

## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

The Village of Oak Lawn has been recognized as an entitlement community since 1988 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”). The purpose of this 2016 Action Plan is to provide an overview of the community’s housing and development needs, demographics, priorities and how proposed activities will address these needs. It also provides information as it relates to the National Objectives of the CDBG program. The overall basic goal for the CDBG program is to help provide housing assistance, a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities.

The Village consulted with the several agencies to identify and develop the activities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Census Bureau provided information on housing programs and demographic data. Local agencies that contributed to the process are Worth Township, PLOWS, PADS, local schools and churches. All agencies provided valuable information to determine the need for this community. Also included in the process were the Village of Oak Lawn Family Services, Development and Growth Management, Engineering Department, Public Works Department and the Business Development Office. Information included in Action Plan is determined through recommendations and past program participation including recommendations from the Village of Oak Lawn staff including the Village President, Board of Trustees, the Village Manager and Finance Director. Village Social Service agencies aided in submitting useful information on the elderly, homeless needs, and consulted on the low to mod/low income residents and their needs.

The Village of Oak Lawn is the third largest suburban community located about 15 miles southwest of the City of Chicago. The Village consists of approximately 8.37 square miles. Based on the 2010 census and HUD data, the population of Oak Lawn is stable at 57,034 and is considered 43.0% low to moderate income. The highest concentration of low moderate income households are found in Census Tracts 8223.02 / 3; 8225.00 / 1 4; 8221.01 / 2; 88226.02 / 3; 8228.01 / 1221.02 / 1 2 3 4. The minority population totals approximately 23.9%. However, there remains no specific area of minority concentration within the Village of Oak Lawn boundaries. CDBG Housing Rehabilitation will be granted to very low to moderate-income residents. The Public Service activities will be funded to the homeless and very low to moderate-low income residents and the senior population. The designated infrastructure improvements qualify under the area benefit criteria.

The Village has been working with Cook County to coordinate participation in the HOME consortium. Currently Oak Lawn will be eligible to join HOME in 2017.

## **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.

Some Goals include availability of Emergency Shelters for the Homeless (“PADS”). Our Objective is to assist in providing suitable living environment for homeless population. Proposed Accomplishments: Access to support services for the homeless and chronic homeless by providing training and counseling with the desired outcome of further economic opportunity through the continued support of PADS and the local Continuum of Care. Strengthen the Community’s living environment by making needed improvements to Public Right of Ways and Access Facilities and Public Facilities improvements. Our Objective is to provide a suitable living environment by providing funding for infrastructure and other public facilities. Proposed Accomplishments: Over the course of this Action Plan Year, the Village will continue to improve our infrastructure such as streets, sewers and public facilities improvements. Strengthen Fair Housing throughout the Village of Oak Lawn. Our objective is to enforce and strengthen fair housing in the community by continuing to hold Fair Housing Commission meetings and keep the community aware of all fair housing avenues. In addition, support affordable and independent living for seniors through the Shared Housing Program (“PLOWs”). Our objective is to assist the elderly through shared housing options which will provide decent housing and suitable living environments. Proposed Accomplishments: Continued support of PLOWs Council on Aging to help maintain families and return families to independent living.

## **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

### **Summary of Performance Measures for Planned Activities Annually**

#### **Public Service Activities**

- Assist PADS with costs related to emergency shelter/daytime program in a limited cliental activity / 77
- Match 1-2 elderly residents in a Shared Housing Arrangement

#### **Infrastructure Improvements**

- Improve 3 blocks of streets in an eligible benefit area activity

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

**Legal Notice was placed in the newspaper and on the Village Website on Friday, May 13, 2016 noticing a Public Hearing for Proposed Use of C.D.B.G. Funding for grant Year 2016.** A Public Hearing will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Lower Level Conference Room located in the Municipal Center, 9446 South Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to inform residents of projects under consideration for expenditure of Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$266,918 which may be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for entitlement year 2016. Comments, suggestions and recommendations are welcomed from residents of the Village of Oak Lawn. These funds are proposed to be used to meet community and economic development objectives in accordance with the objectives of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program and with the Village's capital improvements plan and housing assistance plan.

