas for improved or increased service provision, in line with the strategic plan.

Narrative (optional):

The Unified Government has made significant efforts to plan for improvements in neighborhoods through area master plans, community-based planning processes with high levels of resident engagement. In eligible LMI areas, the goals and strategies included in these plans may be advanced with CDBG or HOME Program funding.

PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

There were three public hearings held prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan. Two hearings were held prior to the public comment period on July 11, 2024, and one was held during the public comment period of the draft plan on July 26, 2024. All public hearings were publicized in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan. xx comments were received during the public hearings.

Additionally, the Draft 2024 Annual Action Plan was published on July 15, 2024, and the public was encouraged to provide comments on the draft plan through August 13, 2024. The Draft Plan was publicized in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan. Copies of the Draft Plan were viewable online, or a hard copy was available in the Department of Community Development offices. Comments were accepted by virtual feedback form, phone or email. Three public comment forms were received. See the attached Citizen Participation Record for details.

Public notices regarding citizen participation opportunities were published on the Community Development website, multiple newspapers and the Livable Neighborhoods Newsletter which is distributed digitally to a wide array of neighborhood organizations and leaders.

All comments received during consultation or citizen participation were considered during the planning process. Priorities identified throughout the process were used to guide the goals and projects for the Annual Action Plan.

A summary of community outreach efforts and responses is shown below.

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received
1	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/Broad community	xx comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD
2	Public Hearings	Non-targeted/Broad Community	Xx comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBD

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

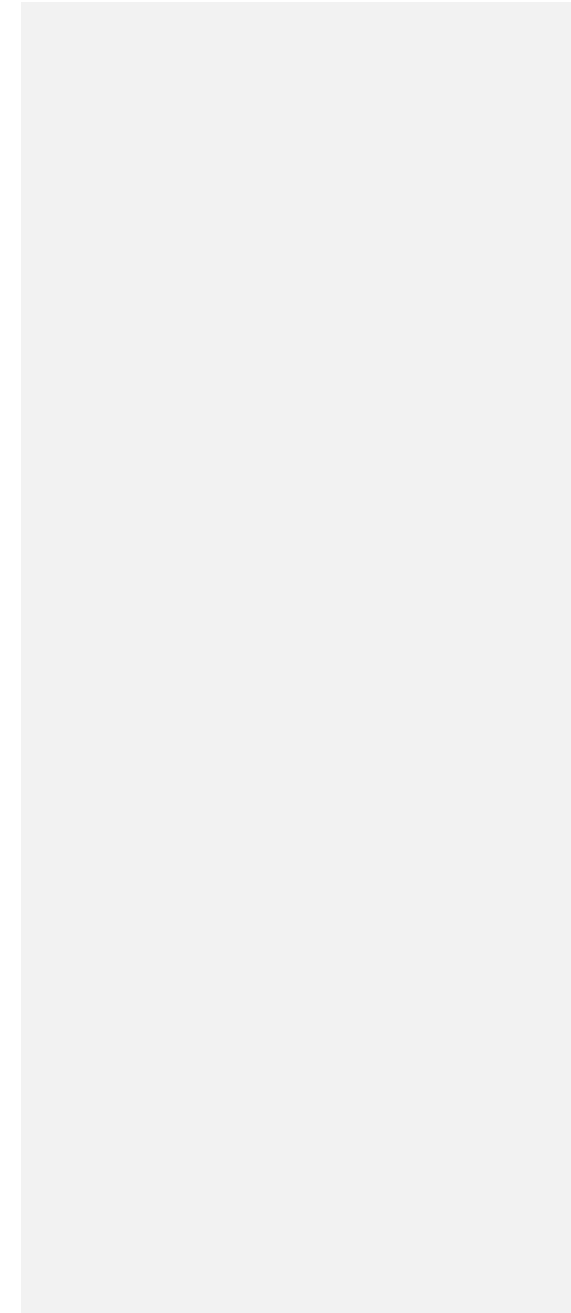
The table below shows the Unified Government's CDBG, HOME, and ESG allocations for the 2024-2025 program year, along with an estimate of anticipated grant funding for the remaining four years covered by this Consolidated Plan. This conservative estimate assumes that funding (annual allocations and program income) over those four years will be 90% of the 2024 allocation. The Unified Government seeks to use its CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds to serve the needs of low- to moderate-income persons and households in partnership with capable agencies to include public and private partners, developers, financial lending institutions, and nonprofits.

