Third Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Annual Action Plan includes the SF 424 and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

Narrative Responses

GENERAL

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is required. Include the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan and an evaluation of past performance.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Executive Summary:

This chapter outlines the City's one-year Action Plan for 2012-2013, which will further the goals and strategies of the Strategic Plan and is the spending plan for the City's 2012-2013 CDBG funds. The activities in this plan will be accomplished with funds received during the 2012-2013 program year under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for meeting housing and community development objectives. Those activities detailed in this section must meet the CDBG National Objectives as outlined in the introduction to the Strategic Plan. Anacortes' Mayor has designated the Planning, Community & Economic Development Department responsible for the planning, development, and implementation of its CDBG Program.

Resources

Activities in the 2012-2013 Action Plan are funded with the City's 2012-2013 CDBG allocation. The amount of funds expected to be available for these activities is currently estimated to be $91,326. The funding may differ when allocated.

The City of Anacortes is supportive of efforts by other organizations to obtain funding for projects contributing to Housing and Community Development objectives. In addition to verbal and written support, the City is prepared, within its staffing capacity, to assist other organizations that apply for, access, or develop new resources.

The Action Plan will address the housing priority populations and community development priority activities with anticipated program income and funds received during the next CDBG program year. This plan is submitted annually.

CITY OF ANACORTES CDBG FUNDS (estimated)

Entitlement	$91,326.00
Carry Forward (unused funds from previous years)	$15,000.00
Total Funds	**$106,326.00**

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General Questions

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year. Where appropriate, the jurisdiction should estimate the percentage of funds the jurisdiction plans to dedicate to target areas.

2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.

3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

4. Identify the federal, state, and local resources expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the plan. Federal resources should include Section 8 funds made available to the jurisdiction, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds expected to be available to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan.

Program Year 3 Action Plan General Questions response:

1. Anacortes is located on an island in Skagit County with 12.5 miles of saltwater shoreline, four freshwater lakes, and 3,000 plus acres of city-owned forestlands and city-owned parks. Anacortes is located approximately 20 miles from the county seat in Mount Vernon, Washington. A majority of public services available to the citizens of Skagit County are provided in the Mount Vernon area.

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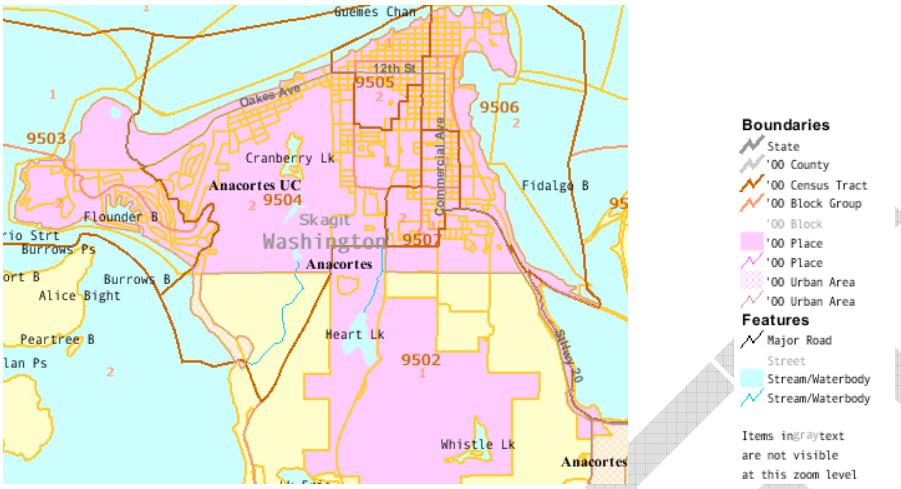
The current population of Anacortes is approximately 15,778 citizens (State of Washington Office of Financial Management 2010). Anacortes has three areas with a concentration of moderately low to low income households.



