



**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
(HOPWA)
Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)
Program Year 48/ FY2022 – 2023
Annual Action Plan (DRAFT)
Office of Central Grants Administration
550 Main Street, Office 302
Hartford, CT 06103**

For submission to HUD on: July 11, 2022

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Hartford, Connecticut is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Programs. In compliance with the HUD regulations, the City of Hartford has prepared this FY2022 Annual Action Plan for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This Annual Action Plan is a strategic plan for the implementation of the City's Federal Programs for housing, community, and economic development activities within the City of Hartford. In addition, the Annual Action Plan includes the HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds that the City will receive in PY 2022. The City's Division of Housing leads and administers HOME Funds. The City's Office of Central Grants Administration leads and administers CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA funds.,

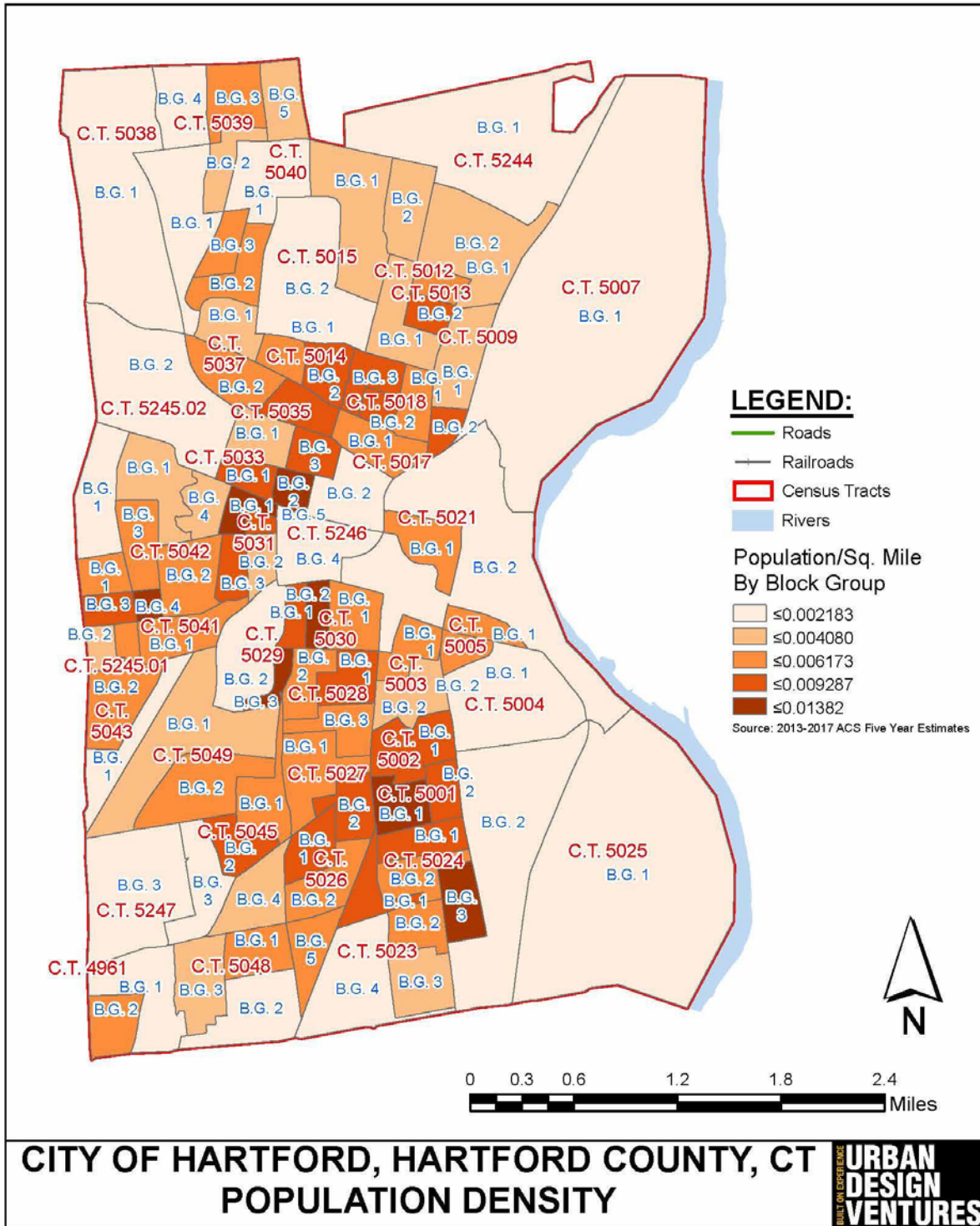
This is the City's third year of the Five Year Consolidated Plan (FY2020-24), which establishes the City's goals for the next five (5) year period and outlines the specific initiatives the City will undertake to address its needs and objectives by improving City infrastructure; the rehabilitation and construction of decent, safe, and sanitary housing; creating a suitable living environment; removing slums and blighting conditions; promoting fair housing; improving public services; expanding economic opportunities; and principally benefitting low- and moderate-income persons.