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Anticipated Resources

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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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	\$2,208,226	\$0	\$0	\$2,208,226	\$3,974,807	The expected amount available for the remainder of the Con Plan is two times 90% of the 2024 annual allocation.
HOME	Public – Federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$741,712	\$0	\$0	\$741,712	\$1,335,082	The expected amount available for the remainder of the Con Plan is two times 90% of the 2024 annual allocation.
ESG	Public – Federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing Rental assistance Services Transitional housing	\$199,704	\$0	\$0	\$199,704	\$359,467	The expected amount available for the remainder of the Con Plan is two times 90% of the 2024 annual allocation.

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

Kansas City, KS meets HUD's severe fiscal distress criteria and qualifies for a 100% reduction in match requirements under the HOME program. This determination is based on the city's family poverty rate and per capita income in relation to federal standards. The city's family poverty rate is 19.16%, which is above the federal threshold for families in poverty (16.44%), and the city's PCI is below the \$26,375 federal threshold at \$22,591.¹ As a result, the Unified Government qualifies for a 100% HOME Program match reduction under HUD's "severe fiscal distress" criteria.

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

The Wyandotte County Land Bank owns an estimated 3,500 parcels that could be leveraged to build affordable housing or meet needs related to infrastructure or public facilities. Subrecipients and CHDOs may use properties owned by the Wyandotte County Land Bank for development of affordable housing supported by the HOME program.

Discussion

¹ FY 2023 HOME Match Reductions - as of November 2023. Retrieved from: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4422/home-match-reductions/>

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Table 6 – Goals Summary

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve Housing Access and Quality	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Affordability and Condition	CDBG: \$567,618 HOME: \$839,634	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated (78); Homeowner Housing Added (8)
2	Provide Housing and Services for People Experiencing or At-Risk of Homelessness	2022	2026	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Needs	ESG: \$	Homelessness Prevention (619) Homeless Person overnight shelter (152) Overnight/emergency shelter/transitional housing beds added (40)
3	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit ()
4	Provide Public Services	2022	2026	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit ()
5	Planning and Administration	2022	2026	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Affordable Housing Homeless	Citywide	Program Administration Fair Housing	CDBG: \$ HOME: \$	Not applicable

Goal Descriptions

Goal 1: Improve Housing Access and Quality

Rehabilitation of rental and homeowner housing that benefit extremely low-, low-, and moderate-income households. Direct financial assistance to homebuyers to make homeownership affordable; tenant-based rental assistance, housing counseling, and CHDO funds to support development of new housing for homeownership.

Goal 2: Provide Housing and Services for People Experiencing or At-Risk of Homelessness

Provide housing and services for residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, including homelessness prevention, case management, wrap-around services, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.

Goal 3: Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements

Promote quality of life and neighborhood revitalization through improvements to current public infrastructure and facilities.

Goal 4: Public Services

Services provided by nonprofit organizations that benefit low-income residents such as homeless, youth, disabled, elderly, and other populations with special needs.

Goal 5: Program Administration

Plan and administer funding for community development and housing activities with transparency, community involvement, and full compliance with federal regulations. Provide services to residents and housing providers to advance fair housing.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects listed below represent the activities the Unified Government plans to undertake during the 2024 program year to address the goals of providing decent affordable housing, promoting a suitable living environment, and encouraging economic opportunity.

Projects

Table 7 – Project Information

#	Project Name
1	2024 Home Repair Program
2	2024 Livable Neighborhoods
3	2024 Willa Gill Multi-Service Center
4	2024 Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
5	2024 Public Services for Households Experiencing Homelessness
6	2024 CD Administration
7	2024 HOME CHDO Set-Aside Rehab/New Construction
8	2024 HOME Administration
9	2024 Emergency Solutions Grants Activities

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

Each year, the Unified Government strives to fund projects that serve areas with the greatest need as determined by factors such as percentage of low- and moderate-income population, substandard housing stock, and need for other improvements. Additionally, the Unified Government funds projects that address priority needs of income-eligible households and special needs populations living throughout the city and county.

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Project Summary Information

Table 61 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	2024 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Improve Housing Access and Quality
	Needs Addressed	Housing Affordability and Condition
	Funding	CDBG \$537,618
	Description	Emergency repairs and associated activity delivery costs for single-family owner-occupied homes. Rehabilitation may include electrical, furnace, plumbing and roof work. Rehabilitation may also include work to increase accessibility for those with disabilities.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Number of families who will benefit	An estimated 78 low- to moderate-income families will be served during the 2024 program year.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Low- to moderate-income families can apply to for assistance at any time throughout the program year. Activities will be completed as eligible families apply and until funds are depleted.
Goal Outcome Indicator	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated (78 Households)	
2	Project Name	2024 Livable Neighborhoods
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG \$120,000
	Description	Livable Neighborhoods is a long-standing organization that works with neighborhood and community-based groups to address community-wide concerns through coalition building.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Number of families who will benefit	Approximately 500 families will be served by Livable Neighborhoods throughout the program year.
Location Description	City-wide	