Area	Tract	Block Group	Low Moderate Income	Low	Low Moderate Percent
Skagit County	9506	1	809	433	53.5
Skagit County	9507	1	937	531	56.7
Skagit County	9507	3	715	389	54.4

(Census Bureau's Geographic Summary Level "090": State-County-County Subdivision-Place/Remainder-Census Tract-Urban/Rural-Block Group)

2. The City established priorities for allocating resources and long-range strategies following a careful assessment of the needs and demographics of the community. A clear priority identified in the analysis is a response to the needs of low to moderately low income families and individuals within the City for safe and affordable housing and basic services such as medical, dental and home energy assistance. Families and individuals in crisis situations need significant services and housing to be able to reach self-sufficiency. Included in this population are the homeless and others with special needs that generally are either priced out of housing or are unable to maintain stable housing.

Improving conditions, creating new housing resources and opportunities, and reducing housing costs to affordable levels represent major means of responding to the needs of the targeted population. The strategies and objectives outlined in the 2010-2014 Strategic Plan reflect these priorities and outline activities designed to alleviate these needs.

The primary basis for allocation of resources is to serve the needs of the low and moderately low income households. Consolidated Plan strategies developed through the community planning process reflect that a significant amount of funds are targeted to projects that benefit the low to moderately low income households. The public services portion provides services and resources to the households in need while the remaining resources are directed to projects that provide safe and stable transitional and permanent housing for families and individuals in need.

3. Funding continues to be the main obstacle to meeting underserved need. Obstacles include lack of sufficient financial resources to adequately address large projects such as permanent housing and shelters. Also, the limit on the public services

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prohibits the City from adequately providing a greater service to households in need of basic services.

4. The City utilizes CDBG funding to provide services to qualified individuals, families and entities within the community.

Managing the Process

1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.

2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.

3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Managing the Process response:

1. The Planning, Community & Economic Development Department of the City of Anacortes is the lead agency overseeing the administration of the programs.

2. The City conducts two public hearings to obtain input from all citizens of the community. The first meeting opens the planning process for the development of the yearly Action Plan. The second meeting is held to review comments and approve the draft yearly Action Plan.

3. The City continues to participate with Skagit County Community Action Agency, the Anacortes Housing Authority, County Affordable Housing Committee and various City departments, county officials and service providers within the community (Anacortes Family Center, the Gentry House), to determine the needs of the low income community. The Director of Planning, Community & Economic Development for the City holds a key role in many of these organizations and the Block Grant staff is active in participating with the various agencies and departments to ensure coordination of services to assist those in need.

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.

2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.

3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.

4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

Action Plan Citizen Participation response:

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1. As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the City of Anacortes provides opportunities for all citizens who may be affected by CDBG funded activities to participate in the development of the Action Plan.

Citizen participation in CDBG activities may include needs assessments, strategic planning, project selection, implementation and evaluation. The Citizen Participation Plan describes the City's responsibility to provide opportunities for active citizen involvement. The City especially encourages the involvement of low-, very low-, and extremely low-income residents regarding the use of housing and community development funds.

Citizen Participation Processes

Documents published

The City publishes announcements in the local newspaper when documents related to the Action Plan are available so citizens have sufficient opportunity to review them and provide comments. The City also posts all documents for public inspection on the City website. These include the proposed draft and final versions of the Consolidated Plan, Action Plans, substantial amendments proposed after the final plan is adopted, and annual performance reports.

The plan(s) will be available for review during this period at the City of Anacortes Planning Department, 904 6th Street, the Anacortes Public Library Reference Desk, 1220 10th Street, and at the offices of the Housing Authority of Anacortes, 719 "Q" Avenue. Upon request, the Citizen Participation Plan will be formatted to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities.

The City considers the views of all citizens, public agencies, and other interested groups in preparing the final Consolidated Plan and yearly Action Plans. A summary of the comments or views received in writing or orally at the public hearings will be listed as an appendix in the final Plan.

Public Housing Authority

The City will encourage the participation by residents of public and assisted housing developments during the development of the Action Plan. The City will provide copies of this draft Citizen Participation Plan and Consolidated Plan to the Anacortes Housing Authority (AHA) so the AHA can make it available to public housing residents for review and comment.

Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan

The City will adopt a plan to minimize any displacement or relocation that occurs as a result of activities proposed in the Consolidated Plan.

