

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 Champaign funded a total of 16 programs, including CDBG grant administration, during the 2015 program year at a total investment cost of \$813,985 including an annual allocation of \$644,798, program income of \$21,800, and \$147,387 in prior year unspent funds. Additionally, the City of Champaign planned for the expenditure of \$1,392,065 in Sec 108 Loan funds for the continued phase 1 activities of the Bristol Park Redevelopment Project. Highlights include:

-53 homes were rehabilitated with either the Minor Home Repair Program (previously Emergency Repair Program), Senior Minor Home Repair Program, and the Home Accessibility Retrofit Program.

-288 youths participated in CommUnity Matters Programs, including summer camps, teen night programming, and year round student engagement at the local high schools.

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.

Table 1 - Accomplishments - Program Year

Goal	Category	Funding	Outcome							
Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development		Indicator							
			Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Expected	Actual	Unit of Measure	Percent complete			
				0	0	Household Housing Unit	0%			
			Buildings Demolished	30	25	Buildings	83.33%			
		200	695	Household Housing Unit	347.50%					
Planning and Administration	Other - Planning and Admin		Indicator		Expected	Actual	Unit of Measure	Percent complete		
			Other	1	1	Other	100.00%			
Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod	Affordable Housing		Indicator							
			Rental units rehabilitated	Expected	Actual	Unit of Measure	Percent complete			
				2	0	Household Housing Unit	0.00%			
			Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	32	53	Household Housing Unit	165.63%			
		20	0	Other	0.00%					
Public services to address community needs	Non-Housing Community Development		Indicator		Expected	Actual	Unit of Measure	Percent complete		
			Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	175	288	Persons Assisted	164.57%			

Table 2 – Accomplishments – Strategic Plan to Date

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Balanced, diverse economy w/ job creation/econ dev	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	3	0	0.00%			
Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0			0	0	
Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	35	25	71.43%	30	25	83.33%
Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	1000	852	85.20%	200	695	347.50%
Healthy neighborhood - infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	2000	0	0.00%			

Increase earning potential, self-sufficiency	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	25	0	0.00%			
Planning and Administration	Planning and Admin	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%	1	1	100.00%
Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%
Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	125	53	42.40%	32	53	165.63%
Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Other	Other	0	0		20	0	0.00%
Public engagement w/ the ConPlan	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Other	Other	125	0	0.00%			
Public facilities to address community needs	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	1000	0	0.00%			

Public services to address community needs	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / Section 108: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	875	288	32.91%	175	288	164.57%
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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.

Projects funded during PY 2015 focused on affordable housing rehabilitation, youth social services, slum and blight removal, and the redevelopment of the Bristol Park Neighborhood. Future years continue to focus on these areas, while including a greater focus on homeless assistance, special needs housing and creation of new affordable housing units. The City is currently working with HUD Headquarters to finalize the Section 108 contract and note and will begin drawing funds immediately for the Bristol Place redevelopment - Phase I activities (acquisition, relocation and demolition). The City anticipates completing all Phase I activities by the end of calendar year 2017 (mid-point of FY 2017-18).

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	50
Black or African American	437
Asian	5
American Indian or American Native	12
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	504
Hispanic	18
Not Hispanic	0

Table 1 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

The city assisted an additional 37 persons (not represented on table) who identify as Asian and White, Black or African American and White, or Mutiracial. A total of 541 persons were assisted with city grant funded programs.

Of those 541, approximately 9.2% of the persons assisted were White, 80.7% were African-American and less than 1% were Asian. Of the 541 people assisted, approximately 3% were Hispanic and 97% were non-Hispanic. Hispanic persons are considered a cultural/ethnic group rather than a racial group and may belong to any race.

