

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 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is an evaluation of the City's accomplishments and progress towards meeting its housing and community development project goals, as stated in its FY 2024 Annual Action Plan and FY 2020-2024 five-year Consolidated Plan. As a recipient of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Allentown's Department of Community and Economic Development (CED) is charged with preparing the CAPER in accordance with HUD funding reporting requirements. The City of Allentown currently receives three entitlement grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This CAPER represents the fourth year of the five-year strategic plan. Highlights of the plan include, **Housing Needs**, to maintain and improve the condition of the housing stock to meet or exceed current code standards; and make available affordable homeownership, within the existing housing stock in Allentown. Another major goal of the plan is to **address homeless needs**, to support prevention strategies that address the root causes of chronic homelessness, through the provision of tenant education; rental assistance; job/vocational training; employment services. The five-year Consolidated plan also addresses the Community **Development needs**, by revitalizing Allentown's economy through vocational/educational training of City residents, small business guidance, and loans, and promotion of new activities city wide. Address **the elderly and frail and continue to support activities** that provide affordable housing for elderly and frail elderly residents. **Support Mental Illness and Drug and Alcohol addiction** by continuing to offer support and assistance to local agencies that provide supportive services and outreach programs to these individuals. Lastly to address **persons with disabilities and any persons with HIV/AIDS** by continuing to support activities that serve these populations.

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
2015 Goal - Public Safety Goals	Public Safety		Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	1				
2016 Goal - Public Safety Goals	Public Safety		Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	1				
2017 Goal - Public Safety Goals	Public Safety		Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	1				
2018 Goal - Public Safety Goals	Public Safety		Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	1				
2019 Goal - Public Safety Goals	Public Safety		Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	1				
2020 Goal - Addressing Impediments to Fair Housing	Affordable Housing		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	150	223	148.67%			
2020 Goal - Economic Development/Job Creation	Economic Development		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	400		%			

2020 Goal - Economic Development/Job Creation	Economic Development		Businesses Assisted	15	133	886.67%		
2020 Goal - Homeless Support Activities	Affordable Housing Homeless	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	450	240	53.33%		
2020 Goal - Homeless Support Activities	Affordable Housing Homeless	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	15	35	233.33%		
2020 Goal - Homeless Support Activities	Affordable Housing Homeless	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	1500	688	45.87%		
2020 Goal - New Affordable Ownership Housing	Affordable Housing	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	460	0	0.00%		
2020 Goal - New Affordable Ownership Housing	Affordable Housing	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	8	4	50.00%		
2020 Goal - New Affordable Ownership Housing	Affordable Housing	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	0			
2020 Goal - New Affordable Rental Housing	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	100	0	0.00%		

2020 Goal - New Affordable Rental Housing	Affordable Housing Public Housing		Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	4				
2020 Goal - Planning and Administration	Planning and Administration		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	50	0	0.00%			
2020 Goal - Planning and Administration	Planning and Administration		Other	Other	1	1	100.00%			
2020 Goal - Public Facilities Improvements	Public Facilities		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	4000	0	0.00%			
2020 Goal - Public Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	25000	1275	5.10%			
2020 Goal - Public Safety Goals	Public Safety		Buildings Demolished	Buildings	90	2	2.22%			
2020 Goal - Public Safety Goals	Public Safety		Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	16				
2020 Goal - Public Services	Public Services		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5000	0	0.00%			

2020 Goal - Public Services	Public Services		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	100	0	0.00%		
2020 Goal - Rehabilitation of Owner-Occupied Homes	Affordable Housing		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	25	0	0.00%		
2020 Goal - Rehabilitation of Owner-Occupied Homes	Affordable Housing		Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	0			
2020 Goal - Special Needs Goals (Non-Homeless)	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	460	0	0.00%		
2020 Goal - Special Needs Goals (Non-Homeless)	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	460	0	0.00%		
2021 Goal - Homeless Support Activities	Homeless		Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	200			
2021 Goal - Homeless Support Activities	Homeless		Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0			
2021 Goal - Homeless Support Activities	Homeless		Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0			

2021 Goal - New Affordable Ownership Housing	Affordable Housing		Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0						
2021 Goal - New Affordable Rental Housing	Affordable Housing		Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0						
2021 Goal - Public Facilities Improvements	Public Facility		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0						
2021 Goal - Public Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development Public Infrastructure Improvements		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0						
2021 Goal - Public Safety	Buildings Demolished		Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	0						
2021 Goal - Public Services	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	170						
2021 Goal - Public Services	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0						

2021 Goal - Public Services	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	63				
2021 Goal - Public Services	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	57				
2021 Goal - Rehabilitation of Owner-Occupied Homes	Affordable Housing	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0				
2021 Goal - Rehabilitation of Owner-Occupied Homes	Affordable Housing	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	30				
2021 Goal - Special Needs (Non-Homeless)	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	563				
2022 Goal - Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners	Affordable Housing	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0				

2022 Goal - Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners	Affordable Housing		Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	0					
2022 Goal - New Affordable Ownership Housing	Affordable Housing		Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0					
2022 Goal - New Affordable Rental Housing	Affordable Housing		Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0					
2022 Goal - Public Facilities Improvements	Public Facilities Improvements		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0					
2022 Goal - Public Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development Public Infrastructure Improvements		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0					
2022 Goal - Public Safety	Demolition		Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0					
2022 Goal - Public Safety	Demolition		Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	0					

