

## CITY OF ALBANY

## 2019 ACTION PLAN

### FOR THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS

PREPARED BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, OREGON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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#### **Executive Summary**

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

#### 1. Introduction

The City of Albany is an entitlement jurisdiction receiving a federal formula grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG program requires entitlement jurisdictions to prepare a strategic plan every five years, called the Consolidated Plan, to identify housing, community, and economic development needs and priorities. The strategic plan identifies strategies for the city to follow in order to achieve the goals of the CDBG program "to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for lowand moderate income persons."

Each year, entitlement jurisdictions must submit an Action Plan to HUD that describes the specific planned uses for CDBG funding and how program requirements will be satisfied. The 2019 Action Plan is the city's second plan outlining how the city will target program year 2019 CDBG funds to address needs and goals identified in the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan.

A substantial amendment to the 2019 Action Plan was made in April, 2020 to include the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act CDBG allocation (CDBG-CV) to prevent, prepare for and respond to the impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on Albany residents. The amendment also included reallocating unspent funds to help businesses recover from the pandemic.

The city received notice of a second CDBG-CV award of \$249,360 in September 2020 and prepared a revised amendment to the 2019 Action Plan to incorporate the second CARES Act allocation.

#### 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 2019 Annual Action Plan (2019 Plan) objectives and outcomes were developed through citizen participation and agency consultations over the past year, and needs identified in the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. The 2019 Action Plan activities will benefit Albany's LMI residents, with funding priorities going to activities that work to prevent and reduce homelessness.

The following summarizes how the city will allocate 2019 CDBG program funds to activities that address 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan goals and objectives. The City received additional funding as part of the

CARES Act to prevent and respond to the impacts of COVID-19 (CDBG-CV). The City added a plan goal to prepare for, prevent and respond to COVID-19.

- <u>Prevent and Respond to COVID-19</u> CDBG-CV funds will be used to provide services and needs to residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19, including emergency housing assistance, help businesses retain or rehire employees, provide emergency food boxes, and help the City respond to and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- <u>Preserve and improve existing affordable housing</u> through housing rehabilitation loans to improve the integrity, safety, and livability of at least three houses occupied by LMI residents.
- <u>Reduce homelessness</u> through public services grants to the three local shelters for case management and life skills/employment training for homeless youth and adults to help clients move into stable housing and general operations.
- <u>Provide services to special needs and low-income residents</u> CDBG 2019 public services grants will support local child abuse prevention services, food boxes and furniture to homeless and low-income residents, and a senior companion program for elderly home-bound adults.
- Increase economic opportunities for Albany's LMI residents through technical assistance to microenterprises and entrepreneurs at the Linn Benton Community College (LBCC) Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to help establish businesses and create local jobs and provide small grants to microenterprises to offset business start-up costs and costs to create jobs.
- <u>Remove blighting influences</u> through housing rehabilitation in low-income census tracts.

#### 3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Below is a summary of progress made in 2018 towards the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan goals.

#### Create affordable housing opportunities

- DevNW provided down-payment assistance loans to three low- and moderate-income households who became Albany home owners.
- Habitat for Humanity is in the process of purchasing a residential property that will provide home ownership opportunity for a low-mod single-mother.

#### Preserve and improve existing affordable housing

• DevNW provided housing rehabilitation loans to four low-and moderate-income Albany homeowners to improve the integrity, safety, and livability of their housing.

#### **Reduce Homelessness**

CDBG public services grants were awarded to two local shelters to provide meals, food boxes, case management, and life skills/employment training for homeless youth and adults.

- Signs of Victory served 224 unduplicated residents in the first six months of their grant term.
- Jackson Street Youth Services has provided safe housing and case management to 22 youth in the first six months.

#### Provided needed services to Special Needs and low-income residents

- Family Tree Relief Nursery child abuse prevention services for 16 children and a total of 29 family members in the first six months.
- Furniture Share provided healthy food boxes and furniture to 894 formerly homeless and lowincome Albany residents in the first six months.
- Senior Companion Program has served 17 elderly low- and moderate-income adults to date.

#### Increase economic opportunities for Albany's low- and moderate-income residents

- The city helped 16 Albany residents, including 13 Latino residents take business classes or receive business advising at Linn Benton Community College in order to help establish local businesses and create local jobs.
- The city provided small grants to two microenterprises to offset costs to expand operations and create jobs.

#### **Remove Blighting Influences**

• CDBG funds helped remove blighted conditions through housing rehabilitation programs and public improvements at Sunrise Park.

#### **Further Fair Housing**

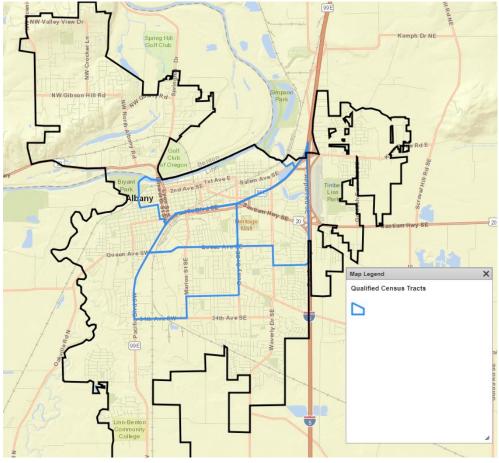
• Fair housing education for public officials and staff and for emergency shelter staff are scheduled for May 13, 2019. Planning is underway to provide training for residents/tenants in Spanish.



Sunrise Park Remodel



**Shelter Services** 



2019 Target Area Map

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

#### Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City followed the requirements in its Citizen Participation Plan in carrying out the process to develop the 2019 Action Plan. The City and CDC obtained public input on housing and community development needs and priorities to assist with development of the Plan through a public summit on homelessness, participation in community groups (such as the Homeless Engagement and Resources Team monthly meetings), and outreach efforts by staff and Community Development Commissioners. The second phase of public input included agency consultations and solicitation and evaluation of grant proposals.

The last phase was to obtain public input on the draft 2019 Action Plan and substantial amendments.

Regarding the supplemental CDBG-CV funds, the City amended its Citizen Participation Plan to allow for a reduced public comment period and public hearing notice of at least 5 days. Prior to publishing the plan amendments, the City assessed community needs through agency consultations, City departmental input, and public input.

#### 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.

2019 program year funds: The City of Albany received the following comments from citizens, Community Development Commissioners, and area agencies and service providers through meetings, funding applications and agency consultations:

#### Summary of 2019 Needs and Priorities Identified through Agency Consultations:

- Case management and shelter services are needed for Albany's homeless and at-risk youth;
- Family support services are needed for families with children up to 6 years of age that have risk factors associated with child abuse and neglect to prevent abuse and foster care placements;
- Long-term homeless and vulnerable residents staying at Albany Helping Hands Shelter need help finding employment, preparing applications and resumes for interviews, and job skills training, so they can reduce the need for public assistance and build self-esteem.
- Signs of Victory Shelter needs operational support to meet increased needs and services when capacity tripled after moving to a larger facility 1.5 years ago.
- There are no funds available to help start-ups and entrepreneurs get established.
- Housing rehabilitation funding is needed to meet the demand.

#### 2019 Plan Testimony Received:

- Stacey Bartholomew, resident and Albany Area Habitat for Humanity Board member and Creating Housing Coalition President spoke in favor of CDBG funds for affordable housing.
- Brigetta Olson, Chief Operating Officer for Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services (WNHS) spoke in support of the CDBG programs. WNHS manages the housing rehabilitation and home buyer down payment assistance programs for Albany. Many applicants for housing rehab are seniors on fixed income that want to age in place but can't afford to without assistance.

#### CARES Act Needs/Testimony Received:

- There is anticiapted need for emergency housing assistance.
- Funding is a barrier to serving more Albany households with emergency food boxes.
- Businesses impacetd by COVID-19 need hep retaining and resotring jobs, adjusting business plans, PPE, and training for a different economy.
- Childcare is needed due to virtual school and increased pressure on families.
- Shelters and other providers are experiencing incrased demand for services and increased expenses due to COVId-19, while fundraising has been impacted by the pandemic.
- Additioanl resources are needed to meet COVId-9 safety guideliens for shelters such as more beds and temprorary space to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Residents need desks, tables, and otehr furniture and equipment to work from home and hep children with virtual learning as well as helping residents being moved into temporary housing due to COVID-19.

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

All comments received were in support of the proposed 2019 Action Plan activities, use of CDBG-CV funds, and of the CDBG program in general. All comments were accepted.

#### 7. Summary

The 2019 Action Plan objectives and strategies support activities and public services that will reduce and prevent homelessness and expand economic opportunities for Albany's low-income, homeless, and young adult residents. Public services will help to prevent child abuse, foster care placements, and nutritious meals and foodboxes for low-and moderate income residents. Housing livability and affordability will be improved through housing rehabilitation. Partnerships with local organizations will be continued and strengthened through ongoing consultations with area agencies and providers.

The City added a 2019 Plan objective and priority to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and repsond to the needs resulting from COVID-19.

#### 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		ALBANY			
CDBG Administrator	trator ALBANY		Community Development Department/City of Albany		
HOPWA Administrator	trator				
HOME Administrator					
HOPWA-C Administrator					

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

#### Narrative (optional)

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

#### 1. Introduction

The Community Development Commission (CDC) consulted with public and assisted housing providers, health, mental health, and service agencies in group settings to learn more about community needs and to foster collaboration among providers. The CDC meetings provided an opportunity for enhancing the existing coordination and delivery structure of housing programs, services for homeless, and health and social services. The CDC consulted with Linn County Health Services, Department of Human Services, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, Community Services Consortium, and all agencies that provide services to Albanys homeless and special needs populations. Many of these agencies also participate in the Homeless Engagement and Resource Team (HEART) monthly meetings. City staff corresponds with these agencies and service providers periodically to assess existing programs and performance and help identify gaps in need that could be supported with CDBG-funded activities and programs.