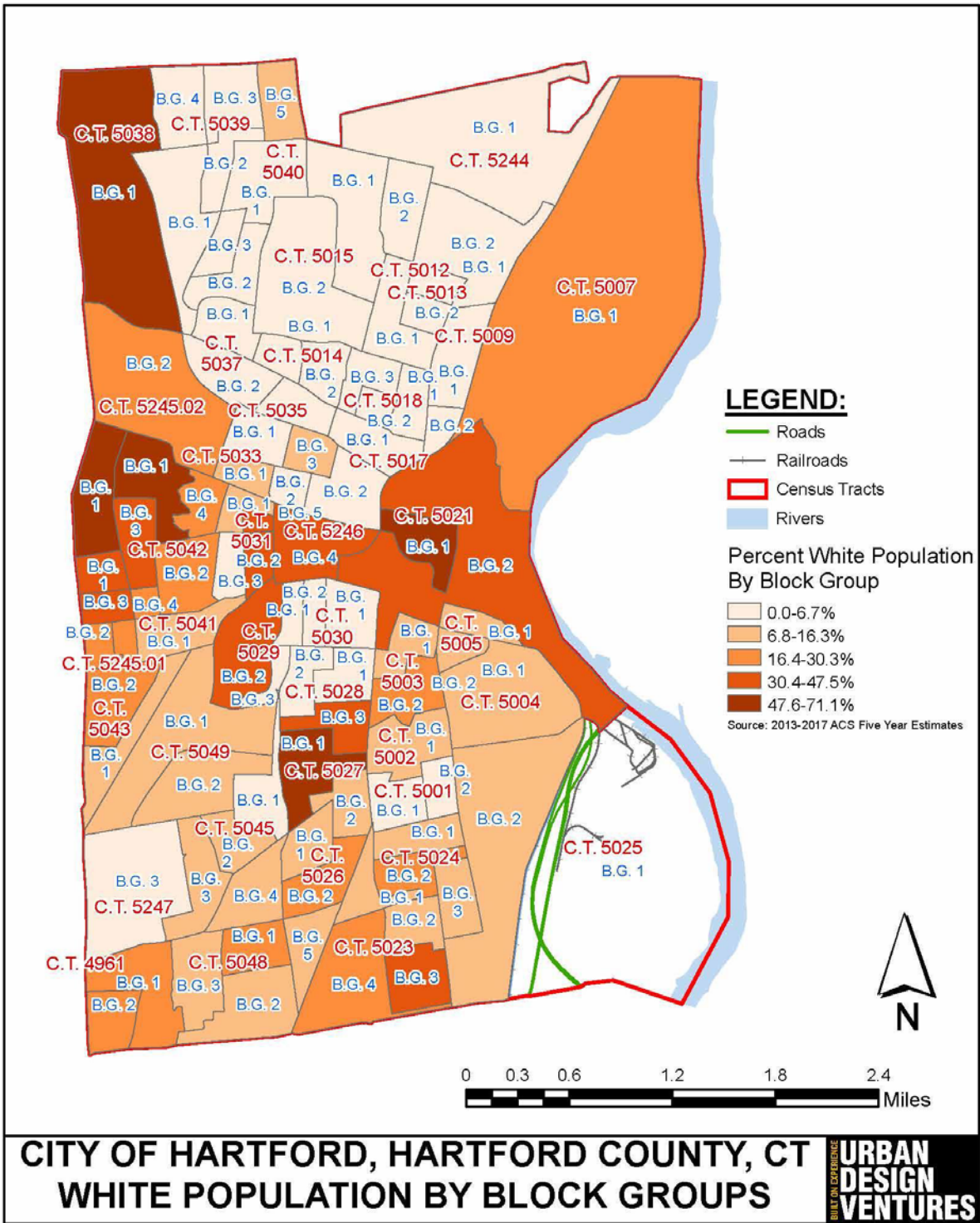
The Annual Action Plan describes the actions to be undertaken in FY 2022 with the federal funds received by the City of Hartford. The CDBG program and activities described in this Annual Action Plan will benefit low- and moderate-income persons and funding has been targeted to areas benefiting the highest percentage of low and moderate-income residents.