2022 Goal - Public Safety	Demolition		Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	0							
Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$300000 / HOME: \$908891	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	3	2	66.67%	2	0				0.00%
Housing Rehabilitation Programs for LMI Homeowners	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$300000 / HOME: \$908891	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	140	0	0.00%	90	0				0.00%
New Affordable Ownership Housing	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$150000	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	20	2	10.00%	0	0				0.00%
Planning and Administration		CDBG: \$460492 / HOME: \$117654 / ESG: \$14803.95	Other	Other	10	10	100.00%	2	2				100.00%
Public Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$800000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1369	2	0.15%	1069	1				0.09%

Public Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$800000	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	2	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Public Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$800000	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	1	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Public Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$800000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	22	0	20	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Public Safety	Demolition	CDBG: \$300000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	500	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Public Safety	Demolition	CDBG: \$300000	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	2	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Public Safety	Demolition	CDBG: \$300000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	2	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

Public Service	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$431969 / ESG: \$182582.05	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2752	1215	44.15%	1345	239	17.77%
Public Service	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$431969 / ESG: \$182582.05	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Public Service	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$431969 / ESG: \$182582.05	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	800	995	124.38%	0	0	0.00%
Public Service	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$431969 / ESG: \$182582.05	Other	Other	30	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Special Needs (non-homeless)	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$10000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	260	1218	486.46%	215	1038	482.79%
Special Needs (non-homeless)	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$10000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%

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.

The highest priority identified in the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan is affordable housing for low to moderate income individuals. The Consolidated Plan focuses on housing and community development needs, including affordable housing, rehabilitation of old housing stock, and the creation of affordable housing units. For the City to support affordable housing, we fund nonprofit organizations to combat blight, create affordable housing and provide homeownership counseling and financial assistance for first time homebuyers. The City assists with the acquisition of vacant properties for use in homeownership and affordable rental programs. This includes projects by Habitat for Humanity, HADC, Allentown Housing Authority, and the Allentown Redevelopment Authority.

During the FY 2024, the City did not meet all its goals for expected units of measurement due to the delay in funding. These activities are in progress and the city will meet its goals in FY 2025.

As a City we fund:

Code Enforcement & Rehabilitation - \$1,000,369

Acquisition & Disposition: The Allentown Redevelopment Authority has undergone numerous staff changes and will be reevaluating their projects in order to spend down CDBG funds in a timely manner.

Demolition/Hazard - We had several projects in 2024 that were funded for Hazard. The funds are used to improve housing stock for low to moderate income homeowners.

Lead Remediation - This is a CDBG match for the city lead program. We have a grant for over \$3,000,000 over 3 years. We assisted 155 properties to become lead safe.

Public Services- \$226,969

15 public services were funded in 2024. These non-profit agencies had a late start in 2024 as HUD funds were allocated late in the year, and contracts were not approved December. In 2024, two new nonprofit organizations were funded, this includes Kellyn Foundation. These are

organizations that serve our community and have brought enhanced services to Allentown.

Administration and Economic Development - \$460,492

Provide sound and professional planning, program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federally funded programs. The city continued to use CDBG and CDBG-CV funds to pay for administrative and office expenses of both programs. We continue to develop and plan for studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with Federal regulations.

HOME Investment Partnership Program -\$978,816.08

The Allentown Housing Authority completed their Little Lehigh Housing Development which will provide new, energy efficient, and affordable rental units to low to moderate income households within the city of Allentown.

Community Action Better Homes is working as CHDO to complete a housing project in Allentown.

Habitat for Humanity has implemented a Home Repair Program to assist low to moderate income homeowners

Habitat for Humanity has also completed their ColorLab project, which provides housing low to moderate income homeowners.

Emergency Solutions Grants Program - \$202,362

The city collaborates alongside 4 shelters and has made strides in keeping unsheltered people informed of added resources within Allentown.

One of the organizations is new- Aspire to Autonomy is a shelter geared towards victims of Human Trafficking.

The Lehigh Conference of Churches is providing Rapid Rehousing services to City residents.

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	HOME	HOPWA
White	9,066	10	0
Black or African American	10,407	10	0
Asian	37		0
American Indian or American Native	36		0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	58		0
TOTAL	23,238	24	0
ETHNICITY			
Hispanic	14,505	16	0
Not Hispanic	8,733	8	0

Describe the clients assisted (including the racial and/or ethnicity of clients assisted with ESG)

	HESG
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	9
Asian or Asian American	2
Black, African American, or African	278
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	263
Middle Eastern or North African	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	228
Multiracial	270
Client does not know	0
Client prefers not to answer	0
Data not collected	0

Total

1052

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

Narrative

The City of Allentown’s Community and Economic Development department continues to monitor all HUD CDBG, ESG, and HOME-funded programs. We monitor monthly, quarterly, and yearly to report the maintenance, accomplishments, data, and reimbursement of funds. Funding was received late and will be disbursed later than usual, possibly in the first quarter of 2024. The funded organizations have provided data on their program accomplishments that support diverse households, including residents with disabilities, and others with female heads of households. The City continues to make it a priority to fund programs that make the most impact on the community citywide. Last year the city paid particular attention to all the organization’s handbooks, and beneficiaries focusing on equal opportunity and nondiscrimination clauses.