	Planned Activities	Facilitate the daily operations of the Livable Neighborhoods office and offer services to registered neighborhood groups. Services include automated phone calls for neighborhood groups, creating and printing fliers, newsletters, and other communications.
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit (500 Individuals)
3	Project Name	2024 Willa Gill Multi-Service Center
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG \$148,000
	Description	Wilhelmina Gill Multi-Service Center undertakes a variety of activities and social programs and services including client advocacy and intervention to address basic survival needs. Willa Gill provides case management services for up to 18 months for homeless persons desiring to make lifestyle changes, as well as every day services including telephone, document faxing, form completion assistance, and mail slot pick-up service.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Number of families who will benefit	Approximately 1,000 families will be served through Willa Gill throughout the program year.
	Location Description	Services will be provided at the Willa Gill Multi-Service Center at 645 Nebraska Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101
	Planned Activities	Stop gap food pantry and personal hygiene kits.
Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit (1000 households)	
4	Project Name	2024 Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve public facilities and infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG \$
	Description	CDBG funding will be utilized to address priority needs related to public facilities and infrastructure such as parks, sidewalks, facilities for recreation or public services, infrastructure, etc.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Number of families who will benefit	Approximately 34,409 persons will benefit from 2024 activities.
Location Description	Activities will serve predominantly LMI service areas.	

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Boston Daniels Park: Park renovation project that includes a new playground with inclusive surfacing, addition of a shelter house, tear out and replacement of sidewalks within the park and other hardscape improvements such as retaining walls where needed and concrete stairs, as well as landscaping items and installation of sculpture footings for a future monument. Persons Residing W/ ½ Mile of Park: 2,576</p> <p>City Park: Significant improvements have occurred throughout the park, including the construction of a new 18-hole disc golf course, renovations of multiple shelters, replacement of an old playground, installation of a new restroom, construction of a new concession stand at Ballfield #3, and the implementation of various new ADA-interior sidewalks. Finally, 36 trees were planted, and other ancillary improvements were also made. Persons Residing W/ ½ Mile of Park: 5,581</p> <p>Clifton Park: Replacement of perimeter and interior sidewalks of the park as well as reconstruction of the entrance road and parking area. A new, 400 sq ft., recirculating filtration system splash pad was also installed. Persons Residing W/ ½ Mile of Park: 6,627</p> <p>Clopper Field: Construction of a new, 8ft wide, concrete walking trail that is a 1/3-mile loop around the park. Rubber surfacing will be installed on top of the concrete trail, the flexibility of the rubber surfacing makes for softer impact for runners, walkers, trail users. Persons Residing W/ ½ Mile of Park: 4,697</p> <p>Kensington Park Parking Lot Improvement: Mill and remove existing asphalt 6" slab, regrade site and lay 2" rock, pave 4" asphalt for new ADA parking spots, asphalt installation, new concrete curb and gutter, parking lot curb and drain improvements. Persons Residing W/ ½ Mile of Park: 8,145</p> <p>Kensington Park Basketball Court Improvement: Tear out of old, asphalt slab, regrade site and installation of new, post tensioned concrete overlay slab for one regulation size basketball court. Project includes new fencing around the perimeter, and new basketball goals. New court benches will also be installed. Persons Residing W/ ½ Mile of Park: 8,145</p> <p>Klamm Park Tennis Courts: Tear out of existing asphalt slab, regrade site and installation of new, post tensioned concrete slab to create 3 tennis courts and 8 pickleball courts with a full fence replacement around the perimeter. A new lighting system will also be installed. Persons Residing W/ ½ Mile of Park: 6,783</p>
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		Klamm Park Basketball Courts: Tear out of existing asphalt slab, regrade site and installation of new, post tensioned concrete slab to create 2 basketball courts with new fencing around the perimeter, and new basketball goals. Persons Residing W/1 ½ Mile of Park: 6,783
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit (34,409 individuals)
5	Project Name	2024 Public Services for Households Experiencing Homelessness
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG \$
	Description	Public services designed to serve individuals who are homeless as defined by HUD. May include delivery costs such as staffing and overhead for activities such as emergency shelter operations, case management, housing navigation, etc.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Number of families who will benefit	Approximately 150 families will benefit from 2024 activities.
	Location Description	Activities will be selected through competitive procurement processes. Location will be dependent on identified subrecipients.
	Planned Activities	Public services designed to serve individuals who are experiencing homelessness as defined by HUD. May include delivery costs such as staffing and overhead for activities such as emergency shelter operations, case management, housing navigation, etc.
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit (150 households)
6	Project Name	2024 Community Development Administration
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration, Fair Housing
	Funding	CDBG \$
	Description	Applicable Planning and Administration costs
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Number of families who will benefit	Costs support the administration of Community Development programs
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administration of Community Development grants, programs and activities
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Other