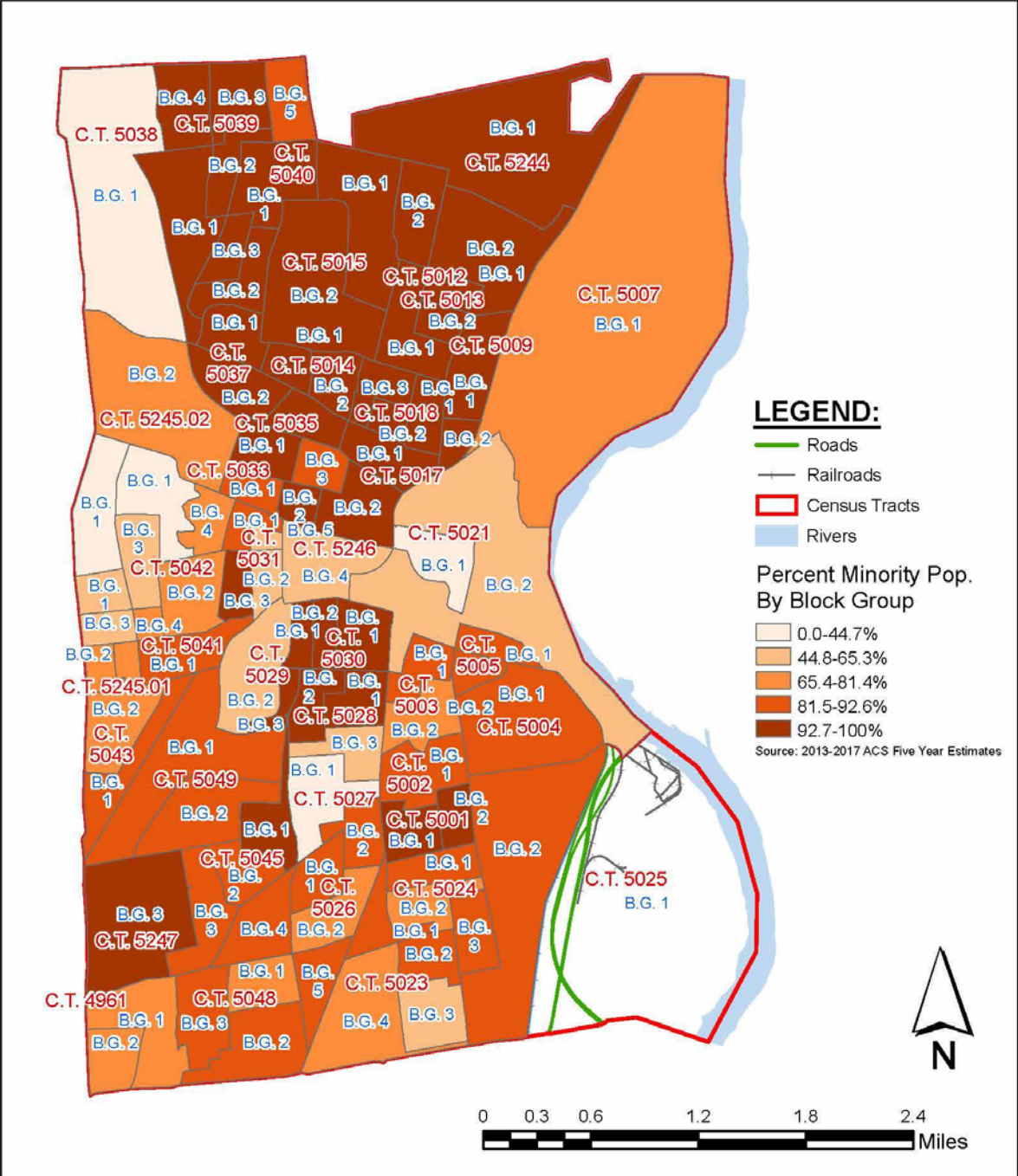
Maps:

The following maps illustrate the demographic characteristics of the City of Hartford:

- Population Density by Block Group