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	2,380,753	1,783,698
HOME	public - federal	4,043,464	3,064,648
HOPWA	public - federal	0	0
ESG	public - federal	202,362	14,804

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The five-year consolidated plan has identified a City-wide initiative without targeted areas or outlined opportunity zones for the nonprofit organizations. The city has also identified a City-wide need through our ten-year Comprehensive plan; Vision 2030, the plan revealed that the city needed affordable housing Citywide, not just focused areas. The plan also revealed that blighted properties are a nuisance to city residents. Following these findings, the city has found low to moderate income individuals in various parts of the city facing similar challenges catering to the city instead of targeted areas has proved to be more impactful to the low to moderate income residents especially during the pandemic.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

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

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Center City has been a highlight in the City of Allentown, for many years the city is now taking a different city-wide approach to engage the city residents where they are. Historically the majority of LMI individuals live in center City, but most recent 10-year comprehension plan, revealed the need for affordable housing City-wide, the city also felt as if the rest of the city was being neglected. Taking a Macro approach to location investments, with micro attention within the locations, is the best most effective way to expend funding.

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 has had no match liability for several years, but still tries to add match yearly, if possible. For the ESG program, all subrecipients contributed considerable match to the programs funded with ESG dollars(100%). These match funds came from a variety of sources, as noted in the ESG section of the report. ESG subrecipients such as Six Street Shelter, Allentown Rescue Mission, Lehigh Conference of Churches, YMCA -Warming Station and the Salvation Army contributes considerable match to city funded activities. All programs funded with ESG dollars match funds come from various sources such as the County, private donors etc.

CDBG activities have no match requirement, however subrecipients must be able to support and maintain their programs.

No publicly owned land or property was used for this year.

The City of Allentown does require a 25% Home Match. These funds can be: cash; donated construction materials or volunteer labor; value of donated land or real property; value of foregone interest, taxes, fees, or charges levied by public or private entities; investments in on- or offsite improvements; proceeds from bond financing; the cost of supportive services provided to families living in HOME units; and the cost of homebuyer counseling to families purchasing HOME-assisted units. Proof of Match must be submitted with their budget.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	0
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3 .Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	0
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	0

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Number						
Dollar Amount						
Sub-Contracts						
Number						
Dollar Amount						
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Number						
Dollar Amount						
Sub-Contracts						
Number						
Dollar Amount						

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number						
Dollar Amount						

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired						
Businesses Displaced						
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced						
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced						
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number						
Cost						

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	48	145
Number of special-needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	48	145

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through rental assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through the production of new units	48	6
Number of households supported through the rehab of existing units	2	23
Number of households supported through the acquisition of existing units	0	142
Total	50	171

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

The City's continued efforts to demonstrate progress in providing more affordable housing for its residents.

HOME projects are moving toward completion. The project on North Street has been completed. The Allentown Housing Authority has completed its new HOME project. The construction of this project

started planning in 2020 and broke ground in 2022 and was completed in 2024. In Addition, HDC Mid Atlantic has broken ground on an affordable housing project geared to Seniors and those with disabilities. This project is also complete. All CDBG-HOME and ESG activities are monitored quarterly for progress. The city has begun setting milestones within HOME projects to ensure timeliness. The City funds four shelters and one rapid rehousing program these programs address adult homelessness and transitional avenues, Valley Youth; Synergy addresses the homeless youth and provides transitional help. Lehigh Conference of Churches: Daybreak is a drop-in center for persons living with mental illness or physical disabilities and those struggling with addiction or HIV/AIDS, as well as the neighborhood's elderly. The staff teach life skills and work with members to provide stability. Daybreak serves two balanced meals during the week. Lehigh Conference of Churches: Pathway's assist qualifying residents with Rapid rehousing and rental assistance. The LVCIL; PLACE program assisted over 76 at risk of homeless Allentown residents with disabilities in 2024 with various housing services such as intake, housing Counseling, support coordination and follow-along services.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The goal of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME activities is to ensure that activities are attainable, taking all risk factors into consideration. Newer organizations experience comprehensive monitoring, as these organizations are considered high-risk recipients. The city will continue to closely monitor monthly activity reports, invoices, and community needs. All organizations submit applications that are carefully read and scored by each member of the "Grant team" and a representative from the mayor and City Council. The scores are then averaged by the Grants Manager and any questions are discussed directly with the organization. These actions impact the next year's annual plans and preparation.

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	0	5
Low-income	0	3
Moderate-income	0	4
Total	0	12

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The City has completed a Housing Needs and Community Health Needs Assessment. The City is in the process of ensuring this housing study is incorporated into our CDBG, HOME and ESG programs to provide services, home improvements and Emergency shelters if necessary. The City will use CDBG administrative funds for a citywide blight strategy to address blighted properties and contract with an agency to get these properties back up to code and in livable conditions.

12 rental units under the HOME investment Partnership Program meet the 215 Section definition of affordable housing

2 Homebuyer Units under the HOME investment Partnership Program meet the 215 Section definition of affordable housing

Overall, the City's progress of providing affordable housing assistance during the 2024 grant year has been steady. The 1528 West project, is on schedule for completion in 2025, which will provide affordable rental housing to extremely low, low and moderate income individuals in Allentown. In addition, this specific property houses those with developmental disabilities.

In addition, Community Action Lehigh Valley is rehabilitating a single family unit, which will serve a low to moderate income household.

In addition, our Housing Needs Assessment was completed in May 2024, and will provide guidance on how to develop additional affordable housing within the city.

To address the city's "worst case needs", the city funds several organizations who support the housing needs for persons with disabilities. The Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living provides assistance to those who need ADA compliant units, assist with converting units to be ADA compliant, and overall assist with finding a rental unit. North Penn Legal Services provides Fair Housing services to extremely low, low and moderate income residents of Allentown. They also assist with eviction proceedings to keep households from being displaced by their landlord. The Allentown Redevelopment Authority is dedicated to removing blight within the city, rehabilitating the units, and selling to low to moderate income homebuyers.

