



# Third Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Third 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:

The Annual Action Plan outlines activities which will be undertaken during the program year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 using Federal Entitlement funds granted to the City of Chattanooga by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). Programs and activities in this Action Plan are to primarily benefit low and moderate income residents, census tracts with high concentrations of low to moderate income residents, and the city as a whole.

The Action Plan also includes narratives, maps and tables which identify the geographic areas in which it will direct assistance, a description of homeless and other special needs activities, as well as a description of other proposed actions to foster affordable housing, public housing improvements, assistance to public housing and resident initiatives, development of the city's Action Plan and public participation, evaluation and reduction of lead-based paint hazards, and reducing the number of persons below the poverty line.

In addition, the Action Plan includes program specific requirements that include the total amount of CDBG, HOME, ADDI and ESG funds allocated including anticipated program income.

The Plan also outlines for the HOME Program, a description of the other forms of investment, use of HOME funds for homebuyers, and guidelines for resale or recapture of HOME funds required under 24 CFR 92.254.

The Action Plan also contains a narrative description of the standards and procedures that the City will use to monitor activities. Also included are required certifications and other statutory program requirements.

The City of Chattanooga's 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan outlined five key areas of focus:

- Affordable Housing; Homelessness;
- Infrastructure Improvements;
- Impediments to Fair Housing;
- Public Facilities; and,
- Economic Development and Planning

The City of Chattanooga will provide funding of CDBG, HOME Investment Act, ADDI and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding in FY 2007-2008 as follows:

• CDBG	\$1,973,606
• HOME	\$1,106,150
• ADDI	\$ 21,507
• ESG	\$ 84,678
• Program Income	\$1,250,000
 TOTAL	 \$4,435,941

CDBG and HOME Investment Act Funds of about \$2.6 million dollars will be used to provide affordable housing for homeownership opportunities and to maintain a supply of affordable rental units. In partnership with nonprofit housing developers, the City will assist in the construction of eleven (11) new housing units, provide down payment assistance to 60 households, conduct a homebuyer education program for 50 households, and provide zero and low interest loans for the rehabilitation of 23 housing units. About \$100,000 in CDBG will be used for the demolition of 44 housing units that are unsafe and create slum and blight within various communities.

During FY 2007-2008, \$59,000 will be used to promote fair housing activities with some \$426,000 to be used to prevent homelessness through services to homeless individuals and families through the support of transitional housing and the provision of essential services to homeless shelters.

In addition to the HUD Entitlement Funding that has been designated for the five focus areas identified in the Consolidate Plan, there are other federal, state, and local sources of funding received by other agencies and organizations in the Chattanooga area that have been designated to address needs of low to moderate income individuals and families.

## Performance Measurement

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) established new performance measurements and criteria that are linked to program objectives and outcomes. The purpose is to determine the effectiveness of programs and projects funded through HUD Entitlement funds on a universal basis. The objectives and outcomes are:

### **Objective #1---Create Suitable Living Environment**

These activities will improve public infrastructure serving LMI areas of the City and will directly address the physical characteristics of the neighborhood; thereby enhancing the quality of life for the residents.

#### **Outcome #1-Availability/Accessibility**

- Construct new sidewalks and improve streets and intersections in low income census tracts
- Provide assistance to homeless providers with funding in essential services, cost of utilities, fire protection and insurance costs

#### **Outcome #2-Affordability**

- Establish a city-wide data collection system to accurately record level of services and costs
- City general funds used in combination with federal dollars to upgrade infrastructure in LMI areas

#### **Outcome #3-Sustainability**

- Eliminate Lead-Based Paint Hazards in owner-occupied housing through housing rehabilitation using safe work practices
- Eliminate slum and blight with the demolition of substandard housing units
- Creation of safe, decent neighborhoods with sidewalks, lighting, and drainage systems
- Increase number of homeless individuals moving into permanent housing

### **Objective #2—Decent Housing**

These projects will help improve the availability and access for families to affordable housing through direct housing related services.

#### **Outcome #1-Availability/Accessibility**

- Rehabilitate 23 owner occupied houses
- Eliminate Lead-Based Paint Hazards

- Support a small home repair project for elderly and handicapped citizens

### **Outcome #2-Affordability**

- Construct 11 new affordable housing units for homeownership in partnership with CHDO
- Rehabilitate rental units to assist landlords to maintain affordable units
- Provide down payment and closing assistance to 55 households in partnership with CHA and CNE
- Solicit volunteer program in collaboration with faith-based institution for small home repair project
- Provide ADDI down payment assistance to first time homebuyers

### **Outcome #3-Sustainability**

- Provide 50 households with homebuyer education
- Increase the percentage of homeownership within specified neighborhoods
- Upgrade of aging housing stock

## **Objective #3—Economic Opportunity**

These projects will provide economic opportunities for LMI citizens to increase the potential for gainful employment, education and commercial development and revitalization.

### **Outcome #1-Availability/Accessibility**

- Defray transportation costs of homeless individuals to secure employment opportunities
- Support a Re-entry program for ex-felons from point of discharge
- Support YouthBuild Program to develop construction and building skills of at risk youth

### **Outcome #2-Affordability**

- Provide bus tokens to individuals residing in shelters to acquire employment related services

### **Outcome #3-Sustainability**

- Decrease the number of youth that are unskilled and unemployed
- Increase the number of individuals that are gainfully employed