7	Project Name	2024 HOME CHDO Set-Aside Rehab/New Construction
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Improve Housing Access and Quality
	Needs Addressed	Housing Affordability and Condition
	Funding	HOME \$839,634
	Description	Funding set-aside for HOME rehabilitation or new construction activities carried out by approved Community Housing Development Organizations. The required minimum set-aside per HUD regulations is 15%.
	Target Date	09/30/2025
	Number of families who will benefit	Approximately 8 HOME eligible families will benefit.
	Location Description	Activity location will depend upon many factors and will be selected during the project review.
	Planned Activities	Provide grant funding to four Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) to build 8 new homes in Kansas City, Kansas.
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Homeowner Housing Added (8)
8	Project Name	2024 HOME Administration
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	HOME \$
	Description	Applicable administration costs related to HOME activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Number of families who will benefit	HOME Administration supports the delivery of HOME activities.
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administration of HOME grants and projects.
Goal Outcome Indicator	Other	
9	Project Name	2024 HESG24 Kansas City, KS
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Housing and Services for People Experiencing or At-Risk of Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Needs
	Funding	ESG \$

Description	Subrecipients will provide eligible ESG activities to resolve or prevent homelessness for ESG qualified households or individuals.
Target Date	9/30/2025
Number of families who will benefit	Approximately 811 families experiencing or at-risk of homelessness will be served.
Location Description	City-wide
Planned Activities	Activities will be delivered by subrecipients according to the subrecipient agreement. Eligible activities include Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Shelter, Homeless Outreach, HMIS/Data Collection, and Administration. Every year, the UG will issue a formal RFP to determine actual ESG activities. Eligible applicants will include agencies that participate in the local CoC, The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness. Applications will be ranked and reviewed based on their merit, such as the anticipated impact of the proposal. The "Ranking and Review" Committee will consist of a number of professionals and UG staff, including representation from the CoC. The Director of Community Development is responsible for approving the funding recommendations submitted by the "Ranking and Review" Committee.
Goal Outcome Indicator	Homelessness Prevention (619) Homeless Person overnight shelter (152) Overnight/emergency shelter/ transitional housing beds added (40)

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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 Kansas City, KS HUD entitlement jurisdiction includes block groups within the city of Kansas City, KS. One hundred percent (100%) of funds will be directed to projects with citywide target areas.

Geographic Distribution

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100%

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Each year, the Unified Government strives to fund projects that serve areas with the greatest need as determined by factors such as percentage of low- and moderate-income population, substandard housing stock, and need for other improvements. Additionally, the Unified Government funds projects that address priority needs of income-eligible households and special needs populations living throughout the county.

Discussion

It is important to note that while the Unified Government serves both Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS, HUD entitlement grants are awarded to the jurisdiction of Kansas City, KS. No activities will be provided outside of Kansas City, KS.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Unified Government will use HOME funds and a portion of CDBG funds for new affordable housing and to rehabilitate existing housing units supporting a total of 86 households (78 served through the CDBG-funded home repair program and 8 through HOME-funded housing development activities). Approximately 811 households experiencing homelessness will be assisted with ESG-funded programs. Taken together, the UG expects to support the affordable housing needs of 895 Kansas City, KS households in the 2024 program year.

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	811
Non-Homeless	86
Special-Needs	0
Total	895

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	8
Rehab of Existing Units	78
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	86

Discussion

Homeless and at-risk populations may receive affordable rental assistance through the ESG program subrecipients (Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention). ESG outcomes will be reported in the SAGE system. HOME funds are utilized for production of new units, rehab of existing units and acquisition (down payment assistance). CDBG funds are used for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority (KCKHA) provides publicly supported housing options for low-income residents living in Wyandotte County. According to the KCKHA 2022 Annual Plan, the housing authority provides 3,750 units countywide through conventional public housing developments, project-based Section 8 vouchers and tenant-based vouchers. The KCKHA acquired the Bonner Springs Housing Authority in July 2021 which added 50 additional public housing units.

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

The 2022 Capital Fund Program Plan indicates that the KCKHA will conduct several upgrades at its public housing developments, including:

- ✦ Interior modernization and retaining wall repair/replacement at its scattered sites
- ✦ Elevator modernization at Glanville Tower and Vaughn Dale
- ✦ Interior modernization and new appliances in Plaza Tower
- ✦ Relocation services at Juniper Gardens and Plaza Tower
- ✦ All developments will also receive parking lot repairs (including sealing and re-striping), general site and building improvements, and 504 improvements.²

As part of its compliance with the Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement, the KCKHA will hire a full-time Section 504 Coordinator. The Section 504 Coordinator will respond to reasonable accommodation and modification requests, investigate complaints of discrimination based on disability, and ensure that the KCKHA remains compliant with meeting its federal accessibility requirements. The KCKHA is also required to complete a Section 504 Corrective Action Plan to describe its plans for increasing accessibility, including the provision of a range of unit sizes and amenities for persons with disabilities in its public housing units.