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 a part of the Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board (LVRHAB) a subset of the thirty-three County PA509 Continuum of Care (COC). The COC meet to discuss ideas and discuss the homeless population at large and try to develop solutions on a quarterly basis. The City also funds Valley Youth House: Synergy Project, the purpose of this program is to engage homeless youth, by providing emergency supplies and providing guidance for youth to remain safe on the streets. After ensuring youth are safe, Valley Youth House provides goal planning, life skills, instruction, and linkages with community-based services to support the youth. The goal is to achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Valley Youth House: Synergy Program ensures that youth are relayed to an emergency shelter and other community services to ensure their health, wellbeing, and safety. The city also supports the RHAB 211 an automated system that homeless individuals can call and get direct assistance, at various times throughout the day. Another program that the city supports is Lehigh Conference of Churches, Rapid Rehousing, this program, aids individuals in finding housing or give rental assistance to prevent homelessness. The city supports all local shelters and assist in the funding of daily operations and major rehabilitation, and maintenance. The city currently began working with grassroots organizations who specifically cater to the homeless population.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The city has four emergency shelters including the newly renovated YMCA warming station. The shelters include the Allentown Rescue Mission specifically for men, the Six Street Shelter designed for families, and the Salvation Army who serve women and children. The Grant team have explored different possibilities and intake shelter options that are currently in the works. All shelters except for the YMCA Warming Station operate the entire year. All the shelters use HMIS and have different transitional housing method to rehome the homeless population. The Allentown Rescue Mission help men with trades, courses, and workshops as well as case work to help navigate obstacles and obtain goals. The Rescue Mission also gives jobs to those in need with the Clean Team, which is partially funded by the City of Allentown Recycling Department, the clean team helps maintain the City, as well as mow the lawns of residents that have not or are unable to mow their own lawns. The Six Street Shelter does most of its transitional work with community partners such as Lehigh Conference of Churches: PATHWAYS a Rapid Rehousing program, local colleges, and their Turner Street apartment program, which is somewhat of a transitional housing program for selected women. The Salvation Army also uses community partners and case work to attain transitional housing. The Allentown Housing Authority and Lehigh County Children and youth also partner with local shelters to provide qualifying Allentown residents with subsidized rent, assistance, and vouchers throughout the city.

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

The City funds four shelters and one rapid rehousing program these programs address adult homelessness and transitional avenues, Valley Youth; Synergy addresses the homeless youth and provides transitional help. Lehigh Conference of Churches: Daybreak is a drop-in center for persons living with mental illness or physical disabilities and those struggling with addiction or HIV/AIDS, as well as the neighborhood's elderly. The staff teach life skills and work with members to provide stability. Daybreak serves two balanced meals during the week. Lehigh Conference of Churches: Pathway's assist qualifying residents with Rapid rehousing and rental assistance. The LVCIL; PLACE program assisted over 76 at risk of homeless Allentown residents with disabilities in 2024 with various housing services such as intake, housing Counseling, support coordination and follow-along services.

The Eastern PA CoC undertook a comprehensive Coordinated Entry system. Coordinated Entry is fully implemented in the Lehigh Valley. The Lehigh Valley Coordinated Entry coordinates access, assessment, and referral to housing and services for families and individuals in Lehigh and Northampton Counties experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness. Coordinated Entry includes outreach services through Valley Youth House and a walk-in site. The walk-in site is operated by the Lehigh Conference of Churches in Allentown. Additionally, the Continuum of Care continues to work with local providers to follow its discharge policy for assisting persons aging out of foster care, and being released from health care facilities, mental health facilities, and correctional facilities.

The City of Allentown does not have any other types of institutions.

Other organizations that are dedicated to the youth are Boys and Girls Club, Community Bike works, the Neighborhood Center, YMCA and the Baum School of Art, these organizations provide various leadership, educational, and creative programs for the youth of Allentown. The Literacy Center provides ESL classes to the residents of Allentown who according to the US Census 55% of the population in Allentown is Hispanic, the Literacy Center provides these courses as a transitional step to better employment for our Spanish speaking population.

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 Lehigh Conference of Churches does a great job through Pathway's Housing, The City also fund various agencies, to qualify LMI individuals for loans geared towards home ownership and rental assistance, Affordable housing is a significant issue in our City and our CED office are working to see if there are ways within legislation to help. The Lehigh Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board (LVRHAB), A sub-set of the thirty three county PA 509 An email exchange system allows providers to communicate and share information. Especially successful outreaches which results in housing of persons that a particular agency could not serve but other agencies were able to. It is important for the City to continue to help the homelessness issue in our area, and we will continue to fund agencies that assist in this mindset. The LVCIL have been helping individuals with disabilities, create a more productive and self-sustaining life and obtain work.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City partners with the Allentown Housing Authority as well as Penrose to assist LMI persons into subsidized housing with controlled rent and affordable utilities. The City is currently working with the Housing Authority to create 8 more affordable housing units.

HDC Mid Atlantic has constructed 49 affordable units dedicated to Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

The City completed its housing study to address the City's housing needs.

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

The City of Allentown sits on the board for the Allentown Housing Authority and meet monthly to discuss possible public housing solutions at large throughout the City.