Notifications

The City provides adequate and timely notification to citizens so they can attend local meetings and public forums. Notifications of public hearings are published in the Anacortes American 14 days prior to the meetings. Citizens are informed of the availability of the draft and final Consolidated Plan, Action Plan and performance reports through notices posted at the public library and at City Hall. Human service providers that request to be included on CDBG mailing lists are also mailed notices about the availability of the draft and final Plans and performance reports.

Access to documents

The City makes copies of the draft and final Plans available to the public at the following locations:

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1. City of Anacortes Planning, Community & Economic Development, 904 6th Street, Anacortes
2. City of Anacortes web site: www.cityofanacortes.org
3. Anacortes Public Library, 1220 10th Street, Anacortes.
4. Housing Authority City of Anacortes, 719 Q Avenue, Anacortes

Public Hearings

The City holds public hearings to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program and Consolidated Plan process. Public hearings are held in locations that meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards. Special accommodations are provided upon request.

Public hearings are held at times and locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries. When significant numbers of non-English speaking residents are expected to participate in the public hearing, the City provides for appropriate translation services. All public hearings are advertised in the Anacortes American at least 14 days prior to the hearing. Public hearings mark the opening and closing of the public comment period and are held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers. Citizens may present oral comments at the time of the hearing. The City considers the views of all citizens, public agencies, and other interested groups in preparing the final plan(s). Oral and written comments received during the public comment period and at the public hearing are summarized as an appendix for the final document. All comments or views not accepted or not incorporated, and the reasons therefore, are also summarized.

At all the public hearings, citizens are invited to comment on all aspects of the plan and process, including the Citizen Participation Plan, and any projects proposed for funding. Citizens are invited to direct comments about the Citizen Participation Plan to the City's Planning Director.

Access to Information

Upon request, the City provides the public with reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the Consolidated Plan. Citizens and citizen groups have access to City records for at least five years through the standard public disclosure process.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance is provided to groups and individuals so they may participate fully in developing proposals under the Consolidated Plan. This assistance may be provided by City staff or other individuals acceptable to the City and citizen groups. Technical assistance will also be provided to project area residents to assist them in organizing and operating organizations to carry out and monitor CDBG-funded activities.

Amendments

Citizens shall be notified and have the opportunity to review all substantial amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan or Consolidated Plan prior to their submission to HUD. Following a 14-day advance notice published in the Anacortes American, substantial amendments shall be available to the public for examination and comment at the City of Anacortes Planning Department, 904 6th Street, Anacortes, for a 30-day period prior to their adoption.

Substantial changes to the Consolidated Plan are defined as:

- changes in the citizen participation process

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- changes in allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds
- change in use of CDBG funds from one eligible activity to another; or
- initiation of an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income), not previously described in the Action Plan

Performance Reports

Citizens shall be given reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on all performance reports related to activities covered by the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is available for examination and comment for 15 days prior to its submission to HUD. Citizens are notified of the availability of performance reports through notices published in the Anacortes American. All written and oral comments received during that 15-day comment period shall be considered in preparing the final performance report. A summary of these comments or views is attached to the performance report.

Complaints

The preferred first step for anyone dissatisfied with the Consolidated Plan and process is to discuss it with the City Planning Department. Often a lack of communication is at the root of misunderstandings. An open discussion reminds the staff they must constantly work to keep the public informed about all CDBG activities. Written responses to written complaints will be provided within 15 working days where practical.

In the event that local attempts to resolve the disagreement fail, actions of the City that are in violation of the HUD regulations can be appealed directly to the Seattle Area Office of HUD at 909 First Avenue, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98104. Copies of the regulations and the name, address, and phone number of the current HUD Area Representative will be made available on request. Comments on the Consolidated Plan process and regarding the City's past performance on CDBG programs are also invited. Citizens are encouraged to submit comments on the Consolidated Plan and process to:

City of Anacortes
Planning, Community & Economic Development
904 6th Street
Anacortes, WA 98221
(360) 293-1907

2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan:

3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities:

The City published two notices in the local newspaper announcing the dates and times for public hearings to encourage citizen participation. Upon request, the Citizen Participation Plan will be formatted to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities.

City staff meet personally with various community leaders to obtain input on the needs of the community to determine how best to serve the community. The City has begun discussion with a local banking institution participating in the Community Reinvestment Act to work on incentives to help meet the needs of borrowers in all segments of the community, especially low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The City is working with a land trust to implement housing opportunities for families that have been unable

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to obtain loans for permanent housing due to various types of discrimination and income levels. The City is making efforts to reduce or eliminate impediments to fair housing that were identified in the Analysis of Impediments 2009 study.

4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

No comments have been received to date.

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Institutional Structure response:

The CDBG program is managed out of the Planning, Community & Economic Development department. The City Council reviews all draft plans and funding recommendations for the Action Plan and any significant changes to past funding as advertised in Public Hearings. The City does not anticipate any changes to its institutional structure in the next year.

Monitoring

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

Action Plan Monitoring response:

1. Upon acceptance of the project by the City, the City will set an appointment for the subrecipient to meet with City staff. At this meeting, the subrecipient will be provided HUD's handbook, "Playing by the Rules" along with a copy of the City's checklist utilized when monitoring the subrecipients records. City staff will review the responsibilities of the subrecipient to insure the subrecipient understands their responsibility.

2. A schedule will be arranged with the subrecipient to conduct the monitoring of their files. There will be a monitoring visit to the subrecipient's property to review files. If the project is substantial and involves a number of components for completion, the monitoring schedule will be revised to insure the project is being completed as expected. For construction projects, City staff will go on-site weekly during the construction to interview construction workers.

3. An entrance conference will be held at the beginning of the monitoring visit to make sure the subrecipient has a clear understanding of the purpose, scope, and schedule for the monitoring. City staff will gather the data and conduct the review. An exit conference will then be held with the subrecipient to present preliminary results of the monitoring, provide an opportunity to correct any misunderstandings or misconceptions, secure additional information to clarify or support their position, and, if applicable, provide an opportunity to report on steps already in place to address areas of noncompliance or nonperformance.

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4. A follow up letter will then be issued shortly after the visit to create a permanent record of the results of the monitoring visit.

5. If corrective action is necessary, the City will pursue action according to HUD's guidelines:

Grantees are responsible for taking appropriate actions when performance problems arise. Written agreements should be the primary mechanism for enforcement in situations of noncompliance.

There are three increasingly serious stages of intervention. Grantees should start at Stage I, then move through Stages 2 and 3 as the situation requires. A grantee's response to monitoring findings will depend upon the seriousness of the grantee's problems.

Stage 1: Low-level Intervention—At this stage, grantees should do one or more of the following:

- Clearly identify problem areas and required corrective actions;
- Plan a strategy with the subrecipient that includes any training or technical assistance that may help to address identified problems;
- Require more frequent or more thorough reporting by the subrecipient or other organization carrying out the activity; or
- Conduct more frequent monitoring reviews.

Stage 2: Moderate-level Intervention—After attempting the low-level intervention steps, grantees may need to take increasingly tougher steps, such as:

- Restrict payment requests, disallow certain expenses or require repayment of funding provided for certain expenses, or Impose probationary status.

Stage 3: High-level Intervention—At this point, grantees must take the most serious actions to put an end to noncompliance problems. Suggested steps include:

- Temporarily suspend the organization from participation in the CDBG Program,
- Do not renew the organization or the activity for the next program year, terminate the organization or activity for the current program year, or initiate legal action.

Lead-based Paint

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families, and how the plan for the reduction of lead-based hazards is related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards.

Action Plan Lead-based Paint response:

Lead-Based Paint and Lead Hazards
Lead-based paint and other lead hazards are most dangerous to young children and pregnant women. The Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 seeks to identify and mitigate sources of lead in the home. A high level of lead in the blood is toxic, particularly to children age six and younger. Lead has been linked to damage in the central nervous system, mental retardation, convulsions and sometimes death. Low levels of lead

can result in lowered intelligence, reading and learning disabilities, decreased attention span, hyperactivity, and aggressive behavior.

A common source of lead in the home is lead-based paint. Deteriorating paint, friction in sliding windows, lead on impact services, as well as unsafe renovation practices, can all result in the accumulation of lead-contaminated dust in the house and lead in the soil. The presence of deteriorating paint, lead-contaminated dust, or lead contaminated soil can result in significant lead-based paint hazards. According to a 1999 national survey of homes, 27% of all homes in the United States had significant lead-based paint (LBP) hazards. The national survey found that location in the country was a factor in the probability of hazards. Significant LBP hazards are more prevalent in the Northeast than in the West.

Age of housing is also important and is commonly used to estimate the risk of significant hazards in the home. Lead was banned from residential paint in 1978. The 1999 national survey found that 67% of housing built before 1940 had significant LBP hazards. This decline to 51% of houses built between 1940 and 1959, 10% of houses built between 1960 and 1977, and just one percent after that.

About one quarter (26%) of all pre-1980 Anacortes housing units were built before 1940, meaning they are at high risk of LBP hazards. There is not a significant difference between the age of owner-occupied and renter-occupied units.

The City continues to consider actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families. The City will work with the Housing Authority and Skagit County Community Action Agency to educate families and individuals on the significant risks to people, especially children, living in homes contaminated with lead.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve during the next year.

2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

1. The City believes it is absolutely essential to provide pathways to housing for individuals and families with limited resources to find permanent safe housing. The City has included goals in the CDBG Strategic Plan and the Consolidated Plan to work towards affordable housing solutions.

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Needs of Public Housing

1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.

2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

Action Plan Public Housing Strategy response:

1. The City of Anacortes works with the Anacortes Housing Authority to determine needs and priorities and responds accordingly. The New Wilson Hotel is an example of the collaboration between the City and the Housing Authority as well as the upgrades in 2010/2011 to the low income apartments located on 5th and T Avenues.

2. The pubic housing agency is not designated as "troubled" by HUD.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing response:

1. The City is working with the Home Trust of Skagit to develop affordable housing within the community. The Home Trust of Skagit is working with a local banking institution to develop a loan program to assist eligible low income families in the purchase of an affordable home. Availability of affordable properties and a lack of funding create the greatest obstacles to home ownership for low income families. Working with the Home Trust of Skagit and banking institutions will address some of the obstacles.

HOMELESS

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

1. Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.

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2. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.

3. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.

4. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.

Action Plan Special Needs response:

1. The City's CDBG funding is used to address the needs of the homeless and to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. The City's partners and service providers, including the Skagit County Community Action Agency, the Housing Authority of Anacortes, and the Anacortes Family Center will receive federal, state and local funds for their homeless programs. The Anacortes Human Services Coalition (comprised of representatives of churches, private organizations, social service agencies, city departments and community groups who provide support for Anacortes citizens) primarily receives funding from individual donations, private foundations, state and some federal funding.

The barriers to provide full support are lack of funding.

2. In the January 2011 homeless count (2012 records not yet available) for the City of Anacortes, approximately 95 individuals were identified as homeless. The priority for the City is to eliminate homeless completely. In 2010, the Anacortes Family Center, a CDBG capital project, assisted 35 families in their first year of operation. The Family Center helped 94% of their clients find permanent housing. The City's CDBG funding for 2010 also provided upgrades to local low income rental housing built in 1971. This project will provide better, sustainable living environments for 14 low income households. The City plans to continue the effort to eliminate homelessness by identifying the issues that cause homelessness and provide funding to projects that will work toward creating affordable, sustainable and permanent housing for homeless and potentially homeless families. The projects that may be funded with the 2012 funding will create suitable living environments and help to end homelessness include: **INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK UNTIL COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS PROVIDED DURING PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

3. The City provides the full 15% of the CDBG funding to public services.

4. The City will work with the Anacortes Human Services Coalition (AHSC) to identify causes of homelessness and ways to provide assistance to eliminate homelessness. The AHSC, comprised of numerous member agencies, has developed an emergency support system within the City to accommodate families and individuals in dire need. The AHSC provides immediate vouchers for overnight stays in hotels within the City. This project

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provides fast, easy service to the families to get them quickly into safe and secure facilities.

5. The City is not a participant in a homeless program that would utilize a discharge coordination policy.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

Action Plan ESG response: The City is not a participant in ESG.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.

2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

*Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Community Development response:

1. Public Services - Human Services

Basic human needs such as healthcare, clothing, housing, childcare and job training are not always available to low-income families and individuals. Basic needs and services for the homeless or those at risk of homelessness are designated as the area's highest priority needs. The following strategies will help meet those needs.

Goal 1: Enhance the delivery of effective, supportive services to priority low-income and homeless populations by providing funding and technical assistance to human service agencies.
Strategy 1: Maximize CDBG funding for human service agencies serving low-income populations.
Action 1:

Timeframe: Provide services throughout program year 2012-2013.
Performance Measure(s)

Objective(s): Suitable living environments
Outcome(s): Availability/Accessibility
Indicators:
Responsible agency:
Location: Within city limits
Funding: $13,698 approximately CDBG funds

2. Capital/Construction Projects: All remaining funding after Administration (20%) and Public Services (15%) will be allocated to capital and/or construction projects that benefit low to moderately low individuals and families.

Antipoverty Strategy

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Antipoverty Strategy response: Many of our CDBG programs strive to increase self-sufficiency of low-income families and reduce the number of households with incomes below the poverty line.

Through the Public Services allocation process, the City further strives to reduce poverty levels by providing financial assistance to human service agencies that provide support services to those in poverty. With this assistance, the cost of offering basic services such as housing, food, clothing, and child care can be reduced. The City will also provide funding to help develop low cost homes and refurbish existing low income rental homes.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.

2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

1. The City of Anacortes will support and encourage supportive services and affordable housing for low to moderately low incomes and those with special needs such as homeless, including chronically homeless, homeless families and persons at risk of becoming homeless.

The City hopes to achieve the following goals in addressing the special needs of these populations:

Goal 1: Enhance the delivery of effective, supportive services to priority low-income

and homeless populations by providing funding and technical assistance to human service agencies.
Strategy 1: Maximize CDBG funding for human service agencies serving low-income populations.
Objectives: Support human service agencies and their programs by using the maximum allowable CDBG funds for human services.

Goal 2.1: Phase II Playground Renovation - provide public infrastructure support to low income neighborhood to renovate 25 year old playground.

Strategy 2.1: The City of Anacortes Parks & Recreation Department has requested a total of $100,000 to renovate a 25 year old playground located at 819 28th Street. This playground is located in a low to moderately low primarily residential area. The proposal is to install new playground equipment, build accessible pathways for all users, build a picnic structure, and lawn installation. This project will be accomplished in two phases beginning in the 2011/2012 funding cycle and will be completed with funding from 2012/2013. Funding in 2011 was in the amount of $53,000. Phase II will be provided approximately $47,000 to complete the project.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Public Services	$13,698
Playground Renovation	$47,000
Administration	$15,525
Available funding 2012/2013 Allocation	$15,103

(All amounts are approximations. Projects will be reviewed for eligibility and those eligible will be implemented based on need and available funding.)

2. It is expected that the City of Anacortes and a variety of human service and housing agencies will pursue a diverse list of private, local, state and federal resources to fund their delivery of services for those with special needs. The resources that can reasonably be expected to be available to assist persons with special needs include federal, state grants, and local public and private sector resources, such as United Way. It is anticipated that these resources will be used to support the housing and case management services of those in need. The federal grant will be used primarily for low-to moderately low families and individuals at risk of becoming homeless.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

Program Year 3 Action Plan HOPWA response: The City is not a participant in the HOPWA program.

Other Narrative

Include any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.

The City expects to provide assistance in the future for the non-profit land trust to establish affordable homes within the community to assist qualified low income families

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the opportunity to purchase a home. At this time, with the minimal funding allocation provided to the City of Anacortes, the City is unable to participate in this program.

The City strives to support various activities that will help to eliminate homeless and adverse issues that affect the low to moderately low income families and individuals. Funding, however, is cut every year which limits the City's participation. Collaboration between various entities and individuals both within the City and from outside sources can greatly increase the effectiveness of the program.

Please Note this is a draft of the actual plan that will be submitted to HUD for consideration of the City's 2012/2013 Action Plan. The format may change due to new requirements by HUD but the basic information will remain the same. Any comments and suggestions will be included in the final version.

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