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		2,666,392	693,595

Table 2 – Resources Made Available

Narrative

In FY 2015, the following resources were made available for PY 2015 CDBG projects:

\$ 4,046,193.60 - Unexpended CDBG Funds at End of Previous Year (Line 1, PR 26), including and \$3,524,000 Section 108 loan)

\$644,798 - current CDBG Entitlement Grant

\$ 17,504 – Actual Program Income

\$4,708,495.60 (Line 08, PR 26)

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	5	3	Beardsley Park Neighborhood
Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	75	3	Beardsley Park Neighborhood
Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area	20	65	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan
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Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan	5	13	United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association

Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan	20	13	United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association
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Table 3 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The original percentages noted above incorrectly estimated the investment between the three target areas and NOT by the entire CDBG/Section 108 funding. Therefore, it appears that the City would only invest in direct delivery and only in targeted areas, which is not the case. The City does prioritize funding to these areas but also allows some flexibility when an income-eligible household is in need of services but lives outside the area. For example, the City will provide home accessibility retrofit program assistance to a homeowner with disabilities, whether or not the home is in one of these three areas. The City specifically targets and works with the local neighborhood groups in these areas to ensure residents in need of these services are aware and can access them when needed. The code enforcement program (CDBG-funded) is limited to only these three targeted areas in order to better achieve the neighborhood wellness goals and the public service activity, CommUnity Matters, does target and prioritize youth that live in these at-risk neighborhoods. If open seats/spaces remain after reaching out to the targeted neighborhoods listed above, the partner agencies can choose to enroll low-income youth from other neighborhoods as appropriate.

For this program year, the Beardsley Park Neighborhood accounted for 3% of investment including housing rehab programs and Community Matters Programming, Garden Hills accounted for 13% of investment through the same housing rehab programs and CommUnity Matters Programming and Bristol Place neighborhood accounted for 65% of funding mainly for Section 108 demolition of housing in the area for clearance and blight removal.

Future Annual Action Plans will better describe the amount of investment with direct service activities in these three targeted neighborhoods.

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 leverages these federal resources with a variety of local/state/other federal dollars. The CommUnity Matters funding, for example, is complemented with school district funds in addition to private donations that assist our non-profit partners. In 2015 the CommUnity Matters program leveraged \$69,522 in additional funds. During 2015/16, the CDBG funding also leveraged an additional \$80,000 in local funds for program administration.

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.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless to be provided affordable housing units		0
Number of non-homeless to be provided affordable housing units		25
Number of special-needs to be provided affordable housing units		28
Total	0	53

Number of households supported through:	One-Year Goal	Actual
Rental Assistance		0
The Production of New Units		0
Rehab of Existing Units		53
Acquisition of Existing Units		0
Total	0	53

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless households to be provided affordable housing units		
Number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units		
Number of special-needs households to be provided affordable housing units		
Total		

Table 4- Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through rental assistance		
Number of households supported through the production of new units		
Number of households supported through the rehab of existing units		
Number of households supported through the acquisition of existing units		
Total		

Table 5 - Number of Households Supported

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

these goals.

The City continues to implement Phase I Bristol Place activities while the contract and note are being finalized with HUD Headquarters. The demolition of property was slightly less than anticipated (25 out of 30) but is not a significant reduction; the City still anticipates completing all Phase I activities (aquisition, relocation and demolition) by the end of calendar year 2017. Other than rental rehabilitation, the other goal areas (housing rehabilitation slum/blight removal and public services) continued with strong performances in FY 2015/16 and exceeded their goals. The rental rehabilitation goal is an estimate to serve tenants with disabilities needing to make accessibility/visitability improvements to their rental unit when the landlord is willing to participate in the program. No inquiries were received during FY 2015/16 for this assistance.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Additional resources, including local funds for targeted new housing programs, will be considered for the rehabilitation programs if demand and eligibility remain high. The activities of "maintenance of city-owned property" and "disposition" will likely be eliminated and reprogrammed into direct rehabilitation programs (minor home repair, home accessibility, etc).