All housing agencies are encouraged to have one resident on the board for community input. The Allentown Housing Authority board of commissioners has one position reserved for a resident of public housing or a participant in the housing choice voucher (HVC) program. In addition, the Allentown Housing Authority staff meet quarterly with the Resident Advisory Board (RAB), made up of residents from all the public housing communities and HCV program. The RAB provides feedback to AHA on activities and programs that they provide. Residents are encouraged to participate in the family self-sufficiency programs which allows eligible residents to accumulate funds in a savings account that otherwise would be paid in rent. Upon graduation the funds can be used for a down payment on a home. Home ownership is a big goal for the City as most of our housing stock is renter occupied. Habitat for Humanity works towards the homeownership goal by working with LMI to put in equity hours into home rehabilitation, the organization teaches the home buyer about rehabilitation and home ownership, they then help the resident acquire home ownership. Community Action Financial Services (CAFS) offers LMI first time homebuyer courses and down payment aide to acquire home ownership. HADC, and CACLV: Better Homes both acquire homes and rehab the properties, with affordability restrictions written into the deeds.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Housing Authority of the City of Allentown is a standard performing agency and the City is currently funding a housing project for 1.3 million of HOME funding and 1 Million of HOME ARP. The City has set aside funds to assist in the reconstruction of a subsidized community in Allentown. The City is currently working with the Housing Authority to create 8 more affordable housing units. The only problem present is the lack of subsidized communities within the City, due to lack of funds and space available, the City is currently planning a different approach and exploring various funding options to assist.

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 currently has six codes that address the issue of health and safety of residential units. Four of the six are based on national standards developed by Building officials and Code administrators international (BOCA): Building, plumbing electrical, and fire prevention. The property rehabilitation & maintenance code outlines in detail all the responsibilities of renters and homeowners and it is available on the City website. In addition, the City's Health code impacts the health and safety of residential units. Both ordinances adapt national and state standards. The City is exploring ways to limit renter occupied properties and introduce more owner-occupied properties to the City. In addition, the City is currently rewriting the Zoning Code to further promote fair, safe, and affordable housing to Allentown residents.

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

When feasible the city partners with several public agencies and nonprofit organizations to leverage resources and maximize outcomes involving housing and community development activities. The City's Street department, Health Bureau and Parks and Recreation are large parts of city improvement, offering several programs and activities for LMI youth and adults and infrastructural improvements in LMI areas, which are imperative for the community's quality of life.

The city also holds public hearings in reference to its yearly Action Plan to gain insight and feedback on how CDBG, HOME and ESG funds should be allocated.

Increased foreclosures and evictions – in addition to the community implications of the recent economic downturn are effects on a more individual basis, such as a high foreclosure rate and evictions, the associated problem of poor credit, and rising unemployment. The Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living provided counseling for persons with disabilities to secure affordable and appropriate housing and prevent homelessness. The Daybreak program provides a drop-in program including three meals daily to persons affected with mental health challenges.

Increased need of HOME subrecipients, the city needs more organizations to be HOME qualified and CHDO qualified to subset the need of affordable housing throughout the city, the city also needs HOME projects that seek to rehabilitate and eliminate blighted areas in the city.

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

the City was awarded a \$5.7 million federal grant and the HUD team allocated 500,000 to the lead paint grant these funds are to be drawn over the next three years. These funds are to address an estimated

310 housing units of LMI homeowners or landlords whose tenant's income qualify city wide. In 2024,93 lead projects were completed, the benchmark was 62, bringing the program total to 155. The City also held free lead education classes through which 11 Lead Supervisors, 21 Lead Workers, and 15 RRP Certified Lead Renovators were trained to safely work with Lead Paint Hazards.

The city has had a lead program for over 30 years, lead hazards are often coupled with code in the remediation process, all HOME projects are lead tested as well. Actions are being taken to eliminate lead in the city.

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

The City believes that the most effective method of lowering the number of households living in poverty is to assist in developing the skills necessary to become more independent and self-sufficient. This philosophy is reflected throughout the projects selected and implemented.

Programs like the business entrepreneurship, and youth entrepreneurship by CACLV promote economic development, job creation and discovery leading families out of poverty. The HUD team has monthly interactive meetings with the Business Development office to assist with funding to create more job opportunity in the city, as well as gather an update on the small business sustainability. The City funds the Business Development -Retail Mosaic Self Forgiving loan through the CACLV: Rising Tide, this program allows community business owners or aspiring business owners to apply for a self-forgiving loan to help grow their business, one of the stipulations of this loan is that the business owner gives employment to LMI Allentown residents, and report on these goals yearly.

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

The City of Allentown's Department of Community and Economic Development is responsible for the overall implementation each year of the CAPER, Action Plan, and the five-year strategy. The department administers the contracts with nonprofit organizations providing housing rehabilitation services, homeownership opportunities, supportive housing for special needs populations, shelter, and supportive counseling for the homeless, and social services for those threatened with homelessness.

In addition, the Department will review proposals that seek to increase the supply and affordability of standard rental housing units. There are several offices within the City's departmental structure that provide housing, economic, and community development services to citizens of Allentown.

These include:

The Bureau of Planning and Zoning works with many community organizations that provide services pursuant to the Plan.

The Bureau of Building Standards and Safety is responsible for code enforcement, inspections, hazard

remediation and for demolition of dilapidated buildings.

The Bureau of Health is responsible for the childhood lead testing program, the window guard program, opioid crisis program as well as the summers youth recreational program funded by the HUD team which provides City children with meals and activities throughout the summer.

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Allentown assists with the elimination of blight by acquisition and property management.