#### **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.

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

#### **7. Summary**

**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
CDBG Administrator		Finance Department / Village of Oak Lawn

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The Village of Oak Lawn's Finance Department is the administrator for the CommunitH Development Block Grant

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

#### **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))**

Village consulted with the several agencies to identify and develop the activities. The Housing Authority of Cook County, Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County provided data on housing and the housing choice voucher program. Local agencies that contributed to the process are Worth Township, PLOWS, PADS, local schools and churches. Information included in the five-year plan was determined through recommendations and past program participation. Village Social Service agencies aided in submitting useful information on the elderly, homeless needs, and contributed data on the low to mod/low income residents and their needs.

The Village of Oak Lawn's CDBG program provides funding to PLOWS Council on Aging and Public Action to Deliver Shelter, (PADS) so included in the process were the Village of Oak Lawn Family Services, Development and Growth Management, Engineering Department, Oak Lawn Department of Health and Sanitation, Public Works Department and the Business Development Office. Information included in the five-year plan was determined through recommendations and past program participation including recommendations from the Village of Oak Lawn staff including the Village President, Board of Trustees, the Village Manager and Finance Director. Village Social Service agencies aided in submitting useful information on the elderly, homeless needs, and contributed data on the low to mod/low income residents and their needs. The major public and private agencies that will be responsible for administering programs covered in this five-year plan are; PADS – homeless needs, PLOWS – shared housing, Senior Center and Public Works – Senior/Handicap Bus Service, Oak Lawn Public Works Department – community and neighborhood improvements. The Grant Administrator and Building Department in partnership with local and county agencies will educate residents in lead-based paint issues.

Oak Lawn has been working with a developer on a Senior Housing facility, Anthem Memory Care. This facility will primarily house seniors with various stages of **Alzheimer's** disease and dementia. The proposed site is located in a residential area of the Village, 102nd and Central Ave. This project is currently in the public comment stages.

Oak Lawn currently has 4 nursing homes in its jurisdiction. Manorcare of Oak Lawn East, Manorcare OF Oak Lawn West, Regal Health and Rehab Center and Concords Extended Care; with a combined bed count of 612 and current occupancy of 482. Senior services include rehab counseling and family

counseling. Park Lawn Association and eight other local non-profit organizations have collaborated to form a new informal network of service providers for adults with developmental disabilities called "Intersect for Disability". Projects will focus on staff training, transition programs for high school individuals to the elderly and the creation of an internship program.

**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.**

The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County is the Lead agency in our area to address the needs of the homeless persons and at-risk of homeless. Oak Lawn host shelters supported by Public Action to Deliver Shelter, ("PADS") that support the at-risk and homeless population. Some of the services afford a greater access to a care. PADS assists in obtaining birth certificates and other forms of identification so the participating individuals can gain access to additional services because of the coordination provided by PADS. This Intake Program is the first step. This process provides information, assessment, referral and/or outreach services to men and women ages 18 and over who are homeless, housing insecure, or who are in imminent danger of becoming homeless. This program ensures that clients and families receive appropriate agency and community services for which they are eligible.

In addition, Oak Lawn works with Plows Council on Aging in the greater Oak Lawn area and provides a Central Point of Entry to help older adults and families locate the proper services to fit their needs. Some services provided are Professional Case Managers assist persons who are experiencing financial, personal, family, and health problems; Shared Housing Program that links persons interested in sharing living arrangements, household expenses and duties. Community Care Program to assist with Adult Day Service and In-Home assistance. PLOWS Adult Protective Services has been designated as an Elder Abuse Provider Agency by the Illinois Department on Aging and Age Options to investigate reports of suspected physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, as well as confinement, passive neglect, willful deprivation, and financial exploitation.