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 Persons Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	180	0
Low-income	142	0
Moderate-income	19	0
Total	341	0

Table 6 – Number of Persons Served

Narrative Information

Of the 2015 CDBG activities completed, a total of 341 or 100% of 341 persons assisted were low or moderate income. This result significantly exceeds the statutory requirement that at least 70% of CDBG funds be used to benefit low and moderate income persons.

Over one-half (52.7%) of the total persons assisted were extremely low income. Almost one-half (41.6%) of persons assisted were low income. Slightly less than 6% of persons assisted were moderate income.

An extremely low income family of four would have an annual income below \$21,550 per year. A low income family of four would have an annual income below \$35,950 per year and a moderate income family of four could have an income of no more than \$57,500 per year.

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 of Champaign is a member of the local Champaign County Continuum of Care (CoC) and Council of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH). The Continuum of Care serves the formal HUD-recognized local entity to assess the homeless needs and priorities for federal homeless funding coming to Champaign County. The City of Champaign chaired the first monitoring subcommittee of the local CoC during 2015 and completed onsite monitoring reviews of all NOFA-funded projects. This work will assist the CoC in determining technical assistance needs for partner agencies and ensure all programs are meeting the goals and requirements outlined by HUD. The CoC uses the monitoring results as one of the tools in determining funding priorities for the following year.

The CSPH is a more informal networking group, of many of the same agencies/local officials, that meets monthly to educate service providers about existing programs and to tackle unmet needs, particularly those of unsheltered persons.

The City serves on the CSPH and CoC regarding shelters and works with agencies to solve these issues. Specifically, the City co-hosted the Homeless Education and Vendor Fair with CSPH during February 2016 to raise awareness with local citizens and community leaders about the issues facing the homeless people in our community. The City is also participating in the CSPH public forums regarding the loss of 95 men's shelter beds in our community over the past six months and has provided guidance/technical assistance when appropriate.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City serves on the groups mentioned above (CSPH, CoC) regarding shelters and works with agencies to solve these issues. Specifically, the City co-hosted the Homeless Education and Vendor Fair with CSPH during February 2016 to raise awareness with local citizens and community leaders about the issues facing the homeless people in our community. The City is also participating in the CSPH public forums regarding the loss of 95 men's shelter beds in our community over the past six months and has provided guidance/technical assistance when appropriate.

During 2016, the first Champaign County Emergency Shelter for Families in Champaign County opened through partnership with the local United Way of Champaign County, Housing Authority of Champaign County and Regional Planning Commission of Champaign County. This exciting moment began by a need and priority recognized at the CSPH level and then a steering committee began identifying possible solutions. The shelter will serve up to eight families at a time and provides intensive, on-site case

management (RPC case management funded by United Way). The apartments and case management office were made available by the Housing Authority. Champaign staff has served on the steering committee since the beginning and continues to provide support now that the shelter is open.

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

As a part of the adopted Bristol Park Relocation Plan, the City continues to fund case management services for households displaced (or nearing displacement) in the Bristol Place neighborhood. These add-on services help assess the households needs, assists in enrolling in appropriate programs (education, disability, No Limits self-sufficiency, etc) with the goal of helping people become more stably housed and no longer be in a "housing of last resort" situation, similar to what many were facing in Bristol Place, which can lead to homelessness. The City also implemented a unique Bristol Park Demolition Policy that encourages greater minority and women-owned business participation. Finally, the City also began hiring residents from Bristol Place neighborhood to help mow and maintain the vacant lots in Bristol Place, thereby promoting economic opportunity from within the project area.

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

These are goals of the local CoC, of which the City of Champaign belongs and works to help achieve these goals.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City of Champaign and the Housing Authority of Champaign meet quarterly with management, the Mayor and Champaign's Board of Commissioner appointees to discuss the affordable housing needs in our community, including any concerns regarding public housing. The City has assisted the Housing Authority through their Rental Assistance Demonstration program by completing the required environmental review process and providing an open channel of communication on various developments in the community.

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

The City encourages public participation in the City's sessions and has encouraged public housing residents from Bristol Place to choose a relocation plan that was most beneficial to their household.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

n/a - the Housing Authority of Champaign County is a MTW agency and is not listed as a troubled PHA.

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)

In FY 2014, the City prepared an updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). Though the study is focused on fair housing rather than affordable housing, the data collection allowed an extensive review of public policies such as zoning, land use controls, tax policies, building codes and fees and charges that are likely to have a strong impact on affordable housing as well. The city continues to work on recommendations from the report and also has convened a regional work group to possibly consolidate fair housing policy throughout the central Illinois region.

The City also continues to look for opportunities and partnership in creating affordable housing opportunities in the City of Champaign. The upcoming Bristol Place Neighborhood development plans to create just under 200 housing units replacing 78 homes on 92 parcels. The City of Champaign is supportive of affordable housing development and works interdepartmentally to remove local barriers. The main local barrier to affordable housing development is insufficient private capitol investment to meet the affordable housing need.

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

In response to a neighborhood survey and public comment about the limitations of the City's offered housing assistance programs, the city developed several new programs (using local, non federal funds) to address those needs. With the creation of the Neighborhood Programs Manual in the past program year 4 new programs have been planned:

The Residential Exterior Rehabilitation Program for Homeowners up to 120% FMI - exterior home beautification program

The Small Business Exterior Rehabilitation Program - exterior business facade beautification program for target neighborhoods

The Vacant and Nuisance Residential Building Program - codify's the process for the city to dispose of vacant properties for use in affordable housing development or for other approved uses.

MBE/WBE Revolving Loan Fund: loan fund for licences, training, and insurance needed by small minority and women owned businesses in order to bid on city contracts.

Additionally, the City has previously identified that lack of landlord participation as a hindrance to

neighborhood and community development programs. Neighborhood action planning in the Garden Hills neighborhood has led to landlord and resident discussions on how to address blight in this neighborhood. In this program year, the City facilitated one neighborhood-landlord discussion on a rental registration program. A "revolving conversation" was held with members of the United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association and the Central Illinois Rental Property Professionals to talk about the benefits and possible pitfalls of such a program. Efforts to develop a pilot rental registration program will continue in the coming year.

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

The City's rehabilitation staff is trained as a Risk Assessor to aid in identifying lead hazards in homes applying for assistance. The City continues to coordinate training for contractors to maintain their current licenses and train new contractors as needed. Additionally, the city created a revolving loan fund for small contractors to pay for fees and licensing such as lead training.

The City also continues to provide education about lead-based paint hazards through a variety of forums. The City sponsors a home maintenance workshop at least two times per year. The workshop is open to the public and to participants of other housing programs offered by local non-profit agencies. A large portion of the workshop is devoted to lead-based paint issues. Workshop attendees learn about the dangers of lead hazards, how to avoid lead paint contamination, how to safely paint or renovate their own homes, and what the City will do to address residential lead hazards in housing rehab programs.

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

The City continues to play an active role in the local homeless Continuum of Care. This provides an avenue for keeping the local service providers more involved in the City's planning processes. The Neighborhood Programs Manager served on the task force chaired by the local United Way of Champaign County to create an emergency family shelter. The shelter was completed and opened this year. It has seven 2-bedroom units and one studio apartment. The 2 bedroom units can house up to six family members. There is also an on-site office for a case manager.

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

The City of Champaign Neighborhood Services staff continues to work closely with adjacent units of local government and other quasi-governmental agencies including the City of Urbana, Champaign County, the Unit 4 School District, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, the Champaign Park District, the Housing Authority of Champaign County, and the local public health district. Staff regularly attend or monitor meetings of these entities' boards and commissions. The City and the Housing Authority entered into an intergovernmental agreement during FY 2012/13 for the redevelopment of Bristol Place and are now working to secure a developer for Phase II of the Bristol Place

redevelopment. This joint endeavors strengthen the City's ties to the agency and will allow for continuing cooperation on future projects.

Because many of the clients served through Champaign Neighborhood Services programs are also assisted by other social service agencies and the local utility companies, the City maintains a good network of communication and referral with these other entities. Frequently, an individual who is receiving utility assistance from the Regional Planning Commission, for example, might also benefit from accessibility modifications to his home. Regional Planning Commission staff is aware of the City's programs and can make a referral to our office to fill that individual's need.

Because the City of Champaign receives HOME funding through a consortium arrangement with the City of Urbana and Champaign County, staffs from these agencies meet regularly to share information and keep informed about HOME related issues. Champaign staff also continues to host and participate in the monthly Community Reinvestment Group meetings to discuss how to increase low/moderate income home buying opportunities and how to reduce the barriers to homeownership, particularly for minority and lower income households.

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

Staff members from the City of Champaign participate in committees that discuss issues related to non-profit agency funding, the homeless continuum of care, financial literacy, low/moderate income mortgage lending, basic needs (including health care) of the low-income population, and public housing. During the prior Consolidated Plan period, the City allocated local resources to help establish the Continuum of Care's centralized intake /coordinated assessment tool to help implement the required HEARTH Act. This will ensure "no wrong door" for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless through information sharing amongst service providers as appropriate. In addition, improved data collection will assist not only the Continuum of Care but also the Urbana HOME Consortium members to prioritize programs and funding with the needs that frequently outpace available resources.

The City will continue to meet with the Housing Authority of Champaign County on a quarterly basis (minimum) to discuss local housing needs, trends and opportunities. Due to the partnership on the Bristol Place redevelopment, it is anticipated the City and Housing Authority of Champaign County may meet more frequently during this Consolidated Plan period.

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

**Mortgage Lending
Disparity**

Across all income categories, minority households experienced higher denial rates for private sector housing loans as compared to their white counterparts. This trend was also consistent across all loan categories analyzed: home purchase, home improvement, and refinance loans. Although the reason(s) behind this trend were difficult to determine with absolute certainty, it was clear that one or more impediments existed to housing choice (home purchasing lending) and to neighborhood stability (home improvement and refinancing loans).

The City has continued to work with the Community Reinvestment Group (CRG) to expand credit education programs and continue to promote credit counseling as part of its housing service delivery. HUD funding is available both for credit counseling, and for fair housing testing activities through its Private Enforcement Initiative.

Lack of Affordable Rental Units

In new developments that contain affordable rental units, such as mixed income developments financed through tax credits or public subsidies, some incentives should be considered for the construction of larger (multi-bedroom) units. The Bristol place redevelopment project plan calls for replacing the existing 78 parcels with just under 200 new units.

Perceptions of Affordable Rental Housing

The low/moderate income areas of Champaign are fairly compact geographically. In keeping with federal direction to reduce concentrations of poverty, efforts have been made to achieve this with new developments in Champaign including affordable rental housing. However, these efforts have often been met with public opposition. Some property owners believe that the construction of multi-family housing will bring down property values in adjacent neighborhoods.

To maximize housing choice for persons of all incomes, local officials in Champaign have continued to encourage the development of neighborhoods that include a variety of housing styles and affordability ranges including the new affordable mixed income development Providence at Thornberry in southwest Champaign developed by the Housing Authority of Champaign County. As long as the City continues to emphasize good construction design and smart growth patterns that enhance the character of the neighborhood and do not unduly burden infrastructure systems, property values in all areas should remain strong. If this happens, residents living in neighborhoods near proposed multi-family housing may begin to realize that their fears of decreasing property values and community decline are unfounded.

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 of Champaign provides direct oversight of most home rehabilitation activities through an organizational structure that includes one part-time rehabilitation technician, two community development specialists, a program manager, and an administrative assistant. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission is contracted to provide the Senior Minor Home Repair Program.

Public service activities fall under the CommUnity Matters program and quarterly meetings are held with program staff of the recipients to ensure program outcomes and provide problem-solving opportunities. Technical assistance is provided on an as needed basis to all subrecipients. Additionally, all subrecipients submit quarterly performance reports and regular pay requests. All current subrecipients are performing adequately. Monitoring visits were conducted during this period on the CommUnity Matters and Senior Minor Home Repair subrecipients.

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.

A notice of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report was published to the City's website on August 24, 2016. The notice listed the CAPER public comment period as open September 8-September 23 and notified the public of a public hearing on September 8, 2016. Additionally this notice was published in the News Gazette, as a recurring ad on Champaign Government Television (CGTV) channel, and on the City's various social media websites including Facebook and Twitter. The city has also launched a social media website to host neighborhood groups and citizens of Champaign. This website, www.neighborsofchampaign.com, is also used to notify and solicit comments from the public.

A public hearing was held on September 8, 2016 in the City of Champaign Council Chambers.

There were zero persons in attendance at the public hearing thus no comments were received. Also no written comment has been received.

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 will continue to offer home rehabilitation and public services, targeted to the three neighborhoods with revitalization or improvement plans (Beardsley Park, Bristol Park and Garden Hills). Beginning with FY 2016/17, the City is no longer funding Code Enforcement in these targeted neighborhoods with CDBG but instead will use local resources for targeted Code Enforcement, thereby freeing up the limited CDBG for targeted programming.

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

No

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

Attachment

Public Comment Info



FY 15/16 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report

The City of Champaign seeks citizen input for the preparation of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY 2015-2016. Key dates for public hearings and the public comment period are listed below:

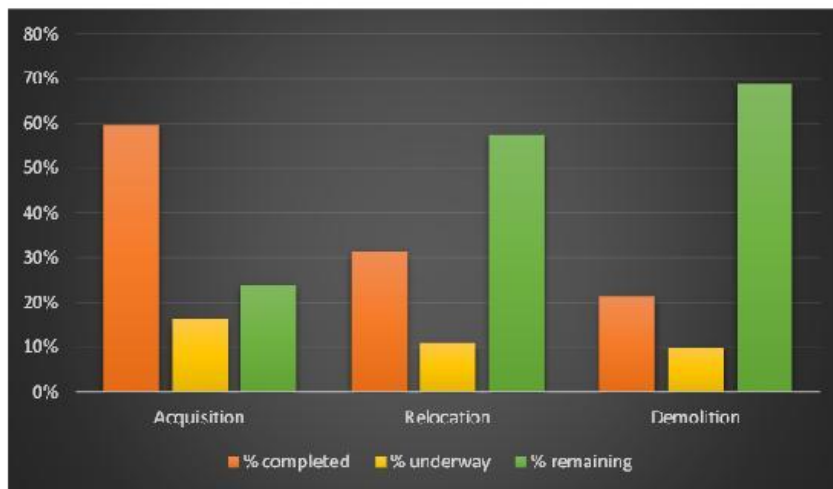
September 8	CAPER Public Comment Period Begins
September 8	Public Hearing on Draft FY 2015/16 CAPER City Council Chambers at 5:30 pm
September 23	CAPER Public Comment Period Ends

If you are an individual with a disability and require assistance to observe or participate, please contact: City of Champaign Neighborhood Services Department at 403-7070 or by TDD at 403-8736 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Bristol Place Phase I Activities

Bristol Place CAPER Data
FY 2015/16

	%	%	%	Total Estimated
Bristol Place	completed	underway	remaining	
Acquisition	60%	16%	24%	92
Relocation	32%	11%	58%	73
Demolition	21%	10%	69%	80





FY 15/16 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report

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September 8	Public Hearing on Draft FY 2015/16 CAPER City Council Chambers at 5:30 pm
September 23	CAPER Public Comment Period Ends

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Bristol Place CAPER Data
 FY 2015/16

	% completed	% underway	% remaining	Total Estimated
Bristol Place				
Acquisition	60%	16%	24%	92
Relocation	32%	11%	58%	73
Demolition	21%	10%	69%	80

