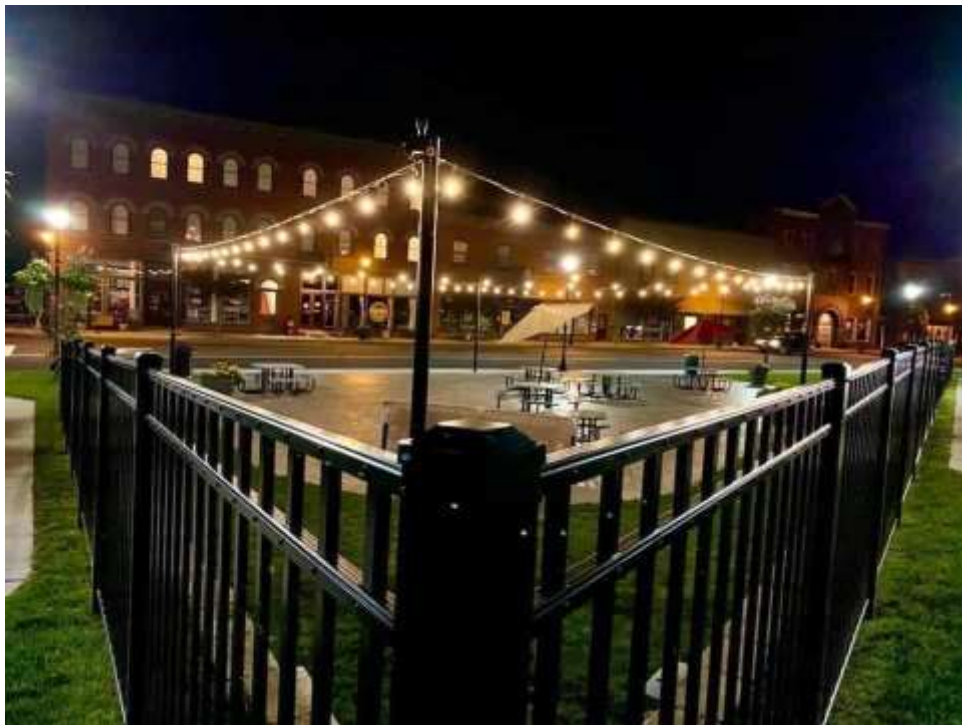


CITY OF RADFORD
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
AND
EVALUATION REPORT
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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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.

The City of Radford is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Community which provides for the receipt of annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The City of Radford's Five Year Consolidated Plan (2017-2021) identifies the priority needs that the City of Radford will address with the annual CDBG funding allocation. This is the Fifth-year CAPER of the 5-year Con Plan cycle. Priorities identified this year included Public Infrastructure/Facility Improvements, Planning and Administration, Prevent and end homelessness, beautification and support of public services.

Funds were provided for projects delivering the following outcomes:

- Public Facility improvements - Fletcher St waterline replacement, Dobbins Park Enhancements
- Public Services with or without a housing benefit
- Planning and Administration - the city used a portion of P & A for Zoning Ordinance Update

Results:

- Prevented and/or End Homelessness to 83 individuals through New River Community Actions (Homeless Intervention Program) and Women's Resource Center's transitional housing.
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- Created public facility improvements by improving the waterlines in Fletcher Street area and Dobbins Park Enhancements to include ADA accessible equipment.
- Continued support to Youth Services through the Bobcat Backpack program feeding underserved population within the City.

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	630	63.00%			
Emergency Home Repair	Emergency Home Repair	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		5	0	0.00%
Emergency Home Repair	Emergency Home Repair	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	25	3	12.00%			
Neighborhood Beautification	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	3	3	100.00%	1	1	100.00%

Neighborhood Revitalization	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		600	630	105.00%
Neighborhood Revitalization	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	4	4	100.00%			
Prevent and End Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	125	151	120.80%	35	67	191.43%
Prevent and End Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	59		4	16	400.00%
Respond to COVID-19	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	90	0	0.00%			
Respond to COVID-19	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	10	0	0.00%			

Respond to COVID-19	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	15	27	180.00%			
Respond to COVID-19	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	5	201	4,020.00%			
Section 108 Loan Repayment	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	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		350	207	59.14%
Support Non-Homelessness Needs	Youth Services	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	650	1717	264.15%			

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.