**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**

**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**

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

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	PLOWS COUNCIL ON AGING
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Each year Oak Lawn discusses the programs and efforts that are being directed to the Oak Lawn community. Don Chapman, director of PLOWS, continues to assist our community and the 4 other suburban communities under its jurisdiction
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SOUTH SUBURBAN PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER ACTION
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Employment
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Each year Oak Lawn discusses the programs and efforts that are being directed to the Oak Lawn community. PADS and Dr. Geraldine Palmer understand our community mostly because of the shelters that operate here and the daily contact with the program participants.

3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN SUBURBANK COOK COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County has been a valuable asset to Oak Lawn in developing the Consolidated Plan by providing much needed data on Oak Lawn and the entire Continuum
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	OAK LAWN FAMILY SERVICES / GENESIS THERAPY CENTER
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Oak Lawn Family Services has been operating for over 25 years. Recently Oak Lawn acquired Genesis Therapy Center to manage the day-to-day operations of the agency. They assist the residents with many services including Mental Health services, counseling.

5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	OAK LAWN HEALTH AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Health Agency
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Oak Lawn Health and Sanitation is a division of the Community Development and Growth Management Department in the Village of Oak Lawn. They deal first hand with homeowners in the maintenance of the properties and the citizens that reside there. This division help identify at-risk homeowners and contacts Oak Lawn Family Services, Oak Lawn Police Department and the Senior Center to aid in obtaining counseling and services.

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

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

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

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

**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**

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

<b>Sort Order</b>	<b>Mode of Outreach</b>	<b>Target of Outreach</b>	<b>Summary of response/attendance</b>	<b>Summary of comments received</b>	<b>Summary of comments not accepted and reasons</b>	<b>URL (if applicable)</b>

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

#### Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	266,918	0	223	267,141	732,859	This number reflects the 5-year budget for the Con-Plan

**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** Oak Lawn's budget for 2016 includes Oak Lawns budget for 2016 is \$2.6 Million for STREET FUNDING - Separate Capital & Infrastructure Fund Build American Bonds (BAB). In addition, the Village will continue work on the Regional Water System and will continue to apply local, state and additional Federal Funding, if received, towards the long term goals of completing this Regional Plan. CDBG has no matching requirements.

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

At this time there are no publically owned properties within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

**Discussion**

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

#### Goals Summary Information

#### No Goals Found

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Homeless Services	2015	2019	Homeless			CDBG: \$10,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 200 Persons Assisted
2	Shared Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs			CDBG: \$10,000	Homelessness Prevention: 3 Persons Assisted
3	Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$226,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Households Assisted
4	Planning and Administration	2015	2019	Program Administration			CDBG: \$21,141	

Table 6 – Goals Summary

#### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter; Assits in providing a suitable living enviroment and provide training to aid economic opportunities. Provide accessible suport services to homeless and chironic homeless thru Public Action to Deliver Shelter ("PADS")
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Shared Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Homeowner Housing / homeless prevention. Assist the elderly homeowners in maintaining independence thru the services provided by PLOWS Council on Aging. In addition to the Shared Housing, PLOWS assists Seniors with discovering additional support form other state, federal and local agencies to ease the financial burden.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide a suitable living enviroment; provide a safe and inproved access forthe community by improving the sewer, street, and other eligible improvements for the residents of the Village of Oak Lawn
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Planning and Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Administration of the CDBG activities in addition to Fair Housing Administration

**Table 7 – Goal Descriptions**

**Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):**

Oak Lawn does not participate in HOME Funding however The Village has been working with Cook County to coordinate participation in the HOME consortium. Currently Oak Lawn will be eligible to join HOME in 2017.

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

**Goal:** The availability of Emergency Shelters for the Homeless (“PADS”).

- **Objective:** Assist in providing suitable living environment for homeless population **Proposed Accomplishments:** Access to support services for the homeless and chronic homeless by providing training and counseling with the desired outcome of further economic opportunity through the continued support of PADS and the local Continuum of Care.