The City and CDC consulted with service providers, economic development staff and agencies, businesses, shelters, child care and youth service providers, the school district, local action agency, and housing providers regarding needs to prevent and respond to the impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

## 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))

City staff and the CDC consulted with the following housing providers and health and mental health agencies including Linn Benton Housing Authority, Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development, Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, Albany Area Habitat for Humanity, Linn County Health Services, Department of Human Services, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, Community Services Consortium (CSC), emergency shelter providers, CHANCE (Communities Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively), and other agencies that provide services to Albany's homeless and vulnerable populations. These local agencies contributed in identifying the needs for the 2019 Action Plan.

Staff corresponds with many of the agencies and service providers periodically to assess existing programs and performance and help identify gaps in need that could be supported with CDBG-funded activities and opportunities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and government, health and service agencies. Specific efforts by the city to enhance coordination among providers and agencies include:

• City (Homeless) Solutions Team - the City and Albany Police Department created a team with community resource leaders from Linn County Health Services, Alcohol and Drug, Parole and

Probation, CHANCE, and Samaritan Hospital, to provide direct and intentional contact and connection to services when encountering homeless individuals in need. Staff will contact CHANCE staff who will provide peer support to help address addiction, housing and other needs.

- Several city staff serve on the Homeless Engagement and Resource Team (HEART), which includes housing providers, shelters, homeless advocates, health providers, school district, CHANCE, Linn County Health and Alcohol and Drug, CSC, the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC), and Samaritan General Hospital. HEART was created to enhance coordination among providers; members work together to assess the needs of Albany's homeless and at-risk populations, coordinate services, prioritize and address Linn County's homeless and housing needs, and implement strategies to reduce homelessness. HEART, the City and CSC coordinate the annual homeless resource fair and homelessness summit for the community. More than 50 agencies participate in the annual resource fair to serve homeless and poverty-level residents. The fair provides an opportunity for agencies to coordinate and communicate, especially those that do not regularly attend the monthly HEART team meetings.
- Affordable & Decent Housing: The Mayor and Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development and Linn County Mental Health staff are collaborating to provide needed housing and supportive services to existing residents with mental disabilities.

## 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.

Linn and Benton counties are included in the 28 counties served by the ROCC. The chair of the CDC was the ROCC program coordinator. ROCC works with CSC and JSYS on programs to address homelessness, such as veteran, youth and domestic violence victim's services. JSYS is participating on the Homeless and Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) Advisory Committee and programming for addressing youth homelessness. Linn and Benton Counties are considering an application for expanding RHY services in the counties.

CSC is the state and federally recognized community action agency that serves Albany. CSC is dedicated to ending poverty in the region and serves as a conduit for federal and state homeless program funding. CSC offers homeless prevention and rapid re-housing assistance to residents at risk of becoming homeless and for homeless residents. CSC programs include emergency funding for rental assistance, utility bills and the low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP), weatherization services, and Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) that includes housing services.

City and CSC staff coordinate and consult on a regular basis and with area providers that serve Albany's homeless and at-risk homeless populations, including families with school-aged children, through the McKenney Vento program coordinator for the local district, who also serves on the CDC.

Creating Housing Coalition - In 2018, a group of homeless advocates, representatives from the city, Habitat for Humanity, Linn County Health Services, Department of Human Services, Salvation Army and others started meeting to talk about housing needs of homeless residents. Creating Housing Coalition is formalizing as an organization and is evaluating partnership opportunities with other agencies to implement a vision to create a tiny house village for homeless residents.

All three emergency shelters in Albany requested and will be awarded funding in the 2019 Action Plan. Signs of Victory Mission tripled its capacity and expanded services in 2018 and JSYS opened a transitional house for young adults ages 18 to 20 for unaccompanied and homeless youth. The Consolidated Plan and the 2017-2018 Action plan recognized these additional opportunities to address needs, and the 2018-19 Action Plan provides funding for these organizations.

# 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

City and CSC staff consult throughout the year to discuss homelessness and emergency housing needs, how Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds are being used, and performance outcomes to determine if there are any community and homeless needs that can be addressed with CDBG funds.

CSC uses ESG funds for rapid re-housing and homeless prevention, both in a short-term assistance manner. A portion of ESG funds are used for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) record keeping purposes to track program outcomes and to assist in identifying populations that need assistance.

#### 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

	2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated	
1	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ALBANY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
		Civic Leaders
		Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Housing Need Assessment
	Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
		Market Analysis
		Economic Development
		Anti-poverty Strategy
		Lead-based Paint Strategy
		Public facilities, accessibility and infrastructure needs
	Briefly describe how the	Various City departments were consulted to gain insights into community and
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	economic development needs, infrastructure and public facility needs, parks and
	What are the anticipated outcomes of the	recreation needs, housing and affordability needs, lead paint issues and practices,
	consultation or areas for improved coordination?	COVID-19 response needs, and the impacts of land use planning and policies on
		housing affordability. The city consulted with the police and city manager
		departments regarding the homeless solutions team. This consultation and
		coordination will be ongoing.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Services Consortium
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
		Services-homeless
		Services-Employment
		Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
		Regional organization
		Civic Leaders

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

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Community Services Consortium (CSC) is the area community action agency that receives Community Services Block Grant funding to operate services in a three- county region that includes Albany. CSC provides housing services, rental and utility assistance, job training, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG funds) to reduce homelessness in Albany, and they operate four continuum of care-funded projects. CSC was consulted for input about homelessness data and needs, emergency housing assistance and homeless needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Collaboration and consultation are ongoing.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Linn Benton Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Linn-Benton Housing Authority (LBHA) oversees HUD Section 8 housing activities in Albany, serves over 2,600 families in the two-county area. The LBHA also provides affordable housing to Albany seniors and persons with mental disabilities. LBHA provided data regarding Section 8 housing choice voucher use in Albany for the Con Plan. LBHA was consulted for home buyer assistance programs, housing needs of persons with mental illness, and affordable housing needs in general. Coordination and consultation will continue as the Consolidated Plan is implemented. LBHA provides individual development accounts to help residents save for home ownership and they have ill use CDBG funds to provide home buyer down payment assistance grants to existing clients to help them become homeowners.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	WILLAMETTE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders Community Development Financial Institution Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services (WNHS) is the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) in the area. WNHS merged with NEDCO this past year. NEDCO is a Community Development Financial Institution. The City consulted with staff on affordable housing needs and programs offered by WNHS. WNHS is overseeing housing rehabilitation and home buyer down-payment assistance programs on behalf of the City.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Helping Hands
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Albany Helping Hands is one of two large homeless shelters in Albany and they own several transitional houses for hard to house and one for women with children. The City consulted with staff to help assess homeless needs and eligible CDBG activities and needs to prevent the spread of cOVID-19 and provide safe shelter.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Signs of Victory Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services - Food and hygiene
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Signs of Victory (SOV) is a homeless shelter with services in Albany, having recently expanded into a larger facility. The City consulted with SOV to identify the highest priority needs to help homeless and at-risk residents and needs to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and provide safe shelter.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	JACKSON STREET YOUTH SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Jackson Street Youth Services was consulted on the housing and services needs of homeless and at-risk youth in Albany, and needs to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and provide safe shelter. CDBG funds were awarded to provide youth case management and services to youth staying at the shelter or in transitional housing.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Area Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consults frequently with Albany Area Habitat for Humanity on affordable housing needs and strategies through work on individual projects. CDBG funds helped Habitat acquire property for affordable housing. The City will consult and collaborate with Habitat to help low-income homeowners with decent housing.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	APHCD owns and manages 133 units of affordable housing and three permanent supportive housing units. APHCD was consulted for affordable housing, transitional and permanent supportive housing needs. Consultation and coordination is ongoing. Some of APHCD properties are aging and need to be remodeled and rehabilitated.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy Fair Housing strategies
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City CDBG staff attends meetings when possible to participate in regional discussions and training around access to opportunity, equity, diversity and healthy housing policies and programs. City staff met with the director to talk about how to be more inclusive of Latina residents. Consultation is ongoing.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Albany Public Schools
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation with the school district (GAPS) McKinney Vento liaison and youth services coordinator is ongoing. The coordinator works with homeless and highly mobile students residing in the Albany district. The City receives homeless count data on children in the GAPS district. The City also consulted with GAPS regarding virtual learning and prevention needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - State Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff consulted with Cascades West (CWCOG) staff about needs for seniors and persons with disabilities. The CWCOG has expressed needs supporting their Senior Companion Program. Coordination and discussion regarding needs of seniors and residents with disabilities is ongoing as are needs for entrepreneurs and microenterprises.

13	Agency/Group/Organization	C.H.A.N.C.E.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff consults regularly with the director of C.H.A.N.C.E. (Communities Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively) regarding programming needs to support residents in recovery and with mental health issues. C.H.A.N.C.E. programs and services are growing and expanding without needing CDBG assistance. C.H.A.N.C.E. is instrumental in helping homeless residents get into programs and residents in recovery get jobs and into stable housing. The City consulted about emergency housing assistance and homeless needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Linn Benton Community College
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - State Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the	Linn Benton Community College, Small Business Development Center provides
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	education, training, and counseling to small businesses through a team of business
	What are the anticipated outcomes of the	advisers and faculty. They offer microenterprise courses and counseling as well as
	consultation or areas for improved coordination?	small business management programs to help improve economic opportunities
		within Albany and the region. The City consulted with LBCC to determine needs for
		microenterprise businesses and how to create jobs for low and moderate-income
		residents, and how to help businesses survive, recover from impacts caused by the
		COVID-19 pandemic, and prevent COVID. CDBG funds support the LBCC
		microenterprise and small business development programs that will increase
		economic opportunities and jobs for LMI residents.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	State of Oregon Department of Human Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
		Services-Children
		Services-Persons with Disabilities
		Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
		Services-homeless
		Services - Victims
		Child Welfare Agency
		Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Public Housing Needs
	Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
		Homelessness Strategy
		Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	DHS Local Department of Human Services staff participate in monthly HEART meetings and participates in the annual resource fair for persons experiencing homelessness. DHS provides data on child abuse, domestic violence, and foster home placements. The City consulted with DHS staff regarding childcare and programs available to residents impacted by COVID-19.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Linn County Health Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Other government - County Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Linn County Health Services is the primary agency providing mental health, developmental disability, and alcohol and drug treatment services in Albany. The county provides and coordinates a variety of support services for these special needs populations. Linn County staff were consulted for input regarding care and housing needs of many of the populations at risk of homelessness, special needs and low-income residents. The County provides health and mental health care and supported housing for individuals and families. Linn County Health completed a community health assessment; city staff served on a health assessment committee and is serving on the community health improvement plan (CHIP) committee. City and county consultation and collaboration will continue to occur on various fronts on an ongoing basis. [Website: http://www.co.linn.or.us/health/]
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City relies on the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce for data and input from the business community. The Chamber began the Popline to Jobs program by convening the Workforce Development Taskforce that worked to define the needs of local business and industry, The group developed a plan to combine their efforts with local educators to provide more comprehensive training options for local students. As a result of their efforts, Pipeline was developed to provide a single source for students, educators, parents, and industry to access information and opportunity.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Council of Oregon
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	fair housing training and outreach		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff consults with the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) regularly to collect data on any allegations reported to FHCO from Albany, and assess fair housing needs and issues. The City hires FHCO to carry out fair housing training activities, and get current fair housing materials/brochures for the public.		
19	Agency/Group/Organization	OREGON HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Other government - State		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff periodically reviews affordable housing funding opportunities and data provided by the state for planning and programming and to consult the statewide housing plan and fair housing plan.		
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Oregon Health Authority		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Other government - State		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The city collects data from Oregon Health Authority on people with AIDS/HIV, persons with disabilities and addictions, and related behavioral health services.		

21	Agency/Group/Organization	Central Willamette Credit Union		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Community Development Financial Institution Private Sector Banking / Financing		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Central Willamette was in the final steps of applying for the CDFI designation. Staff met with the CEO and other staff to talk about community and housing needs, potential programs and partnerships that the bank could help provide. CDFI will be marketing loans attractive to low-income residents seeking loans to purchase homes.		
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Casa Latinos Unidos		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Health Service-Fair Housing Services to Spanish-speaking residents		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Needs of Spanish speaking residents		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff consulted with Casa Latinos Unidos regarding needs of Spanish speaking residents, possible cdbg-eligible activities and ways to encourage participation in programs, as well as ways to help the Latinx community impacted by COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of COVID. Consultation is ongoing.		
23	Agency/Group/Organization Agency/Group/Organization Type	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Other government - Federal		

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff consults with Region 10 staff when questions arise regarding programs, eligibility and environmental reviews and questions regarding CARES Act requirements. Staff also consults HUD Exchange on a regular basis for training and best practices.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Square One Villages
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff has served on a team of area residents interested in learning more about tiny house villages and how tiny houses might help address homelessness. Square One staff presented a workshop to train area residents on how to set up an organization and steps to go through to establish a tiny house village. A new local group, Creating Housing Coalition has formed from this effort and is partnering with Square one. City staff attends the meetings and keeps up to date on progress of developing the local coalition and future development plans.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	The Salvation Army of Linn County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Regional organization Civic Leaders National civic and religious organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Albany interacts with the Salvation Army through monthly homeless engagement meetings. The local Salvation Army provides food boxes to households in need so the City contacted the Salvation Army regarding needs to help residents during the novel coronavirus pandemic. The organization is set up to increase services during the pandemic.
26	Agency/Group/Organization Agency/Group/Organization Type	Family Tree Relief Nursery Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The CDC held an agency consultation with Family Tree Relief Nursery to understand agency needs and goals for 2019. The agency works with families at high risk for child abuse and neglect. Staff provide case management, parent education, early childhood services and substance abuse support to prevent abuse and foster care placements. The agency reports increased stressors on families with children due to the pandemic and increased need for help accessing resources and support.
27	Agency/Group/Organization	NEDCO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Community Development Financial Institution

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	NEDCO, doing business as DevNW and Community Lending Works, was consulted to continue an emergency small business loan program to help businesses during the COVID-19 panedemic.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Non-profit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City is participating in a childcare needs work group being coordinated by United Way to identify needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Boys and Girls Club of Albany
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consulted with the local Boys and Girls club about needs to help families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and virtual learning.

30	Agency/Group/Organization	Mid-Willamette Family YMCA		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Non-profit - recreation and child care services		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Anti-poverty Strategy		
	Consultation?			
	Briefly describe how the	The City consulted with the local YMCA about needs to help families impacted by		
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	the COVID-19 pandemic and virtual learning.		
	What are the anticipated outcomes of the			
	consultation or areas for improved coordination?			
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Downtown Association		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment		
		Business Leaders		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Economic Development		
	Consultation?			
	Briefly describe how the	The Albany Downtown Association was consulted for local small business needs		
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	during the novel coronavirus pandemic. City staff consult with the ADA throughout		
	What are the anticipated outcomes of the	the year for needs and issues, and to support the needs of downtown businesses.		
	consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Downtown Albany is primarily located in Census Tract 204, a low-mod Target Area.		
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Development Commission		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization		
		Business Leaders		
		Civic Leaders		
		Business and Civic Leaders		

What section of the Plan was addressed by	Housing Need Assessment			
Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless			
	Homeless Needs - Families with children			
	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth			
	Homelessness Strategy			
	Non-Homeless Special Needs			
	Market Analysis			
	Economic Development			
	Anti-poverty Strategy			
Briefly describe how the	The Albany Community Development Commission (CDC) oversees the CDBG			
Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	programs. The CDC holds public meetings, agency consultations, assesses needs and			
What are the anticipated outcomes of the	determines priorities to include in the Consolidated Plan and annual action plans.			
consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Members on the commission have expertise in real estate, lending, economic			
	development, homeless families and unaccompanied youth, health care, and			
	include liaisons to the Planning Commission, Human Relations Commission and the			
	City Council. To determine the greatest needs during the COVID-19 pandemic for the			
	CDBG-CV funds, the City consulted with City emergency staff, economic			
	development staff, Community Lending Works, Business Oregon, Community			
	Services Consortium, local shelters and service providers to assess COVID-19			
	impacts and needs. The CDC reviewed applications for CARES funding.			

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

The City consulted with most of the area agencies, civic and business leaders in developing the 2019 Action Plan. Some agencies that were consulted with the development of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan were not consulted with this action plan because their programs are either do not need funding, do not have eligible activities at this time, and/or are complementary.

The city did not directly consult with corrections institutions staff in this Action Plan based on conversations with corrections institutions in preparation of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan last year. Linn County Parole and Probation officers attend monthly HEART (homeless

engagement and resource team) meetings where local service agencies discuss homelessness, housing and how to best support residents including the transition out of corrections facilities into housing or temporary shelters.

City staff and elected officials have ongoing consultation with area civic and elected leaders, business leaders and agencies. Staff also evaluates agency websites and reports and keeps current on local news regarding efforts or needs that could be eligible for CDBG support.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

#### Narrative (optional)

The Albany Strategic Plan goals support and complement the strategic plan goals of the Community Services Consortium (CSC) plan. CSC's primary goal is to end poverty through a variety of programs including jobs and financial support, training and education. CSC receives funding to address and prevent homelessness, serve veterans and low income residents with emergency housing services and the local food bank.

#### 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

2019 is the second year of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan, which used extensive outreach to determine five year community priorities. Each year, the city prepares an Annual Action Plan that outlines the specific program activities to be carried out in meeting the Consolidated Plan strategies.

The city followed its Citizen Participation Plan to develop and amend the 2019 Action Plan. The City identified gaps in priorities needs, creating partnerships and collaborations to foster successful projects, and leveraging funds to address needs for low income and homeless residents, services for special needs and low- income persons, and community and economic development needs. To broaden citizen participation to area Latina/Hispanic residents and to assess needs, the city held a meeting with Latinx leaders in the community. Consultations are ongoing.

Input on 2019 community needs was gathered through a 2018 open house, 2018 homeless and affordable housing summit, community wide 'needs' survey, public hearings, outreach with local agencies, and advertising in the local paper, the Albany Democrat Herald. Citizen input and agency consultations helped to establish the five-year strategic plan priority needs and goals.

Additional direct consultation by staff and the CDC provided an opportunity to clarify and expand on the city's understanding of community needs and funding priorities for 2019. The CDC and staff also evaluated past performance to determine how funds could be most effectively utilized in 2019. The 2019 Plan activities were selected to address strategic plan goals and priorities.

The draft 2019 Action Plan was posted on the City's website and was available at the Albany Community Development Department, and at both Albany public libraries. The City advertised the 30-2ay comment period and provided notice of the June 12, 2019 public hearing using the following methods:

- Notice was publisehd in the Albany Democrate Herald on May 13, 2019.
- Notice posted on city website, news feed, and calendar May 10, 2019.
- Notice emailed to agencies, inerested parties and stakeholders on May 13, 2019 and June 4, 2019.

The proposed 2019 AAP CARES Act Substantial Amendments were posted on the City's website, and notice of the comment period and public hearing were published in the Democrat Herald and emailed to agencies and interested parties. Staff also sought direct input from agencies on their needs related to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

CARES Act Amendment #1: The City assessed community needs due to COVID-19 through agency consultations, City departmental input, and public input. The City published notice of a 10-day comment period and notice of public hearing on April 12, 2020 in the Albany Democrat Herald and the City Council held a public hearing on April 22, 2020. The Community Development Commission also held a public meeting on the proposed amendments on April 20, 2020. A press release was published and distributed ton April 10, 2020 and April 22, 2020. All comments were accepted.

CARES Act Amendment #2: The City used a competitive grant application process and input from prior public hearings to determine how to allocate the second CARES Act award. The City published notice of the public hearing and comment period on October 20, 2020, 8 days before the October 28, 2020 public hearing. A press release was published and distributed to agencies and interested parties 7 days before the public hearing with information on the proposed CARES Act amendments, comment period and hearing. All comments were accepted.

**Citizen Participation Outreach** 

Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments	URL (If applicable)
Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	not accepted &reasons	
1	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broad community	Almost 60 residents and agency representatives attended the November 8, 2018 Annual Summit on Homelessness, "health, housing and priorities", sponsored by HEART. Miranda Miller of Corvallis Homeless and Vulnerable Group spoke about a partnership they have with Samaritan Hospital to identify and support highest users of emergency medical assistance about innovative approaches being used to address homelessness in the area and an affordable housing developer explained what it takes to develop affordable housing. Statistics on housing affordability and homelessness were provided such as # of residents receiving housing choice vouchers and number of residents unable to be helped with rapid-rehousing due to lack of housing.	Attendees participated in prioritizing populations to serve and programs that are needed. Attendees identified the following populations in need of resources: hard to house, families with children, youth, disabled, seniors, chronically homeless, victims of domestic violence, veterans, working poor, minorities, and pregnant women. Priority needs identified included: affordable housing, tiny house village, rapid re-housing assistance, emergency shelter, homeless prevention, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.	All comments were accepted.	

				-College students are also		
				experiencing housing cost		
				burden and homelessness;		
				need for wrap around services		
				to support students.		
				Education is so important		
				Very low housing availability;		
				all agencies have long multi-		
				year waiting listsTara		
				Dixson mentioned the large		
				number of homeless students		
		Minorities		in Albany. Lots of doubled-up		
		i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i		or shared housing situations		
		Non English		Very depressing for people,		
		Non-English	Forty-five residents and	easy to feel defeated		
		Speaking -	public officials attended a	Parents living in cars or tents		
	Public	Specify other	forum on Affordable	are fearful to ask for help	All comments were	
2	Meeting	language:	Housing in Albany on	because they are worried their	accepted.	
	weeting	Spanish	December 11, 2018	children will be taken away	accepted.	
			hosted by the City of	Scott Lepman talked about		
		Non-	Albany.	scarcity of land and regulatory		
		targeted/broad		risks (wetlands), and the need		
		community		for banks to provide capital		
		community		and be on board with plans		
				Martha Lyon, CSC Executive		
				Director, asked what could be		
				done right now for the 4,000		
				households in need;		
				emergency contingency plans		
				a possibility? People need		
				help now, not in 4 or 5 years		
				Emergency measures taken in		
				Eugene (warming shelters,		
				ordinance to allow sleeping in		
				parked cars on church parking		

Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments	URL (If applicable)
Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	not accepted &reasons	
				lots) resulted in a tiny home		
				community, first Opportunity		
				Village and then Emerald		
				VillageMayor Konopa		
				mentioned the idea of shared		
				vouchers, or possibly allowing		
				individuals to pay the		
				difference on a housing		
				voucher when rent is over the		
				approved amountCould the		
				county lift restrictions on		
				campgrounds so people can		
				stay longer, or possibly create		
				a new campgroundMartha		
				Lyon proposed the idea of		
				purchasing housing units to		
				guarantee income		
				public/private project., making		
				sure it is profitable for		
				developersCommunity		
				members need to step		
				forward and help the issue,		
				not just complain about		
				elected officialsSuggestion		
				and support to make housing		
				affordability meetings more		
				frequent.		

Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments	URL (If applicable)
Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	not accepted &reasons	
			The city published an ad			
			in the local Albany			
			Democrat Herald			
		Non-	newspaper regarding	No written comments have		
3	Newspaper Ad	targeted/broad	the 30-day comment	been received since the ad		
		community	period and the public	was published.		
			hearing date for the			
			2019 Action Plan on			
			May 13, 2019.			

Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments	URL (If applicable)
Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	not accepted &reasons	
				Stacey Bartholomew, resident		
				serving on the Albany Area		
				Habitat for Humanity Board		
				and President of the Creating		
				Housing Coalition spoke in		
				support of the CDBG funds for		
				affordable housing. Habitat for		
				Humanity was able to help		
				another family on the list with		
		The	eted/broad held a public hearing on of housing.Brigetta Olson.	assistance. Creating Housing is		
				hoping to build a tiny house		
		Non-		All comments were		
4	Public Hearing	targeted/broad		of housing.Brigetta Olson,	accepted.	
		community		Chief Operating Officer of	accepteu.	
			June 12, 2019.	Willamette Neighborhood		
				Housing Services, a		
				community development		
				corporation, spoke in support		
				of CDBG programs. WNHS		
				receives money to operate		
				housing repair program in		
				Albany. Most applicants are		
				elderly residents on fixed		
				incomes unable to keep up		
				their homes.		

Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments	URL (If applicable)
5	<b>Outreach</b> Agency meeting	Outreach Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	response/attendance City staff met with leaders of agencies that work with Latino/Latina residents twice, once on September, 2019 and again on November 9, 2018. Representatives from Casa Latinos Unidos, Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance, Oregon State University Extension (nutrition), Linn Benton Community College, and Albany Area Schools attended meetings.	comments received Discussion focused on program and service needs of Spanish speaking residents, and how to reach or inform residents. Suggestions included information at events, classes in Spanish, through church, and the need for more "navigation" type services in Albany (Casa Latinos Unidos office in Albany, for example).	All comments and suggestions were accepted.	

Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments	URL (If applicable)
Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	not accepted &reasons	
6	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broad community	The City posted and distributed a press release regarding the 30-day comment period on the 2019 Action Plan and the public hearing. The press release runs on the front page of the city web page and on the CDBG page and is aired on local media. Staff also sent notices by email to all agencies and interested parties twice- the first to send the press release out about public participation opportunities, and the second as a reminder of the June 12 public hearing and close of the 30-day comment period.	None received.		www.cityofalbany.net

Sort	Mode of	Target of	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments	URL (If applicable)
Order	Outreach	Outreach	response/attendance	comments received	not accepted &reasons	
7	Newspaper Ad	Non- targeted/broad community	The City published an ad on 4.12.2020 notifying the public of opportunity to comment on proposed 2019 plan amendments, including CARES Act allocation and notice of the 4.22.2020 public hearing.	Oregon Rep. Keny-Guyer submitted a letter requesting CARES Act \$ go to rental assistance.Staff talked to Salvation Army and Community Services consortium about emergency food and housing needs.	All comments were accpeted.	
8	Public Hearing	Non- targeted/broad community	Annie McDonald of Albany Partnership attended the April 20 CDC meeting; she, Charles DeJesus of the Salvation Army and Stacey Bartholomew of Creating Housing Coalition attended the 4.22.2020 council hearing.	Anticipated large need for rental assistance and increased demand for emergency food boxes. The CDC recommended allocating CDBG-CV funds to emergency foodboxes. The council agreed to reduce the amount of CDBG-CV funds to emergency small business support by \$20,000 and allocate \$20,000 to emergency food boxes.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted &reasons	URL (If applicable)
9	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broad community area agencies and interested parties	The City posted the 2019 AAP amendments on the city webpage and distributed a press release noting the comment period and hearing dates for the 2019 plan CARES Act amendments.	Staff heard needs for crisis response for families, the need for additional staffing and supplies to safely operate shelters, daycare is needed to help parents work and children to attend school virtually, families are impacted by lost wages, households need food, desks, furniture and help with and housing costs.	All comments were accepted.	
10	Newspaper Ad	Non- targeted/broad community	The city received two letters after publishing an ad 10.20.20 regarding 10.28.20 hearing on CARES Act amendments and public comment period.	Help with childcare costs for essential workers (Denison letter) and shelter needs to operate warming center to comply with COVID-19.	All comments were accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## **Expected Resources**

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

## Introduction

As an entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Albany receives an annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund from HUD. The city's 2019 annual formula grant is \$380,311. The 2019 Plan is being amended to incorporate the CDBG-CV award of \$220,804 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

## **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amount	t Available Yea	nr 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements						2019 PY funds: \$380,311
		Public Services	380,311	0	0	380,311	1,200,000	

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amoun	t Available Yea	ar 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
Other	public - federal	Other						CDBG-CV CARES Act Round 1: \$220,804CDBG-CV CARES Act
			470,164	0	0	470,164	0	Round 3: \$249,360

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

CDBG-CV funds are anticipated to leverage private funds and donations to provide public services.

Anticipated leveraged resources for programs proposed in the 2019 Action Plan are identified below:

- <u>Public Services</u> all public service subrecipients will provide a match of at least 100 percent; the city estimates a leverage of at least \$300,000. The primary source of matching funds is private donations but may include other state and federal funds.
- <u>Housing Rehabilitation and Down Payment Assistance</u> programs will leverage around \$30,000 in public and private funds.
- <u>Economic Opportunities</u> microenterprise assistance is anticipated to leverage \$20,000 in private funds.

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

There is no publicly owned land that may be used to address needs identified in the 2019 Action Plan.

#### Discussion

The City will use CDBG funds in partnership with subrecipients to leverage private, state, and local funds to address the goals and strategies oulined in the Consolidated Plan. Grants to subrecipients for public services or economic development are anticipated to leverage private funds.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

## **AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives**

## **Goals Summary Information**

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
1	Prevent and	2019	2022	Affordable	Census	Reduce	CDBG:	Public service activities other
	respond to impacts			Housing	Tract 204	Homelessness	\$220,804	than Low/Moderate Income
	of COVID-19			Homeless	Census	Create economic		Housing Benefit: 100 Persons
				Non-Homeless	Tract 208.1	opportunities		Assisted
				Special Needs	Census	Prevent and		Public service activities for
				Economic	Tract 205	respond to impacts		Low/Moderate Income Housing
				Development	Census	of COVID-19		Benefit: 30 Households Assisted
					Tract 208.2			Jobs created/retained: 10 Jobs
								Businesses assisted: 10
								Businesses Assisted
2	Create economic	2018	2022	Economic	Census	Create economic	CDBG:	Jobs created/retained: 13 Jobs
	opportunities			Development	Tract 204	opportunities	\$127,311	Businesses assisted: 13
					Census	Prevent and		Businesses Assisted
					Tract 205	respond to impacts		Other: 10 Other
						of COVID-19		
3	Reduce and	2018	2022	Homeless	Census	Reduce	CDBG:	Homeless Person Overnight
	prevent				Tract 204	Homelessness	\$36,500	Shelter: 400 Persons Assisted
	homelessness				Census			
					Tract 208.1			

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
4	Provide needed	2018	2022	Homeless	Census	Reduce	CDBG:	Public service activities other
	public services			Non-Homeless	Tract 204	Homelessness	\$20,500	than Low/Moderate Income
				Special Needs	Census	Help non-homeless		Housing Benefit: 500 Persons
				Fair housing	Tract 208.1	residents with		Assisted
					Census	special needs		
					Tract 205			
					Census			
					Tract 208.2			
5	Preserve affordable	2018	2022	Affordable	Census	Improve Existing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing
	housing			Housing	Tract 204	Affordable Housing	\$120,000	Rehabilitated: 3 Household
					Census			Housing Unit
					Tract 208.1			
					Census			
					Tract 205			
					Census			
					Tract 208.2			

Table 6 – Goals Summary

**Goal Descriptions** 

1	Goal Name	Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19
	Goal Description	Prevent, prepare for, and respond to the impacts of the novel coronavirus on individuals, families, and businesses. CDBG- CV funds will be allocated to 3 activities:
		1. <u>Categories</u> : Non-Homeless Special Needs, Affordable Housing; <u>Needs Addressed</u> : Keep Residents safely housed (Reduce Homelessness) - \$105,000. This activity will help at least 30 low/mod households.
		2. <u>Category</u> : Other-Economic Development; <u>Needs Addressed</u> : Retain jobs, sustain businesses (Create Economic Opportunities) - \$90,000. This activity will help create or retain 9 jobs and help 10 businesses.
		3. <u>Categories</u> : Homeless, Non-Homeless Special Needs; <u>Needs Addressed</u> : Provide critical supplies and services (Prevent and respond to COVID-19) - \$25,804. This activity will provide at least 70 households/persons with emergency food boxes.
2	Goal Name	Create economic opportunities
	Goal Description	2019 funds of \$38,000 will enable low-mod income residents to access microenterprise and small business development courses at the community college and one-on-one advising for free or reduced fees and will provide small grants to microenterprises for job creation. (Other: 10 residents; Busineses assisted: 4; low-mod jobs created/retained: 4) Reallocated 2019 funds of \$89,311 will provide emergency support to small businesses impacted by the COVID-19
		pandemic. (businesses assisted: 9; jobs created/retained: 9)
3	Goal Name	Reduce and prevent homelessness
	Goal Description	Reduce homelessness by supporting local shelters and agencies that help homeless residents transition out of homelessness. PY 2019 CDBG public services grants will support these activities:
		• Youth shelter services and case management to help youth finish school, reconnect with families and/or skills to live successfully on their own.
		Shelter operations and programs at Signs of Victory Mission.
		Employment coordinator and job readiness program at Helping Hands Shelter.

4	Goal Name	Provide needed public services						
	Goal Description	n the 2019 Action Plan, the city will provide public services grants to agencies that serve low-income and vulnerable opulations, to include the following:						
		Family support intervention program to prevent child abuse and foster care placements.						
		• Food boxes and furniture for low-and-moderate income residents to ensure every family has a bed, kitchen table and healthy food.						
		<ul> <li>Senior companion program that matches low-income seniors with house-bound seniors for companionship and services.</li> </ul>						
5	Goal Name	Preserve affordable housing						
	Goal Description	Maintain and improve the quality of Albany's affordable housing stock through housing rehabilitation.						

## Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d) Introduction

This section lists and describes the projects that will be carried out under the City of Albany Community Development Block Grant program during federal PY 2019 and also includes the CDBG-CV award. The projects reflect priorities that were identified in the development of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan and a new Action Plan goal to prevent and respond to COVID-19. The City proposes to modify the original projects to address changing need and incorporate the CRES Act funding. Project details are provided in Section AP-38 Project Summary.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	2019 Affordable Housing Rehabilitation (14A)
2	2019 Youth Shelter Services (05Z)
3	2019 Emergency Shelter Operations (03T)
4	CV Emergency Housing Assistance (05Q)
5	2019 Child Abuse Prevention Program (05L)
6	2019 Food and Furniture Distribution (05Z)
7	2019 Senior Companion Program (05A)
8	2019 Microenterprise Assistance (18A)
9	2019 Small Business Support (18B, 18C)
10	2019 Program Administration and Fair Housing Planning (20, 21A)
11	CV Small Business Support (18A-C)
12	CV Public Services, Supplies and Response (05W, 05Z)
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**Table 7 - Project Information** 

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

<u>CDBG-CV</u>: The City proposes to allcoate CARES Act CDBG-CV funds to agencies that distribute food boxes and emergency supplies, provide emergency assistance to small businesses impacted by COVID-19, emergency housing assistance to households impcated by COVID-19, and a small amount to program administration for emergency supplies and response needs.

<u>2019 Program Year Funds</u>: The Community Development Commission (CDC) evaluated performance of existing programs, assessed community needs through agency consultations and public surveys, and reviewed applications for all programs to determine allocation priorities for program year 2019. The CDC evaluated proposals against priority needs, existing resources and programs, gaps in service delivery,

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financial resources, and organizational capacity. Another evaluation criterion is funding programs that provide the greatest need to Albany's homeless, low- and extremely low-income residents.

Due to the economic impacts of the coronavirus, undistributed funds of \$89,311 will be allocated to provide emergency support to small businesses to help businesses remain afloat, retain jobs, recover, and add back jobs.

The statutory 15 percent cap for public services and lack of funding in general present obstacles to addressing some of the community's greater needs, especially around reducing homelessness and creating more affordable housing. Local housing and land costs are high adding additional challenges to acquiring property for affordable housing and to help low-mod households become homeowners.

## **AP-38 Project Summary**

## **Project Summary Information**

1	Project Name	2019 Affordable Housing Rehabilitation (14A)
	Target Area	Census Tract 204 Census Tract 208.1 Census Tract 205 Census Tract 208.2
	Goals Supported	Preserve affordable housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve Existing Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	Preserving existing affordable housing is a priority focus in 2019. The affordable housing project will provide funds to improve the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income home owners. The activity will preserve and improve existing affordable housing by continuing the homeowner housing rehabilitation program.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Three LMI households will benefit from this activity with rehabilitation no-interest deferred loans.
	Location Description	Most houses needing repair are located in Albany's low-mod Target Area Census Tracts.

	Planned Activities	Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, now renamed DevNW, will manage the housing rehabilitation program that provides no-interest deferred loans to low-mod homeowners for housing rehabilitation and energy efficiency improvements.
2	Project Name	2019 Youth Shelter Services (05Z)
	Target Area	Census Tract 204
	Goals Supported	Reduce and prevent homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Reduce Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,500
	Description	This Public Services activity will provide emergency and transitional shelter and support/prevention services to homeless and at-risk youth ages 10 to 18.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity will benefit 20 Albany youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless annually.
	Location Description	Jackson Street Youth Services Albany House shelter is lcoated at 1240 7th Avenue SE; Albany OR 97321.
	Planned Activities	The Albany House shelter has beds for 10 youth. This activity will provide both shelter and case management to homeless and at-risk Albany youth ages 10 to 18. Each youth works with trained staff to create a case plan. Most are approved for a 72-hour stay, which can be extended as circumstances require. Staff help youth with school, and give young people opportunities to exercise leadership, build skills, and get involved in their communities.
3	Project Name	2019 Emergency Shelter Operations (03T)
	Target Area	Census Tract 208.1
	Goals Supported	Reduce and prevent homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Reduce Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Emergency shelter operations and programs will provide provide overnight shelter, food, services and resources to reduce homelessness and move residents into permanent housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity is estimated to benefit at least 250 unduplicated homeless residents with extremely-low incomes.
	Location Description	The emergency shelters are located at 450 11th Avenue SE, Albany OR 97322 and 613 9th Avenue SE, Albany OR 97322
	Planned Activities	Provide semergency overnight beds including 5 rooms for families and a detox room; provide food, hygiene, clothes, and services to help homeless residents obtain skills, healthcare, housing, and employment to reduce homelessness.
4	Project Name	CV Emergency Housing Assistance (05Q)
	Target Area	Census Tract 204 Census Tract 208.1 Census Tract 205 Census Tract 208.2
	Goals Supported	Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19
	Needs Addressed	Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$105,000
	Description	Provide up to three months of emergency housing assistance to low- mod households to prevent homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. The City anticipates most households will be renters. CDBG- CV funds will likely be targeted to help households earning 30 to 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) because federal Emergency Solutions Grants received by Community Services Consortium will assist households earning less than 30 percent of AMI.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity is estimated to benefit 30 low-mod Albany households.
	Location Description	Citywide, although most residents are expected to live in one of the Target Area census tracts.
	Planned Activities	Proivde up to three months of emergency housing assistance.
5	Project Name	2019 Child Abuse Prevention Program (05L)
	Target Area	Census Tract 208.1
	Goals Supported	Provide needed public services

	Needs Addressed	Help non-homeless residents with special needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	Family Tree Relief Nursery (FTRN) will use a CDBG Public Services grant to prevent child abuse through the Therapeutic Childhood Program's home-based services provided to high-risk families with children under the age of three.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This public services activity is estimated to benefit 30 Albany residents in 10 households identified as at-risk for child abuse.
	Location Description	Family Tree Relief Nursery is in Census Tract 208.1.
		Past data indicate most residents served by this program live in one of the city's Target Area Census Tracts.
	Planned Activities	A trained interventionist educates parents impacted by poverty, domestic violence and substance abuse in how to make safe choices to build healthy families and prevent foster care placements. The program prepares children for kindergarten by developing their physical, social, and emotional skills. The agency also offers many complementary services in collaboration with other agencies, such as distribution of food boxes to their low-income clients.
6	Project Name	2019 Food and Furniture Distribution (05Z)
	Target Area	Census Tract 204 Census Tract 208.1 Census Tract 205 Census Tract 208.2
	Goals Supported	Provide needed public services
	Needs Addressed	Help non-homeless residents with special needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	This project will provide healthy food and lightly used furniture to extremely low-income residents and poverty-level families. The programs will help families during the pandemic and will increase the stability and health of poverty-level individuals and families.
	Target Date	12/31/2020

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activitiesIt is estimated that furniture will benefit 500 unduplication low income Albany residents (\$9,000);		It is estimated that furniture will benefit 500 unduplicated extremely- low income Albany residents (\$9,000);
	Location Description	These services will be provided Citywide; however, most residents are expected to live in one of the Tartget Area census tracts.
vegetables and quality used furniture to low incom families in need to reduce housing costs. Furniture provides life skills training for residents with disabil incarceration, or with other issues that make it cha employment. The program also provides life skills t with disabilities, coming out of incarceration, or with		Furniture Share will deliver healthy food boxes with fresh fruits and vegetables and quality used furniture to low income individuals and families in need to reduce housing costs. Furnitures Share also provides life skills training for residents with disabilities, coming out of incarceration, or with other issues that make it challenging to gain employment. The program also provides life skills training for residents with disabilities, coming out of incarceration, or with other issues that make it challenging to gain employment.
7	Project Name	2019 Senior Companion Program (05A)
	Target Area	Census Tract 208.2
	Goals Supported	Provide needed public services
Funding CDBG: \$2,500		Help non-homeless residents with special needs
		CDBG: \$2,500
		Low- and moderate-income seniors help house-bound seniors with daily needs and provide companionship.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 30 senior residents will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Services will be provided to seniors citywide. The agency is located in Census Tract 208.2
	Planned Activities	The Senior Companion Program matches low-income (200% poverty level) mobile seniors aged 55+ with home-bound seniors in exchange for a small stipend (other funds). Companions provide friendship and assistance to adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as shopping or paying bills, and also give families or professional caregivers time off. As a result, many seniors can remain independent in their homes instead of having to move to more costly institutional care. Roughly 10 companions will serve 15-40 hours per week.

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8	Project Name	2019 Microenterprise Assistance (18A)	
	Target Area	Census Tract 204 Census Tract 205	
	Goals Supported	Create economic opportunities	
	Needs Addressed	Create economic opportunities	
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000	
	Description	Support entrepreneurs and existing microenterprises (businesses with 5 or fewer employees) with small grants to promote job growth.	
	Target Date	6/30/2020	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 2 microenterprises will receive grants and create at least 2 full0time low-mod jobs.	
	Location Description	Specific microenterprises have not yet been identified for this funding.	
microenterprises to help them grow mod jobs. Small grants up to \$10,00		CDBG funds will provide financial support to Albany entrepreneurs and microenterprises to help them grow their businesses and create low-mod jobs. Small grants up to \$10,000 will offset startup costs and costs to create jobs for Albany residents.	
9	Project Name	2019 Small Business Support (18B, 18C)	
	Target Area		
	Goals Supported	Create economic opportunities	
	Needs Addressed	Create economic opportunities	
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000	
	Description	2019 and carryover program year funds will enable low-mod residents to access microenterprises and small business development courses at Linn Benton Community College.	
	Target Date		
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 20 resident entrepreneurs, mircoenterprises or small businesses will take courses or recieve one-on-one business advising services.	
	Location Description	Linn Benton Community College, 6500 Pacific Boulevard SW, Albany, OR 97321	

10	Planned Activities	Provide low and moderate income Albany residents that are entrepreneurs or business owners with business courses, advising, and technical assistance to support business growth and create or retain jobs for LMI residents.
10	Project Name	2019 Program Administration and Fair Housing Planning (20, 21A)
	Target Area	Census Tract 204
	Goals Supported	Preserve affordable housing Reduce and prevent homelessness Provide needed public services Create economic opportunities Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19
Needs Addressed       Increase affordable housing opportunities         Improve Existing Affordable Housing       Reduce Homelessness         Help non-homeless residents with special n       Create economic opportunities         Improve access to opportunities       Improve access to opportunities		Improve Existing Affordable Housing Reduce Homelessness Help non-homeless residents with special needs Create economic opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$76,000
	Description	This activity provides planning and administration of the CDBG programs, including monitoring and reporting, preparing plans, agency consultations, contracts, etc. This activity also provides funding for fair housing and staff training.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administering the CDBG programs will indirectly benefit around 800 Albany residents in PY 2019.
	Location Description	Albany City Hall, 333 Broadalbin St SW, Albany OR 97321
	Planned Activities	2019: Planning and Administration - Prepare Action Plan, CAPER, coordinate citizen participation, agency consultations, attend agency meetings, prepare subrecipient contracts and reporting forms, monitor subrecipients and grant projects, prepare environmental review records, process IDIS reimbursements and report accomplishments, coordinate fair housing education and outreach, etc.
	Project Name	CV Small Business Support (18A-C)

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Target Area Census Tract 204		
	Census Tract 208.1	
Cens		Census Tract 205
	Goals Supported	Create economic opportunities
		Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19
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		Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$110,000
	Description	This project will provide emergency assistance to small businesses
		impacted by COVID-19 to help them retain or create jobs during the
		pandemic and in recovery. this project also includes \$89,311 in
		reallocated funding from 2019 (included below) and \$29,000 from
		2018 (not included below).
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number	It is estimated that 10 to 15 small businesses (less than 25 employees)
	and type of families	will receive support to help them stay afloat and recvoer from the
that will benefit from       COVID-19 pandemic and retain or create jobs.         the proposed activities		
	Location Description	Business locations are unkown but many are expected to be located in
		several Target Area Census Tracts.
	Planned Activities	Grants to businesses with 25 or fewer employees impacted by COVID-
		1, advising, testing and prevention supplies
12	Project Name	CV Public Services, Supplies and Response (05W, 05Z)
	Target Area	Census Tract 204
		Census Tract 208.1
		Census Tract 205
		Census Tract 208.2
	Goals Supported	Provide needed public services
		Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19
	Needs Addressed	Prevent and respond to impacts of COVID-19
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$255,164
	Description	This project will provide emergency food boxes to households during
		the novel coronavirus pandemic and will support emergency needs and
		response to prevent and respond to COVID-19 within the City.
		response to prevent and respond to COVID-19 within the City.

Target Date         6/30/2021	
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity is estimated to benefit 400 unduplicated Albany residents impacted by COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of COVID-19
Location Description	These services will be provided Citywide; however, most beneficiaries are expected to live in one of the four Target Areas.
Planned Activities	Emergency food boxes will be assembled and distributed to low- and moderate-income households impacted by COVID-19. Shelter and other public services and supplies to prevent and respond COVID-19.
	The City will purchase and distribute protective equipment and supplies to shelters and agencies to prevent and respond to COVID-19 within the City.

## 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 Albany has four census tracts that HUD has qualified as low-income tracts with over 50 percent of the households with incomes less than 80 percent of the area median income. The qualifying Census Tracts are: 204, 205, 208.1, and 208.2. These tracts are concentrated in older areas of the city where housing, public infrastructure, and public facilities are older and often in need of improvements or replacement.

## **Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Census Tract 204	20
Census Tract 208.1	8
Census Tract 205	
Census Tract 208.2	5

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Residents in the target area low- to moderate-income Census Tracts have higher rates of poverty and lower rates of homeownership than citywide. Median family incomes are lower than citywide. The target areas also have a higher concentration of residents of Hispanic origin and other minority populations.

### Discussion

In the 2019 Action Plan, the city will focus funding on improving housing units, removing blighting influences, and improving accessibility and access to opportunities in the target area Census Tracts. The City will also provide emergency support to households and small businesses in the target area Census Tracts. The city estimates 50 percent of its 2019 CDBG entitlement award will be spent in these areas.

## **Affordable Housing**

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

## Introduction

In this section of the Plan, HUD asks jurisdictions to indicate the number of households that will be assisted with an affordable housing program such as rental assistance, housing rehabilitation, or new housing.

2019 funds will enable 3 low-mod housing units to be rehabilitated.

CV: The city will allcoate a portion of CARES ACt funding to provide emergency housing assistance. It is estimated that 20 low-mod households will retain housing through this assistance and prevent homelessness and the spread of the coronavirus.

2019: The Albany housing rehabilitation program will help improve the quality and livability of Albany's existing affordable housing stock of at least 3 owner-occupied households.

Prior year resources will continue the down payment assistance programs to promote home ownership in 2019, with the anticipation of serving 3 households.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	26
Special-Needs	0
Total	26

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	20
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	4
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	26

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

### Discussion

The City of Albany is committed to helping address the needs of homeless, extremely low, low and moderate income residents obtain affordable housing. 2019 CDBG funds will help shelter providers

provide services and case management to help residents get into permanent housing.

CDBG-CV: CARES Act funds will help to prevent homelessness through emergency rental or mortgage assistance.

2018 and 2019 CDBG funds will support the home-owner housing rehabilitation loan program, which is anticipated to serve three (4) LMI households. Carryover 2017 and 2018 CDBG funds will provide homebuyer assistance to at least two LMI households in 2019.

## AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

## Introduction

Albany has a total of 537 publicly-supported housing units owned by several affordable housing agencies and limited partnerships, but there is no public housing in Albany as defined by the applicable CFR.

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

The local housing authority, Linn Benton Housing Authority (LBHA), owns and manages 104 units of affordable housing units in Albany, primarily for seniors and the disabled; however, none of these units qualify as "public housing" as defined. LBHA also administers rental assistance through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. In April 2019, 948 Albany households were receiving vouchers and 824 households were on the waiting list.

LBHA owns and manages 107 units of affordable housing for seniors and residents with special needs, 7 beds for residents with mental health issues and 8 units for persons with psychiatric disabilities in Albany. Planning is underway to expand on site at Clayton Meadows, an independent senior housing development.

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

While Albany does not have any public housing residents as defined by CFRs, LBHA has a family selfsufficiency (FSS) program for Section 8 participants. The FSS Program offers practical help and a financial benefit to enable Section 8 participants to become self-sufficient and free of public assistance. The program works to offer support and help link participants with community resources to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency, while allowing them to build an escrow savings account to increase their asset base. The Housing Authority's FSS Program also offers FSS clients the opportunity to participate in an Individual Development Account (IDA), which is a matched savings program to help clients achieve goals of homeownership, education and/or advancement in employment. LBHA's FSS Program partners with Community and Shelter Assistance Corp (CASAC) through the Valley Individual Development Account (VIDA) Program and availability of this program is based on funding, motivation and goal readiness.

LBHA received CDBG funds in 2017 to provide down-payment assistance grants to help FSS clients become homeowners. To date, the housing market has raised prices out of reach for many clients, or the clients' incomes have improved, and they no longer qualify for the assistance. LBHA staff currently has an FSS family that recently qualified for a Habitat for Humanity house and will receive a CDBGfunded down-payment assistance grant to become a Habitat home owner.

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

## provided or other assistance

The local housing authority, Linn Benton Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

## Discussion

None.

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

The 2019 Point-in-Time count (PIT) for Linn County found 264 homeless people, with 189 sheltered and 75 unsheltered, a slight decrease from 2018. Local shelters and agencies estimate the number of chronically unhoused in Albany to be about 70 people, with 37 known individuals. Most of the unsheltered homeless suffer from mental illness and/or addiction and are homeless by choice.

The McKinney Vento 2017-18 school year count of Greater Albany Public School District students experiencing homelessness was 279, including 88 unaccompanied youth. Most homeless school-aged children were sharing housing with others (180); 56 were staying in a shelter; 16 were living in a motel; and 17 were not sheltered.

Albany area agencies provide homeless and non-homeless special needs residents with emergency shelter, case management, job and life skills training, support for victims of domestic violence, child abuse prevention, medical and dental support, soup kitchens, clothing, and food pantries. Linn County Mental Health and Community Services Consortium provide needed services to residents with mental illness, developmental disabilities, addictions, veterans, and seniors.

The city assessed unmet demand for services through agency consultations and a competitive grant application process to identify the CDBG-funded activities that will address priority unmet needs and provide the most benefit to Albany's homeless and non-homeless special needs residents.

# 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 will undertake the following actions to reduce homelessness and reach out to homeless persons in 2019:

1. The newly created City Solutions Team will provide "curbside intervention" or immediate assistance and resources when encountering homeless residents by connecting them to professional services on the spot. The team includes representatives from most City of Albany departments, Linn County Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug programs, Samaritan Albany General Hospital, and several community organizations and people with direct contact with and knowledge of people who are camping in parks and along the Willamette River. The objectives are to reduce homelessness and calls for emergency and non-emergency services and interaction with the criminal justice system. Communities Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively (CHANCE) will play a critical role; the agency will receive calls for immediate services.

CHANCE will then act as navigator for services, working with residents to find housing, address addiction issues, and mental health needs. Emergency responders will be offering to connect homeless to services on the spot.

- Support the annual resource fair in May for homeless residents. The resource fair has numerous vendors/agencies that provide a variety of services (medical, dental, vision screenings, healthcare sign ups, identification, shelter services, haircuts, etc.) to Albany's homeless and extremely low-income residents at risk of becoming homeless.
- 3. Actively participate on the Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team (HEART) for ongoing planning, coordination, and consultation around addressing issues around homelessness.
- 4. Support the City (Homeless) Solutions Team staff will monitor progress in reaching and helping chronically homeless get needed services.
- 5. The Albany Police Department and other agency staff will identify and monitor Albany's homeless camps to encourage residents to seek supportive services.

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

The city consults with shelters and service providers annually and attends Homeless Engagement and Resources Team (HEART) meetings to keep up to date on resources and activities to reduce homelessness. The city used a competitive grant application process to identify the activities that will address priority unmet needs and provide the most benefit to Albany's homeless and non-homeless special needs residents. All three local shelters applied for and will receive 2019 public services grants.

All shelters reported being at capacity through the winter months of 2018-2019. Signs of Victory Mission (SOV) shelter provides 97 beds and four rooms for families with a capacity of 110. SOV serves 3 meals a day to roughly 100 people every day of the year. SOV anticipates providing 35,000 shelter nights in 2019, serving 400 unduplicated individuals.

JSYS operates the Albany House youth shelter, which serves youth ages 10 to 17 who are homeless, runaway, or at-risk of homelessness. JSYS provides vulnerable youth with a safe home-like place to live. Staff provides family mediation, referrals for counseling and medical care, and staff works with youth 24 hours a day to help them excel at school, learn life skills, and find safe, stable housing, ideally with their family. JSYS expects to serve at least 30 unduplicated youth in 2019, most being from Albany. The CDBG 2019 public services grant will offset costs for resident case managers.

Albany Helping Hands Shelter was close to capacity for 2018, reporting 36,418 bed-nights and 86,185 hot meals. Helping Hands provides employment training for residents and reducing barriers to employment and help clients become employed. The shelter anticipates serving 30 to 50 clients in the 2019 program year. Shelter staff also include a bilingual employee to help Spanish-speaking clients.

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

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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

<u>Women and Children</u> - Albany Helping Hands Shelter opened a transitional house for women with children in April 2019 with capacity to provide 10 women and children with transitional housing. This will give women and children a safe place to stay with services and will provide time to find permanent housing. Helping Hands is renovating a house to provide housing for sex-offenders near the existing shelter.

Young Adult Housing - JSYS expanded its Next Steps program into Albany with the opening of a transitional house for young adults ages 18-20 for up to 18 months.

CSC is the area Continuum of Care agency that plans and coordinates a network of services provided in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. As the state and federally recognized action agency for the region, CSC acts as a conduit for federal and state homeless program funding and coordinates the annual Pointin-Time counts. CSC provides eviction prevention assistance, housing assistance for homeless residents and veterans, and rental and utility assistance.

The City of Albany's 2019 Action Plan goals to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and to preventing future homelessness include the following projects/services):

- <u>Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth Support Services</u> –A CDBG public services grant will
  provide emergency housing, case management, and support services for 20 homeless or
  unaccompanied youth, ages 10 to 17. Shelter programs promote education and self-sufficiency
  and work to reunite youth with family or ensure they exit into a safe environment.
- <u>Homeless Adults</u> CDBG public service funds will provide operational support to Signs of Victory Mission (SOV) and Albany Helping Hands Shelter (AHH). In 2019, SOV will complete a new commercial kitchen and convert the old kitchen to additional day use room. AHH will use CDBG funds to provide an employment coordinator that will work with approximately 40 clients to help them develop resumes, job interviewing skills, work experience and ethics so clients can gain employment and stable income. Both shelters have implemented milestones for residents to achieve to help them secure jobs, housing, or other needs to move them out of homelessness.

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 following services will provide housing and supportive services and prevent homelessness for Albany's low-income and residents with special needs.

CSC receives and manages Emergency Homeless Assistance and Emergency Solutions Grants to prevent homelessness and provide rapid-rehousing assistance for homeless residents. In 2018, CSC homeless prevention funds helped 96 Albany residents avoid eviction; 21 homeless residents obtained housing; and 70 residents were put on a master unhoused list until housing becomes available. CSC's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program helps homeless and near-homeless veterans get into permanent housing and promotes housing stability among very low-income veteran families. The primary reason CSC was unable to help more residents remain housed or get into housing was because 46% of applicants could not find available and affordable housing. CSC also provides utility assistance, rental assistance, financial fitness classes, and helps renters and homeowners through several programs. CSC has funding for these programs and did not request CDBG funding for services in 2019.

<u>Recovery Housing</u> - Albany has ten Oxford Houses that provide housing for more than 130 people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction and a faith-based organization, God's Gear operates four additional transitional houses. Many of the residents were incarcerated and have difficulty finding and staying in permanent housing on their own once released from jail.

<u>Recovery Support Services</u> - Communities Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively (CHANCE) provides recovery support services to Albany residents through peer to peer services and self-help groups. CHANCE serves as a housing navigator helping hard to house residents get into case-managed housing and offers a safe environment to relax, socialize, and find support to make lasting change. CHANCE is expanding services throughout Linn County and did not request CDBG funding in 2019.

Young Adult Housing - In 2018, JSYS opened a house for up to 5 youth ages 18 to 20 who can stay for up to 18 months and meet weekly with a case manager.

### 2019 CDBG-Supported Public Services Activities:

- **Family Tree Relief Nursery** (FTRN) will prevent child and infant abuse and foster care placements by providing a home-based intervention service for high-risk families struggling with domestic violence and substance abuse. Therapists works with families to strengthen and keep them together and to prevent abuse and foster care placements.
- Furniture Share will deliver healthy food boxes and quality used furniture, beds, pillows, and sheets to Albany households through the Beds for Kids and Feeding Our Future programs. Furniture Share estimates it will serve 100 Albany households with a dinner table and chairs; 1,800 individuals with a healthy food box; 650 beds, pillows, sheets, and blankets to children who are currently sleeping on the floor; and 750 individuals with basic furniture and household items. Most households served are extremely low-income and many are physically or

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developmentally disabled, frail, elderly, escaping domestic violence and/or homelessness, or suffering from addiction and/or mental illness. These services help to provide a suitable living environment and a foundation for improved family experiences and time together, mealtimes, better sleep improved health, and better school performance, and reduced risk for teen substance abuse.

• **Cascades West Council of Governments'** Senior Companion Program matches poverty-level mobile seniors with home-bound seniors in exchange for a small stipend. The companions provide friendship and assistance/services to adults, which helps seniors remain in their homes.

### Discussion

City staff and the CDC met with area agencies and solicited grant applications and requests for proposals to assess additional housing and supportive services needs for non-homeless residents that may have other special needs to assess 2019 CDBG priorities. Many agencies are providing housing and supportive services to special needs residents and did not request CDBG funding assistance.

Linn Benton Housing Authority (LBHA), Cascades West Council of Governments, Linn County Health Services, and Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development provide services and/or housing to Albany's seniors and residents with mental or physical disabilities, and others at risk of becoming homeless.

- LBHA develops, owns and manages housing for low-income families, the elderly, and people with disabilities.
- CWCOG helps seniors navigate housing needs and provides programs and services to help seniors remain safely in their homes as long as possible.
- LCHS provides mental health evaluation, treatment and crisis intervention services to residents. The county also provides services to residents who experience intellectual or development disabilities including case management, vocational services, residential and in-home services, and transportation to. and housing support. Residential services including 24-hour support and may include group homes, foster care homes, supported living and state operated community programs.
- Albany Partnership for Housing partners with LCHS, CSC and LBHA to provide "step forward" no
  or extremely low-cost housing and case management and supportive services to those at risk of
  becoming homeless or who are homeless.

2019 CDBG funds will support the housing rehabilitation program for low-income homeowners. To date, the program has served mostly senior households on fixed-incomes in aging housing stock, enabling homeowners to improve the livability, safety and cost of their housing.

2019 CDBG funds are being allocated to acquiring or improving real property for future affordable

housing. The CDC will be identifying potential partners over the next couple of months.

As discussed above, Oxford Houses and faith-based recovery houses have been successfully providing housing to residents with addiction alcohol and drug addictions. CHANCE provides support services to residents in recovery, addicts and residents with mental illness and helps these residents find supportive housing.

Ground-breaking for the regional 16-bed treatment and recovery facility is planned for June 2019. The facility planning and fundraising was spearheaded by Samaritan Health Services with support from the cities of Albany, Lebanon, Corvallis and Linn and Benton Counties. The facility will serve residents 18 and older, including those who are pregnant or parenting, with recovery services. Samaritan also provides outpatient treatment and recovery services to Albany residents and support and referrals for mental health needs.

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

## Introduction:

Thousands of Albany households experience housing cost burden, with a majority being renters. Just over one-fourth of Albany renters experienced severe housing cost burden, or 2,082 households in the 2013-2017 ACS estimate. Rents continue to increase locally; Albany's Fair Market Rents increased 15 percent between 2017 and 2019, reducing Albany's supply of affordable housing units.

The largest barriers to affordable housing in Albany are:

- lack of land available for affordable housing; and
- affordable housing supply that does not match the needs of Albany's residents, such as the need for one-bedroom apartments.

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 evaluated policies that may affect affordable housing development in preparing Albany's 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan (See MA-40 and SP-55). The city identified the following actions and strategies to address in 2019-2020 that are anticipated to ameliorate barriers to housing affordability:

- <u>Residential Development Standards</u>. The city appointed the Albany Development Code Amendments Task Force to evaluate numerous elements of the city's development code to reduce time and cost of residential development including clear and objective standards, infill standards, design standards, and affordable housing density bonus. Amendments to the Code are scheduled for spring of 2020.
- <u>Accessory Dwelling Units</u>. To comply with state law, the city now allows detached accessory dwelling units on land with single-family dwelling units (in addition to attached or incorporated accessory dwelling units).
- <u>Housing Needs Analysis (HNA)</u>. For the city to adequately plan for residential growth and housing that meets the needs of all residents, the city must project population growth, housing demand, and assess what land is needed to accommodate needs at all income levels. The HNA will include recommend approaches and strategies to increase the supply of needed affordable housing. The city issued an RFP for a residential buildable lands inventory and the HNA; work is to be completed in April of 2020.

### **Discussion:**

Housing affordability is a growing issue for Albany residents; as Albany's market rate housing costs continue to rise, there are long waiting lists for publicly supported housing units. The issue is complex as

many variables affect housing affordability, including pressure from neighboring housing markets. The city's efforts to evaluate the code for barriers to affordable housing and assess residential land availability in 2019 will help the city assess affordable housing policies and develop strategies for implementation.

The Albany median family income increased by 18.5% between 2018 and 2019, from \$57,900 to \$68,600 in 2019. Hopefully rising incomes and continued economic development efforts will reduce economic barriers to housing affordability for residents.

The city economic development and planning division staff consult and work with businesses, industries, developers and the chamber of commerce on an ongoing basis to assess workforce development needs, business growth needs, and other issues or obstacles to economic growth. In 2019, the City will launch efforts to update its buildable lands inventory and develop a housing needs analysis and economic opportunities analysis. These documents will help the city better plan for residential and employment growth and will help the city understand needs of area businesses.

2019 CDBG funds will support work of the Small Business Development Center to provide free one-onone advising to small businesses and provide free business courses to low and moderate income residents and business owners to help them create family wage jobs for Albany residents. 2019 CDBG funds will also provide grants to Albany microenterprises to offset costs to expand businesses and create low-mod jobs.

## AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

## Introduction:

The City of Albany, through implementation of this Action Plan, will address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, assist in the development of the community's institutional structure, and enhance the coordination of public/private housing and services efforts.

The City will also work to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the novel coronavirus.

## Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will allocate CDBG-CV funds to emergency housing assistance, food boxes, emergency small business loans, and a small amount to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Each year, the city consults with area agencies and other public and governmental entities to identify opportunities to partner and collaborate resources and programming to address as many of Albany's underserved needs as possible, from help providing services and programs to acquiring land to increase capacity. There are more needs than resources to meet those needs within the City of Albany.

The city prioritizes CDBG funds to activities that will have the greatest impact on serving Albany's low- to moderate-income populations, improving neighborhood livability and sustainability, and increasing economic opportunities.

<u>Public Services for Homeless and Special Needs Residents</u>. To date, the city has allocated the maximum amount it can to support public services for Albany's low-income and special needs populations. Public services grants are processed through a competitive application process; proposals with highest matches that leverage CDBG resources and those that serve the greatest number of people score the highest and are awarded funds. The city worked with agencies to identify agency needs that qualify for funding under other eligible activities such as acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction.

<u>Affordable housing</u> is one of Albany's greatest needs, especially for Albany's households earning less than 50 percent of the area median income. The city consulted with area housing providers to assess agency capacity and resources for housing rehabilitation programs, property acquisition and construction of new housing to determine the most feasible activities that could be carried out in 2019 and planned within the five-year Consolidated Plan period.

## Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In the 2019 program year, the city will use CDBG funds to continue the housing rehabilitation program that improves owner–occupied housing. The program helps improve and maintain Albany's existing affordable housing supply and reduce operating and rehabilitation costs for low and moderate-income

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#### homeowners.

Over the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan period, the city plans to invest CDBG funds to acquire property for new affordable housing. In 2019, the city will identify partner agencies for the development of affordable housing through acquisition, clearing, rehabilitation, and/or development. The city will continue to evaluate the availability of blighted properties and uninhabitable living conditions that could be acquired to remove blight and create sustainable and healthy homes.

## Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Albany currently distributes lead-hazard information pamphlets to any resident seeking information regarding housing repairs in historic districts and provides links on the city's website.

Subrecipients that administer housing rehabilitation programs or property acquisition programs must follow federal lead safe housing and renovation rules. The city developed a lead safe housing checklist on housing constructed before 1978. The checklist follows the federal requirements for lead safe housing and includes evaluation, testing, implementing safe work practices, compliance with the EPA's Renovator, repair and painting laws, clearance exams or risk assessments as required. In addition, the CSC will distribute lead-hazard information to each recipient of a housing rehabilitation loan or grant. The pamphlets are available on the city's website and at city hall.

The city will continue to closely monitor each housing rehabilitation project involving housing units constructed before 1978 for compliance with the federal standards and processes.

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

The City of Albany's anti-poverty strategies include the following actions:

- Provide services that support self-sufficiency;
- Increase economic opportunities for residents in poverty; and
- Increase and improve Albany's affordable housing supply.

In the 2019 program year, the city will provide public services grants to two shelters and two other agencies that serve Albany's homeless residents and Albany's lowest-income households.

- Signs of Victory Mission and Jackson Street Youth Services will use CDBG grants to provide case management and emergency shelter services to Albany's homeless adults and unaccompanied youth. Both agencies work with clients to develop action plans that outline goals and steps to take to improve their housing and economic situations.
- CDBG funds will support Albany Helping Hands Shelter to expand their employment programs to help chronically homeless clients secure jobs and income in order to transition out of the shelter

and into stable housing.

- The Child Abuse Prevention program provided by Family Tree Relief Nursery described earlier will help parents of families in poverty gain skills to make safe choices for their family and help them recover from domestic and substance abuse situations.
- Furniture Share provides Albany's lowest income households with healthy food, dining table and chairs, and necessary furniture to help these households establish healthier lifestyles that can foster economic stability.

The city will continue to expand economic opportunities for Albany residents in PY 2019 with current year and prior year CDBG resources through the following two programs:

- Microenterprise Development CDBG funds will support low-income residents, including Spanishspeaking residents, that enroll in microenterprise or small business development courses at Linn Benton Community College's Small Business Development Center. Programs provide free and reduced-cost tuition and one-on-one advising to Albany's low-income entrepreneurs.
- Economic Opportunity Grants The city provides financial assistance to small businesses to offset costs to create jobs made available to LMI residents.

### Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Albany is fortunate to have agencies with well-established service delivery structures within the city. The city works closely with area agencies to identify needs and select subrecipients to carry out activities that address priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and in the community. Coordination and communication result in partnerships and collaboration among agencies and ensure successful implementation of the CDBG programs and desired outcomes.

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

Coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies is well-established in Albany thanks in part to the many agencies that are members of the Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team (HEART). HEART meets monthly, representing a large coordination effort between service agencies, the public, and local government. This coordination helps ensure that there is very little overlap in services, and residents are supported with services and housing.

City staff looks for opportunities to facilitate partnerships among affordable housing and service providers and other organizations in the community, such as faith-based groups, that are also serving Albany's vulnerable residents.

During the 2019 program year, the city's efforts to enhance coordination between public and private

housing and social service agencies will include:

- Attending HEART meetings; and
- Meeting with other social service providers and housing providers to assess community needs, identify opportunities to address them, and plan projects for both short- and long-term implementation.

## **Program Specific Requirements**

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

### Introduction:

The City of Albany has not generated any program income to date.

The City strives to ensure that CDBG funds are activities that serve low-mod individuals and households.

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

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

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

### **Other CDBG Requirements**

0
75.00%

The City anticipates 75 percent of CDBG funds, excluding program administration, will be used to benefit persons of low and moderate income in the 2019 program year, including CDBG-CV funds and unspent funds from the 2017 and 2018 program years that are carrying over into 2019, including CDBG-CV funds and unspent funds from the 2017 and 2018 program years that are carrying over into 2019.