Finally, through the city's participation in the LVRHAB, the city collaborates with other communities in the Lehigh Valley including Lehigh County, Northampton County and the cities of Bethlehem and Easton.

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

The City's application for funding processes allows a myriad of agencies and service providers, including those providing housing, to communicate and collaborate. This open process often results in collaborations among agencies and providers, which then develop innovative programs because of these meetings. For instance, local college Lehigh Carbon Community College partners with the Lehigh Valley Workforce, Lehigh Technical Institute partners with Communities in Schools, and the Allentown Housing Authority partners with Penn Rose, for management of subsidized housing. There is also much communication among agencies as well as our yearly application analysis to avoid duplication of services. Participation in the LVRHAB allows for over 70 member agencies/government. Entities/providers and citizens to collaborate and discuss issues to alleviate homelessness in the Lehigh Valley. The city is also acting and trying to recruit housing developers to take on the City of Allentown and provide more housing services. There is not a specific number of potential or active public/private partnerships occurring, but there is certainly more activity than previous years.

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

Impediment 1: Steering by Real Estate Agent

Actions - Outreach and training of Real Estate Agents; During the program year, NPLS, as part of the Fair Housing Consortium work, provided outreach and training to the Greater LV Board of Realtors.

Impediment 2: Disparities in Mortgage Lending

Action – Worked with Fair Housing Consortium (members with Cities of Bethlehem, Easton and counties of Northampton and Lehigh) to determine how to address began discussions about how best to address.

Impediment 3: Need for Increased Fair Housing Education

Action – Continued to fund the Fair Housing Consortium which works and funds.

North Penn Legal Services to provide project activities include work on fair housing cases, distribution of fair housing materials, and coordinating fair housing training and outreach events throughout the year.

The Consortium and NPLS advocates handled 85 cases in 2024, including 85 new cases opened and 72 cases closed. Fair Housing Materials and information was distributed to an estimated total of 3,374 persons. Material was distributed via in-person or virtually through zoom. NPLS provided outreach and training to educate 384 professionals and 40 low-income residents over the course of 2022.

Impediment 4: Need for Increased Coordination among Fair Housing Providers

Action - Continued to work with the Fair Housing Consortium, North Penn Legal Services, and other fair housing providers to promote and coordinate fair housing education. Held quarterly meetings with the Consortium. In collaboration with the City of Bethlehem, coordinated NPLS to present a fair housing seminar to the HUD funded housing providers who work in both cities.

Impediment 5: Condition of Affordable Housing Stock

Action - Funded programs to improve condition of affordable housing stock citywide.

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

General Monitoring

The HUD Grants Monitor continues to conduct risk-based monitoring for all subrecipients, the most recent meaningful change was to create a process where there was a balance with both virtual and in-person visits. The City is moving toward in-person visits for all monitoring. Monitoring was completed in-person during 2024, when appropriate. When monitoring was completed virtually, it was done by requesting both video visits when appropriate, verification pictures of required posted federal regulations, requesting scanned in documents to support contract goals, etc. Desk top monitoring was done by requesting agencies to scan client files into a secure system for review.

Performance reports, invoices and demographic data were submitted electronically. Contracts were simplified in plain language for transparency purposes, as well as edited for appropriateness in areas such as Nondiscrimination, Disability, etc. All social service agencies received an environmental review exempt form to sign. The department held individual seminars for new subrecipients explaining in depth all grant programs and what you should expect when being monitored, monitoring PowerPoint also contained federal, state, and local rules and regulations.

One of the main monitoring goals is to assist subrecipients meet contract goals. To achieve this goal in 2025 the department will be meeting with the subrecipients to coach into process of the HUD Grants Application.

HOME

All HOME projects were ongoing, all projects were photographed periodically throughout the year. Invoices that contained construction work, required on-site monitoring.

ESG

All ESG funded subrecipients were required to utilize HMIS in the year 2024, including the YMCA Warming Station. All quarterly reports were submitted, and site visits were done when the time presented itself

Monitoring Process

the Hud Grants Monitor will reach out to the organization when all funds are exhausted, (it is the monitors discretion whether an in-person or digital monitoring is required. When the Monitor reaches out, the organization will be provided a list of all items that will be monitored and give the organization about 30 days to get all documents together. If the visit is done virtually, the organization is required to email all requested documents before the due date.

The HUD Grants monitor utilizes a checklist to monitor each activity (CDBG, HOME, & ESG). - each checklist is different as every grant is slightly different. The HUD monitor sends out an email with three dates and times for the agency to choose from, as well as a preliminary checklist, and accessibility survey so that the agency is prepared. If monitored virtually, the organization is asked to submit all documents on a due date, within receiving documents a week follows, the organization is notified via US mail

If documents are missing the HUD Grants Monitor provides a request of findings and a 30-day window to remediate those findings. If there are no findings or at the end for the remediation period (given the agency has remediated all findings) the HUD Grants Monitor sends a compliance letter.

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 city of Allentown Department of Community and Economic Development pledges to provide an opportunity for citizen participation with its construction of the five-year Consolidated Plan and correlated Annual Action Plans. The main source of distribution for announcement of citizen participation is an annual mailer to local non-profit organizations, businesses, and former participating citizens. The mailing is sent to provide a process and timeline for citizen participation. The city's Community and Economic Development Department has a comprehensive mailing list of non-profit organizations, businesses and interested citizens. Mailings are sent as a formal invitation for participation. Additionally, the city holds public hearings to invoke collaboration in the citizen participation process.