**Goal:** Strengthen the Community’s living environment by making needed improvements to Public Right of Ways and Access Facilities.

- **Objective:** Provide a suitable living environment by providing funding for infrastructure and other public facilities. **Proposed Accomplishments:** Over the course of this Action Plan Year the Village will continue to improve our infrastructure such as street, sewer and community improvements.

**Goal:** Affordable and independent living for seniors through the Shared Housing Program (“PLOWS”).

- **Objective:** Assist the elderly through shared housing options, which will provide decent housing and suitable living environments. **Proposed Accomplishments:** Continued support of PLOWS Council on Aging to help maintain families, and return families to independent living.

#	Project Name
1	2016 PADS
2	2016 Public Facilities
3	2016 Shared Housing
4	2016 Program Administration

**Table 8 – Project Information**

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

## Projects

### AP-38 Projects Summary

#### Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2016 PADS
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	Assist in providing a suitable living environment and provide training to aid in economic opportunities. Provide accessible support services to the homeless and the chronic homeless with those services provided by Public action to Deliver Shelter
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Homeless and at-risk families and individuals - 200
	<b>Location Description</b>	Oak Lawn

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>Maintain funding to the Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) sites in Oak Lawn. Continue education, counseling, life management and financial skills and access to the health network services.</p> <p>Oak Lawn supports four sites located in our municipality. Supported services provided include emergency overnight shelter; hot dinners, breakfast and sack lunch. Project WIN provides medical and mental health care, recovery and health care services through a collaboration of three emergency housing programs, four mental health agencies, Cook County Department of Public Health and Hines VA Hospital. Medical personnel are located in the emergency housing sites and the day support services center. The project partners with a number of agencies including West Suburban PADS, Pillars, Thrive, BEDS and Access Health Systems. In addition, SSPADS also provides on-site physical health care services for program participants through the services of a nurse case manager. Program participants are provided with complete medical and psycho-social assessments, routine screenings, primary care for acute conditions such as colds, influenza, care of wounds, along other cases, and referrals for follow-up care in the cases of diabetes and hypertension. Health education workshops are provided as well and include topics such as infectious diseases, hypertension, smoking cessation, and respiratory illnesses. The objective of the program is to motivate participants to make healthier lifestyle choices whether it's referrals to outpatient treatment program or regular visits with a certified recovery counselor. Our intensive case management services are a critical component in our array of supportive services for our participants. Intensive case management fosters independence and enhances quality of life through a focused, coordination of individualized services and continuous and on-going support based on our participant needs. The direct involvement in setting his or her goals, and personal accountability placed on the participant is as important as the support and demonstrated caring attitude of the case manager. Lastly, critical to the participant's success is there must be a trusting and forward-moving relationship. The end result is one of "empowering" and not "enabling".</p>
2	<b>Project Name</b>	2016 Public Facilities
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	

	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	Provide a suitable living environment provide safe and improved access for the community overall improvement of the living environment by improving the sewer, street and other eligible improvements.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Provide a suitable living environment provide safe and improved access for the community overall improvement of living environment by improving the sewer, street and other eligible improvements
	<b>Location Description</b>	Street and Sewer work to be completed in the following eligible areas.. 8223.02 / 3; 8225.00 / 1 4; 8221.01 / 2; 88226.02 / 3; 8228.01 / 1221.02 / 1 2 3 4;
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Street and Sewer work to be completed in eligible areas.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2016 Shared Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	Assist the elderly homeowners/occupants in maintaining independence services provided by PLOWS Council on Aging.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Senior population - 2
	<b>Location Description</b>	Oak Lawn

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Shared Housing Program - links persons interested in shared living arrangements, household expenses and duties
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2016 Program Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Planning and Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	Administer CDBG funding to meet the National Objectives to Implement and manage affordable housing, suitable living area and public service activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Location Description</b>	Oak Lawn
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Program Administration