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

KCKHA residents may be elected to the Resident Association serving their community. Resident Association officers voice the concerns of the residents and help plan educational

² KCKHA. (2022) "Capital Fund Program Plan 2022." <https://www.kckha.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Capital-Fund-Program-Plan-FY-2022.pdf>

or recreational events for the community. The Resident Association also sponsors each community's Neighborhood Watch Program.

The KCKHA also partners with community agencies to provide the "KC Money Smart" program. This program offers educational advancement courses and homeownership courses to residents.

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

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness (GKCCEH) is the lead agency for the Kansas City/Wyandotte County and Kansas City/Independence/Lee's Summit/Jackson County Continuums of Care (CoCs), with members that include service providers covering Wyandotte County, Kansas and Jackson County, Missouri. The GKCCEH brings together housing and service providers to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Over the next year, the Unified Government will continue to partner with GKCCEH to address homelessness and the priority needs of homeless individuals and families, including homeless subpopulations.

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

As lead agency for Kansas City/Wyandotte County CoC, GKCCEH manages the coordinated entry system that works to connect the highest need, most vulnerable people in the community to housing and supportive services. Through the 211 system and at other coordinated entry sites throughout the region, residents may begin the process of identifying and securing housing and service resources to meet their individual needs.

Within the greater Kansas City region, there are also several homeless housing/service providers (most located within Missouri) that conduct street outreach, including outreach to unsheltered persons and homeless youth.

During the 2024 program year, the Unified Government will provide about \$xx in CDBG funds to the Willa Gill Multi-Service Center for hot lunches and case management services. This funding is anticipated to assist 1,000 individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

In addition to outreach and assessment on an individual or family level, the Unified Government and GKCCEH also work to understand homeless needs throughout Kansas City. Each year, GKCCEH conducts a single-day Point-in-Time (PIT) count for sheltered and unsheltered persons and works to ensure the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) delivers data needed for HUD and local government reporting.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

ESG funds are awarded annually to eligible nonprofit agencies that provide emergency shelter and transitional housing. The Unified Government plans to provide 152 overnight shelter bed nights and to add 40 overnight/emergency shelter/transitional housing beds during the 2024 program year.

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 Continuum of Care's permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs, which include wrap around services, are key to keeping formerly homeless persons in housing for at least six months prior to program exit. PSH grantees collaborate and share housing retention strategies to support each other in achieving the housing maintenance goal. A chief strategy in achieving the stated goal has been to relocate individuals who experience housing difficulties before a loss of housing occurs. Because 80% of the CoC's PSH units are dedicated to serve households with severe mental illness or addictions, relocation is often a key strategy in giving someone a fresh start to be successful in 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

The Unified Government anticipates allocating its 2024 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding to two categories focused specifically on housing. Specific activities may include financial assistance to help pay for housing or services designed to help people obtain or maintain housing. In both cases, assistance will be focused on housing stabilization, linking program participants to community resources and mainstream benefits, and helping participants develop a plan for preventing future housing instability. A summary of each category follows.

Emergency Shelter

- 👑 Funding for shelter operations such as maintenance, rent, utilities, and other costs.
- 👑 Funding for essential services such as case management, referrals to employment, healthcare, substance abuse services, and other related services available within the community.
- 👑 The Unified Government anticipates providing 152 emergency shelter nights and adding 40 overnight/emergency shelter/transitional housing beds during the 2024 program year.

Homelessness Prevention

- 👑 Funding for relocation and stabilization case management services.
- 👑 Financial assistance with lease payments or arrearages, security deposits, utility costs or arrearages, housing searches, and costs for obtaining identification to help program participants regain stability in their current permanent housing or move to other permanent housing that and achieve stability there.
- 👑 The Unified Government anticipates assisting about 619 individuals with homelessness prevention during the 2024 program year.

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

Barriers to Affordable Housing

The 2014 Fair Housing and Equity Assessment for the Kansas City region identified several “drivers of inequitable investment.” These drivers included:

- ✦ Lack of public resources
- ✦ Continued expansion of suburban and exurban infrastructure
- ✦ Zoning ordinances and public attitude
- ✦ RCAP market conditions, and
- ✦ Housing development capacity³

Stakeholders during the Consolidated Plan process have identified similar policies with negative effects on residential investment, such as restrictive single-family zoning throughout the county and the lack of a statewide LIHTC credit match to help expand the supply of affordable housing.

