

City of Rochester 2017-18 Annual Action Plan Revision 7/21/17

The City of Rochester was recently notified of a supplemental ESG allocation for 2017-18 in the amount of \$294,488. This is for the period 7/1/17-6/30/18.

Attached are pages that were updated in the Annual Action Plan to identify the additional funds and how they will be used.

- o Affordable Housing Development/ Homeownership
- o Housing Rehabilitation
- o Homelessness Prevention and Services/ Supportive Housing
- o Youth and Health Services
- o Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
- o Public infrastructure and facilities
- o Large employers and manufacturers
- o Small business

The Annual Action Plan Citizen Participation included public meetings held on March 8, 2017, July 13, 2017, and August \_\_\_\_, 2017.

## **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.

For the Five Year Strategic Plan, the needs mentioned most often were:

- youth employment and the high rate of youth poverty
- housing rehabilitation
- homeownership
- economic development
- infrastructure and facilities

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

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

### **1. Introduction**

#### Citizen Participation and Agency Consultation

For the Five Year Strategic Plan, the City of Rochester made the decision to encouraged extensive agency consultation in (a) identifying priority needs and (b) engaging the participation of public agencies and nonprofit organizations in a positive and collaborative manner.

The City of Rochester engaged a consulting firm, LaBella Associates, D.P.C., to assist in the preparation of the plan and facilitate the consultation process. City staff worked with the consultants to develop a list of stakeholders, which included public agencies and private nonprofit organizations that provide affordable housing and human services to LMI households and persons as well as business and other community stakeholders. These stakeholders were invited to participate in a series of focus group sessions held for the purpose of identifying needs for the CP and the Annual Plan. During the consultation process, a wide range of organizations provided input on the City's housing and community development needs.

Additionally, public and private agencies which were identified as stakeholders in the process were asked to complete written questionnaires to provide data on special needs populations such as the elderly, youth, persons with HIV/AIDS, public housing residents, persons with disabilities and the homeless.

In an effort to solicit broader citizen participation, the City of Rochester conducted an online survey. The online survey was developed and registered at [www.zoomerang.com](http://www.zoomerang.com) for a period of approximately one month and was placed prominently on the City of Rochester's web site. Based on the focus group sessions, comments received at the public meetings, the online survey, and input from agencies and organizations, a set of priorities was established by the City of Rochester for the next five years.

In addition, quadrant meetings were held in January 2015 in each of the four quadrant areas of the city. These meetings were designed to gather input from area residents on neighborhood issues of concern. The meetings were held on January 14, two on January 20, and January 22, 2014. The City Council held a public hearing on the draft CP on May 19, 2015. It is the City's practice to advertise meetings in the Democrat & Chronicle. There were no speakers.

For the Annual Action Plan there were meetings held with community partners on housing related and other issues. In addition, the City held a public meeting held on March 8, 2017 to gather community input. A public hearing was held on July 13, 2017 and August \_\_ regarding the Annual Action Plan.

**AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

- Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**  
**Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

In addition to a variety of meetings throughout the year with numerous community groups and not-for-profits, we also had a series of meetings with the business community. On 2/16/17, 3/2/17, 3/16/17, 3/30/17, 4/13/17, and 4/27/17, the City held sessions with city business owners. This was an opportunity for businesses to learn about the many tools the City offers to help support the health and growth of local businesses.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	8	See attachment 030817 public comments		
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	_ speakers	___ comments received		
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	___ speakers	___ comments received		

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	987,067	0	0	987,067	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): A federal grant program designed to help improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless, to make available additional shelters, to meet the costs of operating shelters, to provide essential social services to homeless individuals and to help prevent homelessness.
							Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ 1,400,000

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Improve the Housing Stock & General Property Con	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City-wide Targeted Area for Targeted Rehab Program	New Affordable Housing Housing Condition Homeownership Lead Paint Hazards Accessible Housing Tenant/Landlord Education and Counseling Mixed Income Housing Homelessness- Homelessness Prevention Homelessness-Rapid Rehousing Homelessness- Emergency Shelter & Shelter Diversion Homelessness- Transitional Supportive Housing Homelessness- Coordinated Access Housing & Supportive Services-People with HIV/AIDS Non-Homeless Special Needs-Home Safety Tenant/Landlord Mediation, Education & Counseling	CDBG: \$2,819,774 HOPWA: \$785,820 HOME: \$1,939,492 ESG: \$987,067 CDF: \$115,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1151 Households Assisted Rental units constructed: 16 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 104 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 109 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 125 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 1585 Persons Assisted Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 128 Household Housing Unit HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 0 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 32 Buildings Other: 0 Other

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	7 Household Housing Units
	<b>Location Description</b>	City-wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Acquisition and rehabilitation of vacant properties for home ownership opportunities
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Choice Fund-Emergency Solutions Grants
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve the Housing Stock & General Property Con
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness-Homelessness Prevention Homelessness-Rapid Rehousing Homelessness-Emergency Shelter & Shelter Diversion Homelessness-Transitional Supportive Housing Homelessness-Coordinated Access
	<b>Funding</b>	ESG: \$987,067
	<b>Description</b>	Street outreach, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, operational support to shelters, support services to low-income at-risk households, coordinated access.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2018
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	City-wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Street outreach, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, operational support to shelters, support services to low-income, at-risk households, coordinated access. \$74030 of the funds will be used for the City's administration of the Emergency Solutions Grants Program. That amount is included in this project as only one activity can be listed for this funding source.
<b>19</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Choice Fund-HOPWA
	<b>Target Area</b>	City-wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve the Housing Stock & General Property Con

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	1,710
Non-Homeless	166
Special-Needs	128
Total	2,004

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	128
The Production of New Units	21
Rehab of Existing Units	16
Acquisition of Existing Units	16
Total	181

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

#### Discussion