## **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**

Oak Lawn follows the CDBG regulations and allocates funds for the infrastructure projects in the low/mod benefit areas as defined by using the US Census data; 8223.02 / 3; 8225.00 / 1 4; 8221.01 / 2; 88226.02 / 3; 8228.01 / 1221.02 / 1 2 3 4

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>

**Table 10 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Oak Lawn follows the CDBG regulations and allocates funds for the infrastructure projects in the low/mod benefit areas as defined by using the US Census data; 8223.02 / 3; 8225.00 / 1 4; 8221.01 / 2; 88226.02 / 3; 8228.01 / 1221.02 / 1 2 3 4

### **Discussion**

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	200
Non-Homeless	2
Special-Needs	0
Total	202

**Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

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

**Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

Oak Lawn will be concentrating funding on Public Services directed towards the Low/mod income residents including the senior population and the homeless

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

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

The Alliance to End homelessness in Suburban Cook County will be moving forward with their Strategic Plan to address increased public housing in the region

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

The Alliance intends to prioritize the chronically homeless persons and persons most vulnerable. Through coordinated assessment of all programs, the goals are to increase outreach and increase the focus on planning efforts on institutions that at-risk populations are most likely to come into contact with prior to becoming homeless.

Having an adequate supply of affordable housing is essential for both preventing homelessness and ending homelessness. While much affordable housing development happens outside of the formal purview and funding mechanisms of the homeless system, there are many creative ways for the homeless system to participate in, and spur the creation or set aside of, affordable units. The Housing Authority of Cook County recently implemented a homeless preference in both public housing and voucher wait lists, and new FLOW Vouchers are an emerging opportunity to increase access for people in the homeless system to affordable housing in suburban Cook County. The Alliance, largely through the work of the advocacy committees and the 150 Homes Team, plans to focus on the following affordable housing goals intended to both capitalize on these emerging opportunities and to create new ones; Increase affordable housing availability in suburban Cook County especially for those with very low incomes; Implement new FLOW vouchers and homeless housing preferences with the Housing Authority of Cook County

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

### **Discussion**



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

### **Introduction**

**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**

Emergency shelters in suburban Cook County are largely operated on a seasonal basis, in rotating congregations and staffed primarily through volunteers. They operate within a funding and practice context that is moving away from using shelters as a housing solution and with growing recognition that, for many people who end up in shelters, their homelessness could have been prevented in the first place. In order to respond to this context and to meet the goals of reducing how many people enter the homeless system and their length of stay, the Alliance, led by a newly created Shelter Committee, will focus on the following goals:

1. Strengthen emergency shelter system practices in suburban Cook County to reconnect people to housing as quickly as possible
2. Divert emergency shelter stays whenever possible

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

The Alliance to End Homelessness has implemented the new intake; HMIS 2015 DATA STANDARDS UPDATE to ensure all data is being collected and tracked in the same. Emergency Shelters are currently operating throughout Cook County; Northwest Suburbs – Journeys; West Suburbs - Housing forward (formally West Suburban PADS) and BEDS, Inc.; South Suburbs – South Suburban PADS; and Chicago provides the Chicago Call Center via 311.

**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**

Transitional housing is itself going through a transition across the nation. Through research and the emergence of newer housing and service models, it is becoming clearer that transitional housing should prioritize individuals and families going through transitional periods in their lives. Their service needs are

acute but not indefinite. Examples include victims of domestic violence, people in recovery or in treatment, and young adults with a history of child welfare involvement. In order to create the right mix of housing types for those within the homeless system and to promote housing stability and success, the Alliance, largely through the newly created Coordinated Assessment Committee and individual transitional housing providers, will focus on the following goals; Redefine the role of transitional housing within the suburban Cook County; housing continuum and develop alternative funding and service models for transitional housing