The city will make an immediate announcement upon the CAPER being complete in the local newspaper, The Morning Call. The CAPER will be available as a digital copy on the City's Community and Economic Development webpage. The city will offer 15 days for community input, will address feedback accordingly. The City of Allentown is ADA accessible. The city also has a Spanish speaking staff to assist with anyone needing help, as well as translation lines. The city also uses social media to encourage citizen participation.

The Public Notice was advertised from [April 15- May 5, 2025. No comments were 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 has not made any changes to the Consolidated Plan and its program objectives during this reporting period.

The city is looking complete several community based projects. This will assist some of subrecipients meet their program goals. Our public service subrecipients are finding it difficult to meet their goals when the service area is limited to certain sections of the city. We provide income documentation forms to the public service organizations that must be completed by the client or household prior to receiving services to ensure that they are low to moderate income and residing in the city of Allentown.

Most processes have been digitalized for efficiency and healthy practices. Subrecipients find it more straightforward to email quarterly and yearly documents, as well as sending in the Consolidated Grants Application via email. This allows the city to promote a clean, healthy, and safe environment. The city also has a shared folder where all applications and appropriate correspondences are stored, which is secured and only can be accessed by the HUD teams. The city is taking a community-based approach in certain areas of the city to address HUD's national objectives. Agencies have found achieving program goals easier due to the less restricted target area, which allows services to be available to all low to moderate income residents of Allentown. While subrecipients find this easier, in 2024 the city will have a specific region where funds will be targeted.

With the specific region that will be targeted, the anticipated goal is to invest in neighborhoods who need it the most. Prioritizing these neighborhoods will ensure that CDBG and HOME funds are meeting the goals of the HUD program. These funds will serve low to moderate income households, to improve their overall quality of life.

All agencies are required to submit an Annual Performance Report and quarterly reports, invoices are also received digitally.

The department elaborated on the CDBG-HOME-ESG rubric for transparency purposes.

The City of Allentown has entered into a HUD 108 Loan with the Da Vinci Science Center. The loan was for \$5,605,000.00 and has drawn those funds from the IDIS system. The Science center is said to draw 400,000 people per year which will include children from city schools and will be a learning experience of a lifetime. Also, the Science Center will also promote tourism and will also generate revenue for city businesses. The Science Center will have interchangeable exhibits for a new experience each time its visited. The Da Vinci Science Center opened in May 2024. In order to serve Allentown residents, the Da Vinci Center will provide free or reduced entry fees for Allentown School District students. The DaVinci Center will coordinate with area schools, and other means to promote tourism within the city.

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

No

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

CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in 24 CFR §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

CALV Better Homes- 136 S. 8th Street

Single unit home that will be sold to a low to moderate income homebuyer. This project has had a slow start and is currently blighted. On site inspections will happen once the project has started.

HDC Mid Atlantic- This project finished in 2024 and had its final inspections.

Allentown Housing Authority- Is currently creating 46 house and 19 apartments, this will be an ongoing project for at least the next two years. We are monitoring the payroll by the Davis Bacon rules which is provided by the sub-contractor Penrose. An onsite inspection has not been completed in 2023 and 2024.

All properties below were blighted, acquisition and rehabilitation were done last inspections were completed by HOME Administrator and City Inspector.

Any new or rehabbed rentals must be registered through the city and given a proper inspection prior to anyone inhabiting the unit. Habitat for Humanity passed all habitability inspections, and The Color Lab has received its Certificate of Occupancy.

Habitat for Humanity- Cumberland Street

The property was built on a vacant in the city. Single unit home sold to a low to moderate income household. Monitoring has been completed for this project.

Habitat for Humanity- Tacoma Street

This project was completed in 2023 and sold to lower to moderate income homebuyers. Monitoring has been completed for this project.

Valley Housing Development Corporation- The Color Lab

VHDC renovated 12 affordable apartments. Rent will not exceed 30% of the household's income.

The Color Lab has received its Certificate of Occupancy.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

Each subrecipient is marketing according to the requirements of HUD for HOME units, LMI occupied are verified yearly. As part of the City's HOME monitoring, the City is requesting a narrative prior to any project that describes how any future HOME assisted unit will be affirmatively marketed. The City ensures deed restrictions within the HOME assisted units to ensure affordability periods. The City requests that all HOME projects use the income verification form provided by the City which gives the City demographics.

Allentown also requires all grantees to adopt a Fair Housing policy, which is a part of their HOME contract. For grantees that have housing programs, as part of the monitoring process, they must show how they complied with affirmatively further fair housing when advertising their programs and/or renting their units.

HOME projects follow all federal, state, and local rules and regulations as well as follow the city's MBE/WBE handbook.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

All program income is returned to the city and is reinvested in future projects. In 2024, the city receipted \$85,617 in Program Income from loan payoffs. The Habitat for Humanity project is completed and in the process of being monitored. Habitat for Humanity works together with families, local communities, volunteers, and partners from around the world so that more people are able to live in affordable and safe homes.

Habitat for Humanity sold 4 homes, all to low to moderate income homebuyers.

Unit 1

50-60% LMI

Hispanic

White

Single Parent

Unit 2

50-60%LMI

Hispanic

Multi Racial

Single Parent

Unit 3

30-50% LMI

Hispanic

Multi Racial

Single Parent

Unit 4

30-50% LMI

Hispanic

White

Two Parents

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

In 2024, the City of Allentown underwent a Housing and Community Needs assessment. The results have been made available and will be utilized in prioritizing the City's 2025 CDBG, ESG, and HOME funding. There are also several developers who are applying for LIHTC credits this year.