- Percent White Population by Block Group
- Percent Minority Population by Block Group
- Total Housing Units by Block Group
- Percent Owner-Occupied Housing Units by Block Group
- Percent Renter-Occupied Housing Units by Block Group
- Percent Vacant Housing Units by Block Group
- Percent Population Age 65+ by Block Group
- Count of Population Age 65+ by Block Group
- Low/Moderate Income Percentage by Block Group
- Low/Moderate Income with Minority Percentage by Block Group

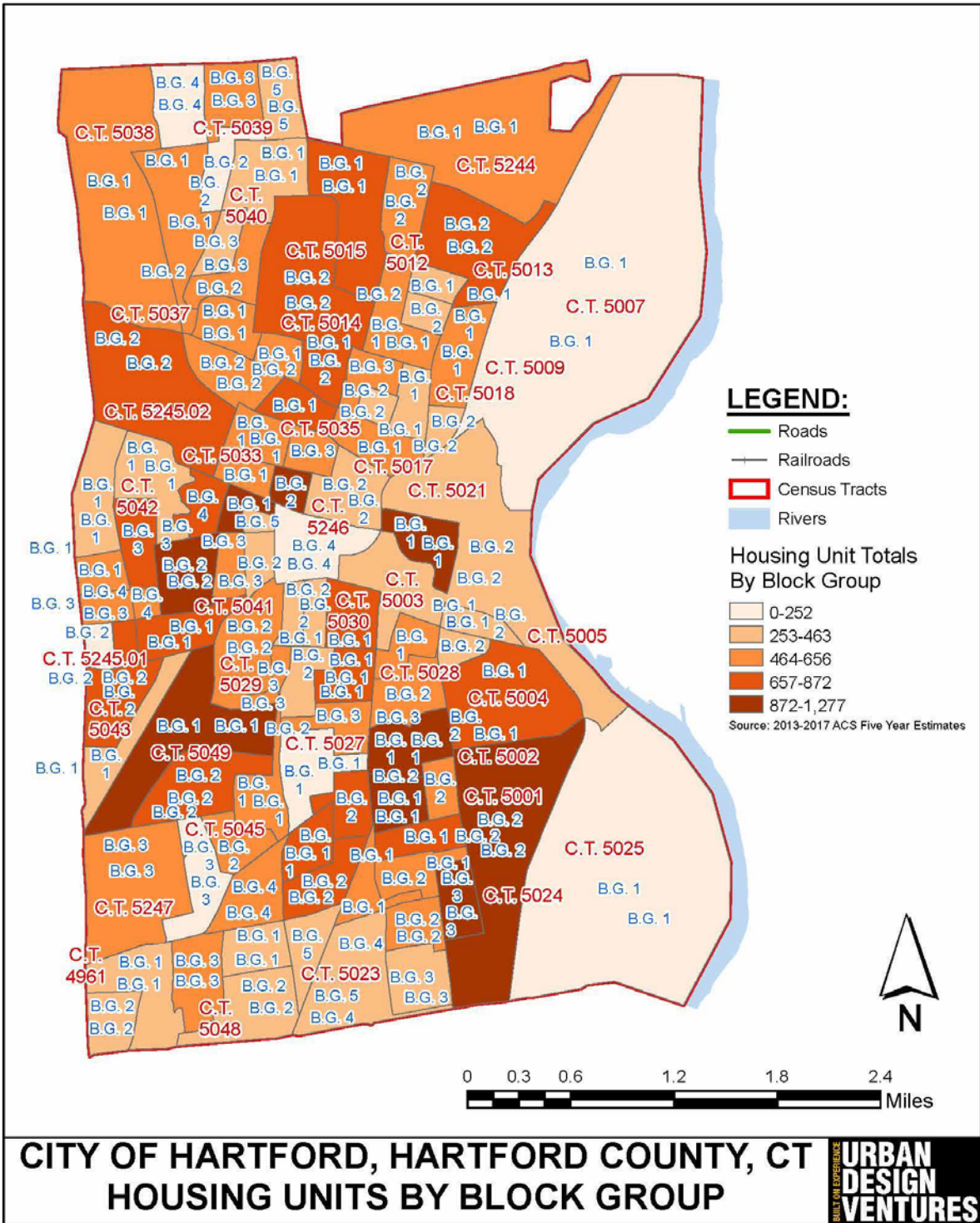