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

Having an adequate supply of affordable housing is essential for both preventing homelessness and ending homelessness. While much affordable housing development happens outside of the formal purview and funding mechanisms of the homeless system, there are many creative ways for the homeless system to participate in, and spur the creation or set aside of, affordable units. The Housing Authority of Cook County recently implemented a homeless preference in both public housing and voucher wait lists, and new FLOW Vouchers are an emerging opportunity to increase access for people in the homeless system to affordable housing in suburban Cook County. The Alliance, largely through the work of the advocacy committees and the 150 Homes Team, plans to focus on the following affordable housing goals intended to both capitalize on these emerging opportunities and to create new ones; Increase affordable housing availability in suburban Cook County especially for those with very low incomes; Implement new FLOW vouchers and homeless housing preferences with the Housing Authority of Cook County

**Discussion**

<b>One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:</b>
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

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

### **Introduction**

**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 Village of Oak Lawn remains committed to maintaining affordable housing. The main barrier identified was the rise in new housing costs and the present unemployment rate of over 8%. Home prices throughout the village have declined in recent years however we are seeing a slight increase over the past few months. Another factor is the reduction in the income level of or residents.

Oak Lawn, through the Community Development and Growth Management Department, has successfully been maintaining the Residential Rental Property License Application. This service provides all rental properties to be registered in the Village. In addition, the Mandatory Rental Property Lease Addendum states that the Landlord and the Tennent agree that property will not engage in criminal activity. There is also a provision to inspect each property annually to ensure the safety of the occupants.

The Village will continue to support actions taken to minimize barriers to affordable housing will include maintaining stringent building codes and continuing to educate residents, rental agents/landlords and contractors. The Village will continue to educate and address lead-based paint issues by distributing the information in the Building Department and making the information available on the Village of Oak Lawn website.

### **Discussion**

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

#### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

Oak Lawn will continue to work with all civic agencies including the Oak Lawn Senior Center, Oak Lawn Family Services and the Oak Lawn Community Partnership to ensure communication of information for services and needs of the community.

#### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Steps have been proposed to address Affordable housing by the Alliance; Having an adequate supply of affordable housing is essential for both preventing homelessness and ending homelessness. While much affordable housing development happens outside of the formal purview and funding mechanisms of the homeless system, there are many creative ways for the homeless system to participate in, and spur the creation or set aside of, affordable units.

#### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

Continue to make available to the Lead Hazards pamphlet. Continue to enforce the village of Oak Lawn building codes

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

Work with PLOWS and the Senior Center to make sure the at-risk population has access to services and programs. The Alliance, as part of their Strategic Plan, proposes linking individuals and families with stable, earned income from employment is a critical tool in the fight to prevent and end homelessness. One of the new HEARTH Act performance measures, jobs and income growth for people experiencing homelessness, brings attention to the importance of employment as a solution within homeless systems. Providers serving people experiencing homelessness can play a role in connecting individuals with employment opportunities and should be aware of the service models and strategies that are most effective in serving this population.

#### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

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

As discussed in the Strategic Plan by the Alliance, Coordinated assessment can be a powerful tool for making rapid, effective, and consistent matches of people in need to housing and services, regardless of their location within a geographic area. Suburban Cook County must establish and operate a coordinated assessment tool and process to identify the needs of all individuals and families seeking housing or services and to better match them with assistance to meet their needs and preferences. While this is a significant new body of work for the Alliance, it will build off of existing infrastructure, including the homelessness prevention call center and the Homeless Management Information System. The Alliance, through the work of many stakeholders and committees, including a newly created Coordinated Assessment Subcommittee, will focus on the following goals; Launch use of a standardized assessment tool in suburban Cook County; Create a referral resource guide for suburban Cook County; Establish referral parameters and process for the homeless system; Build out entry points into the homeless system.

The Village has been working with Cook County to coordinate participation in the HOME consortium. Currently Oak Lawn will be eligible to join HOME in 2017.

## **Discussion**

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction

#### 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

## Discussion