LMI Community Needs Assistance - Public Facilities/Infrastructure

Projects Contributing to this PY 2021 goal included enhancements to Dobbins Playground, which reported 606 beneficiaries, and the water improvements to Fletcher Street that provided improvements to 24 residence, for a total of 624 beneficiaries.

LMI Community Needs Assistance - Public Service

Projects contributing to this PY 2021 goal include Women's Resource Center, New River Community Action, Bobcat Backpack program and Meels On Wheels, for a total of 29 beneficiaries.

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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	84
Black or African American	52
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	136
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	136

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

Narrative

The City of Radford identifies priority needs and programs to eligible households regardless of race or ethnicity. Racial and ethnic counts reflect individual clients served and reported information by the sub-recipients. Demographic information is collected for HUD reporting purposes only. According to the 2021 American Community Survey for the City of Radford is 85% white, 9.8% Black/African American, 2.8% Multi-Racial, 1.8% Asian, while the population that is Hispanic or Latino by Race is 3%.

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	public - federal	230,184	152,007
Other	public - federal	0	

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Available resources include funds that were carried over from prior year, from previous activities that had been cancelled, along with CARES funding. City Staff was utilized on public infrastructure projects to offset the cost of the project.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

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

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Accordinging to HUD, the City of Radford has ove 64% of its residents earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income, which allows the City to utilize its funding throughout the entire city. The Emergency Home Repair program is available to any Radford homeowner who meets the requirments of the program.

Public Services are funded throughout the City based upon their ability to show their grant proposal meets HUD guidelines and benefits Radford LMI population.

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 CDBG program does not have a match requirement. Subrecipients are able to utilize their CDBG award to leverage additional funding into their programs.

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

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	35	51
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	5	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	40	51

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	4	16
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	4	16

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

Emergency Home Repair

The Emergency Home Repair program provides minor repair and accessibility and energy efficiency improvements to homeowners. The original goal was 5 housing units this program year, with the actual outcome of zero. Two applications are currently pending and waiting on estimates from

contractors to provide the work. Staff will continue to work together with other departments to help identify homeowners who need assistance and can utilize these funds.

Homeless Intervention Program

Funding was used to assist 10 Households consisting of 17 people from becoming homeless.

Emergency Housing

51 people were provided with emergency housing through the Women's Resource Center.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Priorities shall remain consistent with the Consolidated Plan. All activities will be monitored to identify progress and challenges towards completion. Adjustments may be made if needed and public notice will be provided if there are any substantial changes.

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	67	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	67	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Table 7 shows the number of households by income level that received a housing benefit through the CDBG Program. This year CDBG funds provided direct financial assistance assist with rental assistance through homeless intervention and emergency housing for those escaping domestic violence.

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.

The City will continue its work with the New River Valley Housing Partnership to create regional, collaborative approaches to connect the most acute homeless residents with the housing and services that fit their individual needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Radford refers people and families needing emergency care to appropriate facilities and contributes a portion of its allocation to support the Women's Resource Center, which offers both an emergency and transitional housing.

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

Other than addressing the needs by funding the Homeless Intervention Program (HIP) who provides financial assistance to eligible people who are in imminent danger of becoming homeless, the City did not provide direct assistance to help low-income individuals or families avoid becoming homeless, that are being discharged from publicly funded institutions or receiving assistance from public or private agencies this program year.

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

The 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

The City of Radford does not have a public housing authority.

While the City does not operate a Housing Authority, there are several multi-family complexes that offer affordable housing through rental assistance programs.

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

N/A

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

N/A

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 greatest obstacle in meeting underserved needs is funding. While the City has programs in place to address the underserved needs, the amount of funding available for additional programs is insufficient to produce outcomes that ensure a full range of decent housing and suitable living environments.

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 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 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 review 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 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is required to provide a minimum of 15 day public review. The review period for this plan began on September 10, 2022 and ended on September 26, 2022. A public meeting was held on September 26, 2022 to provide additional opportunity for the community to provide comments. A Notice was provided on the City's website, along with notice in a local paper. Additionally draft copies of the CAPER were available on the City of Radford's website and hard copies were made available at the City Manager's office.

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.

There were no changes to the City's overall program objectives, but due to the ongoing issues with resources and workforce due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Radford continued to be faced with challenges in getting projects completed in timely manner.

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

No

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CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours					
Total Section 3 Worker Hours					
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours					

Table 8 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					

Other.					
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Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The expenditures of these funds did not result in any covered contracts or new hires during the 12-month period.