CR-55 - HOPWA 91.520(e)

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

Table for report on the one-year goals for the number of households provided housing through the use of HOPWA activities for: short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments to prevent homelessness of the individual or family; tenant-based rental assistance; and units provided in housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds.

Number of Households Served Through:	One-year Goal	Actual
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments	0	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	0	0
Units provided in transitional housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0	0
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 14 – HOPWA Number of Households Served

Narrative

The City of Allentown entered an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to administer its HOPWA funds. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reports on all HOPWA achievements.

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	0	0	0	0	
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0	0	0	
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0	0	0	

Table 15 – 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	0	0	0	0	
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	0	0	0	0	
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0	0	0	0	
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.	0	0	0	0	
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	0	0	0	0	
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0	0	0	
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	0	0	0	0	
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.	0	0	0	0	
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.	0	0	0	0	
Held one or more job fairs.	0	0	0	0	
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	0	0	0	0	
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.	0	0	0	0	
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0	0	0	0	
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.	0	0	0	0	
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	0	0	0	0	
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0	0	0	0	
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0	0	0	
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.	0	0	0	0	
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.	0	0	0	0	
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.	0	0	0	0	
Other.	0	0	0	0	

Table 16 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The City does not have any section 3 organizations right now, we are working on a plan to bring more eligible activities.

CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps*

For Paperwork Reduction Act

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

Basic Grant Information

Recipient Name	ALLENTOWN
Organizational DUNS Number	068569656
UEI	
EIN/TIN Number	236003116
Identify the Field Office	PHILADELPHIA
Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance	

ESG Contact Name

Prefix	Ms.
First Name	Teresa
Middle Name	
Last Name	Dakuginow
Suffix	
Title	Grants Manager

ESG Contact Address

Street Address 1	435 Hamilton Street
Street Address 2	
City	Allentown
State	PA
ZIP Code	-
Phone Number	6104377610
Extension	2748
Fax Number	
Email Address	teresa.dakuginow@allentownpa.gov

ESG Secondary Contact

Prefix	Ms.
First Name	Yadeliz
Last Name	Velez
Suffix	
Title	Grants Monitor
Phone Number	6104377610
Extension	2730
Email Address	yadeliz.velez@allentownpa.gov

2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date	01/01/2024
Program Year End Date	12/31/2024

3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name
City
State
Zip Code
DUNS Number
UEI
Is subrecipient a victim services provider
Subrecipient Organization Type
ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount

CR-65 - Persons Assisted

4. Persons Served

4a. Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Do not Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 16 – Household Information for Homeless Prevention Activities

4b. Complete for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Do not Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 17 – Household Information for Rapid Re-Housing Activities

4c. Complete for Shelter

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Do not Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 18 – Shelter Information

4d. Street Outreach

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Do not Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 19 – Household Information for Street Outreach

4e. Totals for all Persons Served with ESG

Number of Persons in Households	Total
Adults	
Children	
Do not Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 20 – Household Information for Persons Served with ESG

5. Gender—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Male	
Female	
Transgender	
Do not Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 21 – Gender Information

6. Age—Complete for All Activities

	Total
Under 18	
18-24	
25 and over	
Do not Know/Refused/Other	
Missing Information	
Total	

Table 22 – Age Information

7. Special Populations Served—Complete for All Activities

Number of Persons in Households

Subpopulation	Total	Total Persons Served – Prevention	Total Persons Served – RRH	Total Persons Served in Emergency Shelters
Veterans				
Victims of Domestic Violence				
Elderly				
HIV/AIDS				
Chronically Homeless				
Persons with Disabilities:				
Severely Mentally Ill				
Chronic Substance Abuse				
Other Disability				
Total (unduplicated if possible)				

Table 23 – Special Population Served

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8. Shelter Utilization

Number of New Units – Rehabbed	0
Number of New Units – Conversion	0
Total Number of bed - nights available	87651
Total Number of bed - nights provided	81259
Capacity Utilization	93

Table 24 – Shelter Capacity

9. Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)

Shelter utilization remained high in 2024. Shelter waiting lists continue to grow, and evictions are high in Lehigh County which contributes to homelessness and instability for city residents.

CR-75 – Expenditures

11. Expenditures

11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2022	2023	2024
Expenditures for Rental Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services			
Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program			
Subtotal Homelessness Prevention			

Table 25 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2022	2023	2024
Expenditures for Rental Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance			
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services			
Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under Emergency Shelter Grants Program			
Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing			

Table 26 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2022	2023	2024
Essential Services	0	0	0
Operations	0	0	0
Renovation	0	0	0
Major Rehab	0	0	0
Conversion	0	0	0
Subtotal	0	0	0

Table 27 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

11d. Other Grant Expenditures

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	2022	2023	2024
Street Outreach	0	0	0
HMIS	0	0	0
Administration	0	0	0

Table 28 - Other Grant Expenditures

11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

Total ESG Funds Expended	2022	2023	2024
	0	0	0

Table 29 - Total ESG Funds Expended

11f. Match Source

	2022	2023	2024
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds	0	0	0
Other Federal Funds	0	0	0
State Government	0	0	0
Local Government	0	0	0
Private Funds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Fees	0	0	0
Program Income	0	0	0
Total Match Amount	0	0	0

Table 30 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

11g. Total

Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities	2022	2023	2024
	0	0	0

Table 31 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities