

CITY OF RADFORD

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018



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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

This report covers the period starting July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 which is the first year of our Five Year Consolidated Plan, also referred to as the ConPlan. Priorities identified this year included Planning and Administration, prevent and end homelessness, repayment of the Section 108 Loan and support of public services. Funds were provided for projects delivering the following outcomes:

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- Planning and Administration - Housing Study
- Prevent and End Homelessness
- Section 108 Loan Repayment
- Youth Services

Results:

- Initiated a contract and began work on a local and regional housing study, as it relates to housing stock, vacancy rates, student housing, new housing development, housing conditions, as well as retiree needs.
- CDBG funds were expended to provide direct assistance to both the Women's Resource Center and New River Community Action to assist with the prevention of abuse and homelessness.
- Funds were committed to paying off the balance of the City's Section 108 loan that was used to assist with the development of affordable housing within a mixed use development

- Funds were provided to the Radford Clothing Bank, The Backpack Program and Beans and Rice, to assist with meeting the needs of underserved children within our community

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Central Business District Enhancement	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1000	0	0.00%			
Emergency Home Repair	Emergency Home Repair	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	25	0	0.00%			
Neighborhood Beautification	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	3	0	0.00%			
Neighborhood Revitalization	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	4	0	0.00%			
Planning and Administration	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%

Prevent and End Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	125	14	11.20%			
Prevent and End Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	35	8	22.86%	30	22	73.33%
Section 108 Loan Repayment	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	6	6	100.00%	6	6	100.00%
Support Non-Homelessness Needs	Youth Services	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		130	550	423.08%
Support Non-Homelessness Needs	Youth Services	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	650	550	84.62%			

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

CDBG funds were used to address the highest priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan and Program Year 2017 Action Plan.

The City used most of its allocation to pay back the balance that was owed on its Section 108 loan. When this decision was made, we were faced with a probability that the CDBG program may be eliminated, and did not want to provide additional burden on the tax payers in Radford.

Additionally, a portion of the City's allocation has been used to continue to support our youth that include an after school program, assistance with preparing children with school supplies so they can be equipped for a successful year, and assisted with a program that provides food on the

weekends to eligible children.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	155
Black or African American	135
Asian	2
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	292
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	292

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

The City of Radford offers services and programs to eligible persons/households regardless of race or ethnicity.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	CDBG	262,058	208,184
HOME	HOME		
HOPWA	HOPWA		
ESG	ESG		
Other	Other		

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The Resources available in Program Year 2017 include the yearly allocation from HUD and carryover funds from previous years.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Citywide	100	100	other

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The City provided all necessary engineering, oversight and project management staffing to implement these programs. These staffing hours were absorbed by the City's general operations budget.

The sub-recipients utilizing CDBG funds leveraged their funding sources to maximize the use of the CDBG funds. All sub-recipients brought funding to the CDBG-supported projects.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	5	4
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	5	4

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

Funding was used to assist households from becoming homeless, New River Valley Community Action utilized its funding to assist 4 household.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Progress is being made in pursuing our goals in the Consolidated Plan and we will continue make effort in reaching them.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	572	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	572	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The activities that the City funds with CDBG served mostly of children. The Radford City schools have close to a 50% free or reduced lunch rate which indicates a need to continue to support activities that assiste the youth of Radford.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

The City is actively involved with the New River Valley Housing Partnership, whose purpose is to assist in the coordination, development, and evaluation of services and housing for homeless and at-risk of homeless persons.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City contributes a portion of its allocation to support the Women's Resource Center, which offers both an emergency and transitional shelter.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City address the needs by funding the Homeless Intervention Program (HIP) who provides financial assistance to eligible people who are in imminent danger of becoming homeless.

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

The City will continue to work with the New River Valley Housing Partners to plan and manage resources to effectively and efficiently end homelessness within the New River Valley.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

There are no public housing units within the City of Radford.

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

There are no public housing units within the City of Radford.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

There are no public housing units within the City of Radford.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City of Radford is committed to ensuring fair and equal housing opportunity in accordance with Federal requirements for entitlement jurisdiction. The City's Community Development Department continues to review all its codes to ensure that they are not providing barriers to affordable housing. We will also continue to collaborate with the service providers in order to maximize the benefits from existing resources within the community.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The primary obstacle to meeting the needs of the underserved is limited funding. The City will continue to support and work with the human service providers to address the underserved.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City did not participate in any activity that would require the removal of lead based paint. In the event that a Emergency Home Repair required the removal of lead-based paint, the City would require applicants and contractors awarded to comply with the EPA's new Renovation and Repair lead-safe rule.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Radford role in trying to reduce the number of people living below poverty levels by using CDBG funds to support service providers within the City of Radford and the New River Valley. These include Beans and Rice, New River Valley Community Services, and the Women's Resource Center; each of these organizations has programs to assist and educate LMI families.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

City staff administered Radford's Community Development Block Grant programs and oversaw its sub-recipients. This process included consistent contact with community civic associations to obtain citizen views and concerns regarding their community. The City also worked with local and regional non-profit organizations, as applicable.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Radford will continue to work with the New River Valley Housing Partnership (COC) to address their objectives outlined within their 10-year Plan for Ending Homelessness.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The City continues to strive to Increase transparency surrounding fair housing and the complaint process, by making Fair Housing information via brochures to assist residents with fair housing by providing fair housing materials widely to landlords, property managers and citizens.

The City serves as a resource to developers and property managers about ways to enhance the accessibility of existing units and increase the availability of accessible units. It is projected that the number of people over the age of 65 will nearly double in the next 20 years. There are not enough accessible housing to meet the need of this population within the City of Radford. The Building Officials office has worked with homeowners and contractors to see that homes are renovated for accessibility. Staff encourages developers to look at Universal Design and accessibility features for development.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The City's Community Development office, with the assistance of HUD's Checklist, is responsible for implementing the guidelines for each contractual agreement the City enters into with an agency or organization. Items to be specified in the contract include the work or service to be performed, the amount of funds budgeted, and the timeframe for performing the work or service. Each contract will also contain an outline of the goals and objectives against which the performance of the CDBG program fund recipients will be measured, as well as information on the City's commitment to affirmatively furthering fair housing and to avoid residential displacement. All applicable statutory and regulatory requirements will also be included in each contract.

Recipients of the CDBG program are required to submit semi-annual reports regarding the status of the project (to ensure that program rules are being followed). The Community Development Office will monitor the City's CDBG program by analyzing required reports and conducting site visits. In order to ensure that funds are being used according to applicable statutes and regulations, these City offices will also conduct financial monitoring which will include quarterly reviews of expenditures to ensure they meet program regulations.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The 15 day public comment period began on September 26, 2018 and ended on October 10, 2018. A public meeting was held on October 8, 2018. Notice was provided on the City's website, its social media pages, along with notice in a local paper.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The City had no changes in its program objectives.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

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