An additional barrier to maintaining the affordability of housing for homeowners and renters may include the county’s rising water costs. To cover the more than \$900 million required to implement adequate Sewer System Control Measures, as described in the US EPA Consent Decree, the Unified Government plans to raise user rates for water. These rates will increase 5% annually from 2020-2023, between 3-4% annually from 2024 to 2029, and from 2.5-3.5% annually from 2030 to 2044.⁴

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

Restrictive single-family zoning

The Unified Government has published master plans covering several Kansas City neighborhoods. These master plans provide recommendations for increasing housing supply, such as increased infill in suburban areas, and upzoning in denser areas to create more multifamily housing. Through the UG’s use of internal reporting and tracking systems,

³ Mid-America Regional Council (March 2014) “Fair Housing and Equity Assessment for the Greater Kansas City Region.” <https://www.wycokck.org/files/assets/public/community-development/documents/2014-fair-housing-and-equity-assessment.pdf>, p. 68.

⁴ US EPA (March 23, 2020). “Integrated Overflow Control Program.” <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-07/documents/noticeofconclusionandfinaliocp.pdf>, p. 1.

the planning staff anticipates that it will be able to make steady progress on existing master plan goals which may reduce the effects of historically restrictive single-family zoning.

State LIHTC match

In January 2022, the Kansas State Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs introduced Senate Bill 369 to establish a Kansas Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act.⁵ The state-level tax credit would be offered in equal amounts to the federal tax credit and would serve as a credit against tax liability for up to 11 years. The bill passed the Kansas House of Representatives 109-12 and the Kansas State Senate 34-3. The bill is currently awaiting approval by the governor. If approved, the state-level tax credits will become available in January 2023.⁶

Rising water costs

To assist households that have difficulty paying their water bills, the Board of Public Utilities offers "FlexPay," which allows the user to pay their water bill in smaller amounts throughout the month. The BPU does not currently offer any subsidies or rebates for low-income users who are unable to afford these utility increases over time.

⁵ Kansas State Senate, Committee on Federal and State Affairs. (2022) "Senate Bill No. 369."

<https://www.novoco.com/sites/default/files/atoms/files/kansas-lihtc-sb-369-introduced-01212022.pdf>

⁶ Novogradac. (May 4, 2022) "Bill to Create Kansas LIHTC, Increase HTC Percentage Reaches Governor's Desk."

<https://www.novoco.com/news/bill-create-kansas-lihtc-increase-htc-percentage-reaches-governors-desk>

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section details the Unified Government's plans to ensure safe and affordable housing for its residents, meet underserved needs, reduce poverty, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private sector housing and community development agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The UG continually works to build community capacity to meet underserved needs through partner agencies within the community, however, limited staff capacity and financial resources among these agencies remains a primary obstacle. Given these limitations, the careful analysis and detailed community engagement represented by the Consolidated Plan process is key to allocating the UG's federal funding to the highest-priority needs. The UG will continue to use its resources carefully and strategically with a focus on serving the community's priority needs. Additionally, some organizations are reluctant to administer federally funded programs using CDBG, HOME, or ESG funds due to the complex requirements attached to the grant funds. The UG will continue to periodically offer training and technical assistance to current and prospective subrecipient organizations to build their capacity for responsibly managing federal funding.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

A lack of affordable housing is a primary obstacle to addressing unmet needs. The UG will continue to support its goal of improving housing opportunities by creating and preserving decent, safe, affordable rental and homeownership housing. Through its annual CDBG allocation, the UG will continue to operate its successful home repair program that provides for emergency repairs for single-family owner-occupied homes, maintaining this important component of the affordable housing supply. To further foster development of affordable housing, the UG's annual HOME allocation will be directed to developers and subrecipients, including Community Housing Development Organizations, proposing to rehabilitate or build new housing that meets HUD affordability guidelines.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

An important initiative emanating from HUD in the last decade is the reduction of lead-based paint hazards, and many jurisdictions around the country have focused on reaching this goal. The federal Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) amends the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning

Prevention Act of 1971, which is the law covering lead-based paint in federally funded housing. These laws and subsequent regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (24 CFR part 35) protect young children from lead-based paint hazards in housing that is financially assisted or being sold by the federal government.

Should the Unified Government undertake any property rehabilitation projects, it will assess whether lead-based paint might be present and, if so, follow the guidelines set forth in the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. The Unified Government is committed to testing and abating lead in all pre-1978 housing units assisted with federal grant funds in any of the housing programs it implements.

Community Development also distributes Lead Hazard brochures to all federally assisted home buyers upon application to the program. As appropriate, public service and housing rehab subrecipient agencies are required to provide information concerning lead hazards to their beneficiaries. The UG's CDBG and HOME program staff are trained regarding the implementation of the Lead Based Paint Rule and implementation of the rule in conjunction with all CDBG and HOME funded rehabilitation projects, as required.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding is integrated into existing programs that address poverty and homelessness by participating agencies and subrecipients. For example, the UG provides CDBG funding to the Willa Gill Multi-Service Center to support multiple services including case management and hot lunches for families and individuals who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. ESG funding is directed toward agencies participating in the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness and funds vital services to assist residents living in poverty. Further programs such as job training, childcare, and transportation assistance reduce the impact of poverty and provide for income growth for families living in poverty.

Community Development staff participate in the UG Health Department's 2018-2023 Community Health Improvement Plan, particularly in the work of the Safe and Affordable Housing Subcommittee. The subcommittee is comprised of representatives from the Unified Government, private and public housing agencies, landlords, and social service agencies. For 2024, the subcommittee is pursuing the twin goals of 1) reducing the cost of accessing safe housing and the associated costs of living in the home, and 2) increasing the quantity of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income people. To date, the Community Health Improvement Plan is credited with having coordinated the following poverty-reducing achievements:

- 👉 Launched three Business ESL programs supporting 30 employees in completing coursework during their workday

- 👉 Created 344 new childcare spaces for children aged 1-5 years old
- 👉 Led an insurance enrollment campaign reaching over 4,000 homes in targeted low-coverage areas and resulting in 269 new Medicaid, Marketplace, and SNAP applications
- 👉 Provided a pilot fare-free non-emergency medical transportation program to local safety-net clinic patients
- 👉 Developed a Tenant's Rights & Responsibilities Toolkit for resource navigators

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Unified Government's Community Development Department works in conjunction with community stakeholders, local and regional public service agencies, neighborhood revitalization organizations and area housing partners who have a mutual interest in CDBG and HOME program goals and objectives. Community Development partners with these stakeholders on a wide range of programs including the Consolidated Planning process, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing actions, and the annual budget RFP process.

These community partnerships are part of an effort to assess community and regional needs and to enhance coordination of community projects and programs. Community Development continually seeks to broaden these partnerships and identify opportunities to partner with new organizations that further deepen the UG's community reach and strengthen the community's social service network. In addition, the UG has established the Stabilization, Occupation, And Revitalization (SOAR) Committee to address blight in the community and outreaches to these stakeholders.

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

Public agencies, for-profit and non-profit private organizations all play a part in the provision of affordable housing, social services, capital improvements, and economic development. However, the lack of financial resources for development, operations, and support services is a significant gap to overcome. By coordinating between agencies and local organizations, the UG helps to create a more comprehensive network of services and programs for its residents while reducing duplication and making efficient use of limited financial resources.

The Unified Government's Community Development Department will continue to coordinate closely with the Housing Authority of Kansas City, KS, by providing advertisements of available services and upcoming activities for distribution to residents. Unified Government staff will regularly host and attend meetings with community stakeholders. The Unified Government plans to continue to attend monthly membership meetings with the Greater

Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, which helps coordinate services between homeless individuals, homeless providers, and health and mental health organizations. The Unified Government also participates annually or bi-annually in the Kansas City (MO&KS), Independence, Lee's Summit/Jackson, Wyandotte Counties Continuum of Care's Point-in-Time count.

The Mid-America Regional Council is a key partner for coordination on several critical plans, including the goDotte Strategic Mobility Plan and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Partnerships with the Continuum of Care and the United Way of Greater Kansas City, both of which collaborate with partners across the region, are vital in planning for and implementing strategies to address homelessness. Ongoing coordination with these partners will continue to highlight shared goals and opportunities for collaboration throughout the region. Finally, the internal coordination between the UG's Community Development and Planning & Urban Design departments will enable CDBG and HOME Program funding to advance goals and strategies outlined in existing area master plans for eligible LMI areas.

Discussion:

In addition to the goals listed previously in the 2024 Annual Action Plan, the UG will pursue the strategies described within this section to further improve community conditions for Kansas City, KS residents by increasing the capacity of service providers, reducing poverty conditions, addressing lead-based paint hazards, and generally strengthening the structure within which these actions are administered.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

This section describes program specific requirements for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds received by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. The responses within this section satisfy regulatory and programmatic obligations that the Unified Government will undertake in the 2024 program year. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income over the 2024 program year period is 100%.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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.

Table 65 – Program Income

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

Table 66 – Other CDBG Requirements

Other CDBG Requirements	
1. The amount of urgent need activities	\$0
2a. 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%
2b. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	2024 Program Year

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

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

No other forms of investment are contemplated for the use in the HOME Program beyond those identified in 92.205.

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

When the PJ, CHDO or Housing Partner sells a HOME Assisted House to an income eligible household the HOME Agreement with the homebuyer is executed along with the executed and recorded Second Mortgage. These documents state the recapture provision will be used, below is the language.

Sale to a New Homebuyer: Full recapture will occur upon sale, transfer, or conveyance of the property to a new homebuyer prior to the expiration of the prescribed affordability period. The HOME-assisted buyer must repay the full amount of the entire HOME subsidy less any owner-paid closing costs and owner equity included therein; provided, that if the property is sold for market value and net proceeds from the sale is insufficient to pay the full subsidy amount, the difference between the net proceeds and the HOME subsidy amount may be forgiven.

Conversion to Business or Rental Use: Full Recapture will occur upon sale or conversion of the property for rental or business purposes prior to the expiration of the prescribed affordability period. The HOME-assisted buyer must repay the full amount of the HOME subsidy. No pro-rata reduction may be made.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The UG will hold a lien on property for the amount of the HOME subsidy to assure that the assisted household continues to meet program guidelines throughout the affordability

period. The minimum affordability period required is based on the amount of HOME assistance and is as follows:

Each property assisted with HOME funds must also have deed restrictions that run with the land, in addition to the applicable affordability period. These restrictions ensure the property remains affordable to a low to moderate income household for the applicable period and stipulate that: 1) The property must be the principal and primary residence of the purchaser; 2) All or any portion of the property may not be used as rental property or as investment property; and 3) Any portion of the property assisted with HOME funds may not be used as a business.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The UG does not use HOME funds for this purpose.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

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

Refer to the Grantee Unique Appendices for the ESG Policy and Procedures.

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

The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness operates the regional Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System (CES). CES facilitates the coordination and management of resources and services through CoC's crisis response system. CES works to connect the highest need, most vulnerable persons in the community to available housing and supportive services equitably.

The steps for the CES are as follows:

1. Participant calls 211 to complete an initial screening over the phone, visits a drop-in center or is engaged through street outreach.
2. If eligible, the participant will be contacted to schedule a housing intake.

3. Households still in need of help after the intake will receive a full CE assessment and be placed on the community housing list.
4. When a housing option is available, the participant is referred to a provider to begin the housing process.

Eligible participants are:

HUD's Category 1: Literally homeless: Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- ✿ Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or
- ✿ Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
- ✿ Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

HUD's Category 4: Fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence*: Any individual or family who:

- ✿ Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
- ✿ Has no other residence; and
- ✿ Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing *Note: "Domestic Violence" includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member that either takes place in, or him or her afraid to return to, their primary nighttime residence (including human trafficking).

In addition to the primary eligibility requirements, due to the disproportionate inflow versus outflow into the CES, only households who meet one or more of the following criteria are able to be enrolled into CE at this time:

- ✿ Chronically homeless (an individual with a disability who has been "literally homeless" for at least 12 months OR at least 4 episodes of homelessness totaling 12 months of time "literally homeless" over the past 3 years).
- ✿ Veteran

- 👉 Youth
- 👉 Family
- 👉 HIV/AIDS diagnosis
- 👉 Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, or human trafficking

Households who do not meet these eligibility criteria should be assisted through diversion.

The entire CES manual can be viewed at <https://gkcceh.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/MO-604-CE-Policy-Procedure-Manual.pdf>

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

The Unified Government submits a Request for Proposal in local newspapers and announces ESG funding allocations to the Continuum of Care membership. Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations and Continuum of Care participants; an ESG application must be submitted to the Program Coordinator of the grant program. The Unified Government coordinates with the Continuum of Care to evaluate applications and fund subrecipients. A ranking and reviewing committee (consist of 3-4 persons) will meet to score applicants based on the attached ranking and review scoring.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

Sub-recipients are required to have participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors; this is verified through annual monitoring reviews and required documentation of board of directors and recent board minutes.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

There are two primary data sources CoC's and ESG recipients will use to collect system-level performance measures:

- 👉 Sheltered and unsheltered PIT count data reported through HUD's Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX)

- 👑 Client-level outcome information based on data collected in HMIS and unduplicated across all continuum and ESG projects that contribute data to HMIS with the CoC.

System Performance Measurement Parameters also include the following:

- 👑 Project Type
- 👑 Reporting Period
- 👑 Client Universe (adults, leavers, stayers)
- 👑 Setting Local Performance Targets
- 👑 HMIS Bed Coverage and Data Quality

Please refer to the Grantee Unique Appendices for the complete ESG Policy and Procedures.

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