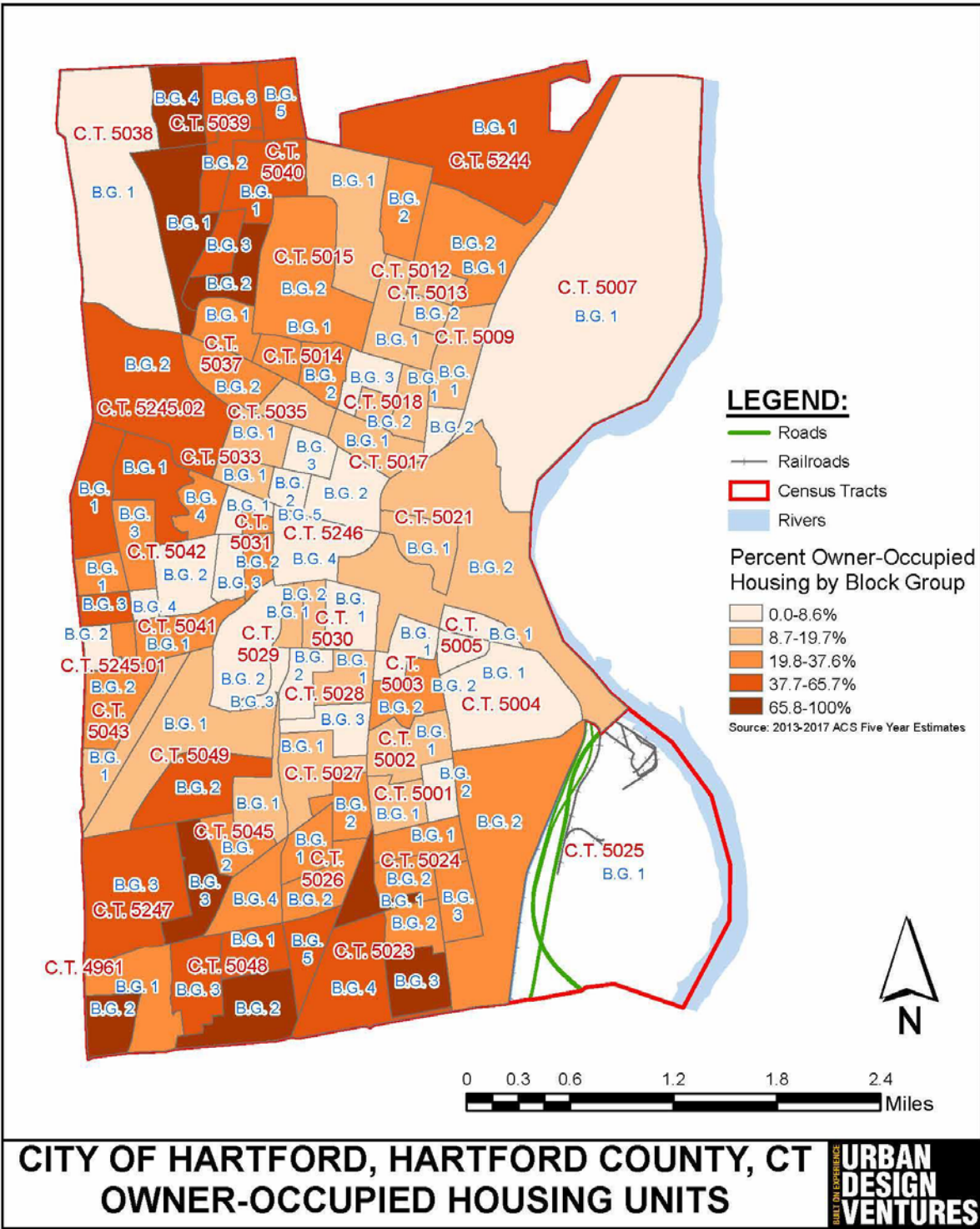


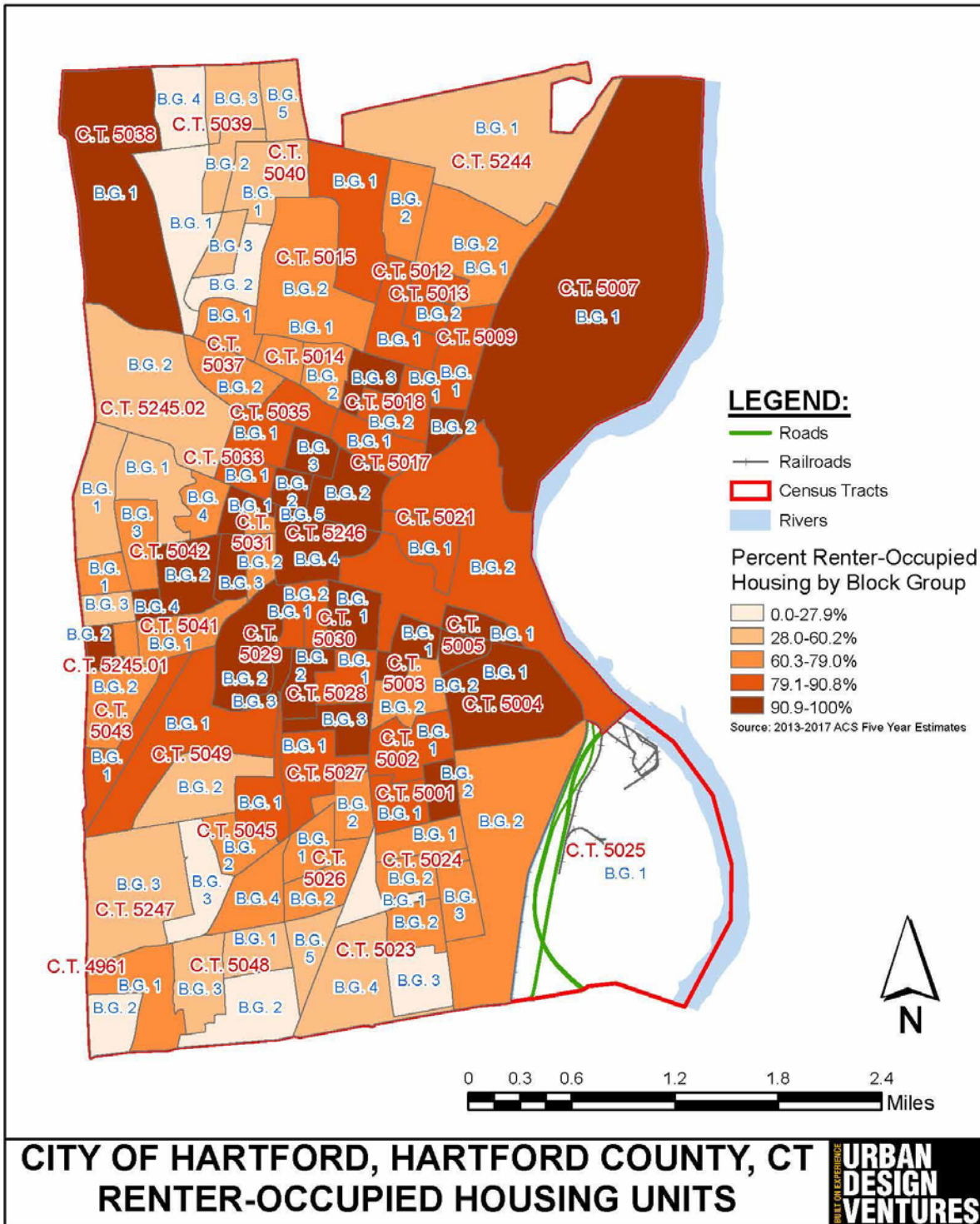


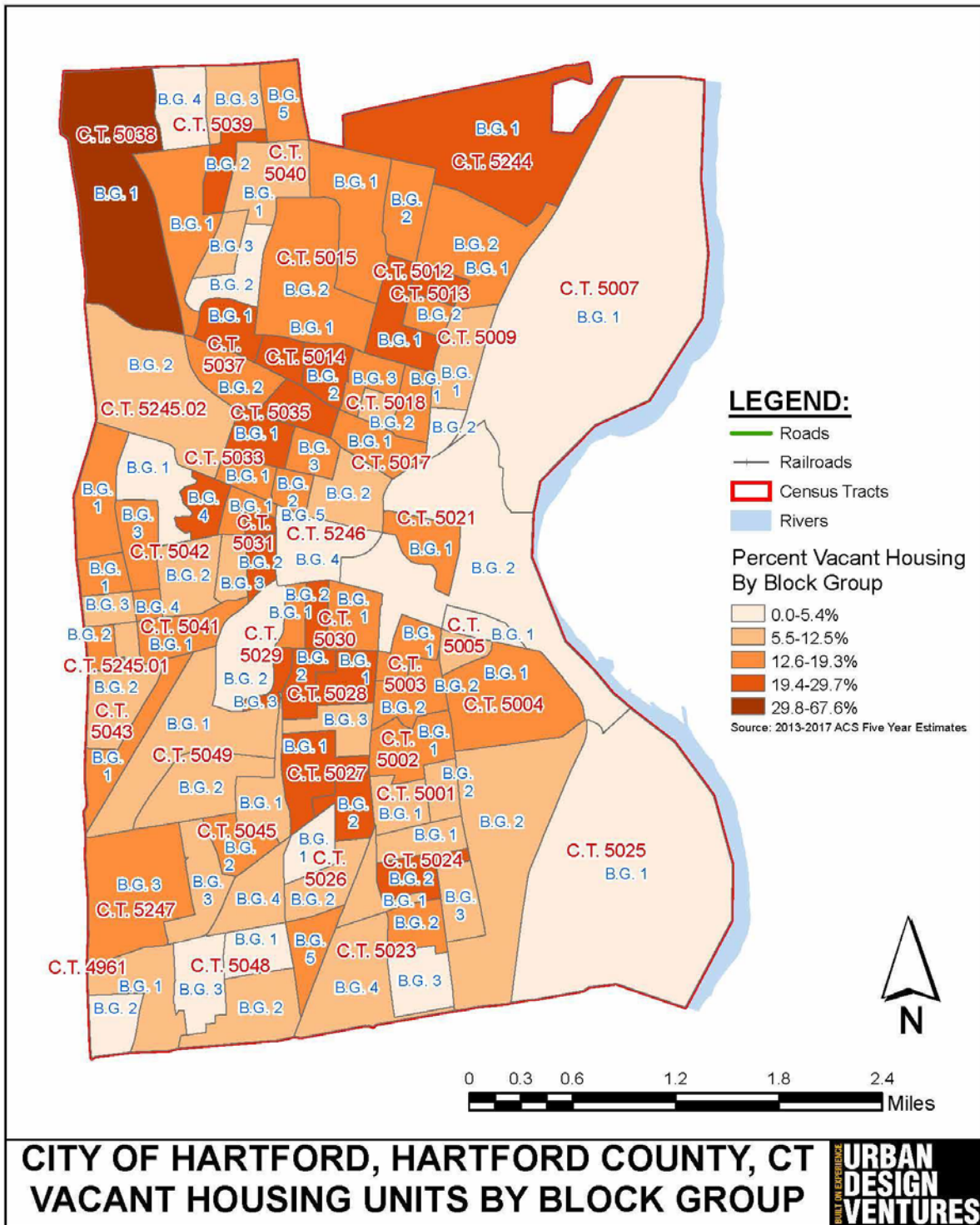
**CITY OF HARTFORD, HARTFORD COUNTY, CT
MINORITY POPULATION BY BLOCK GROUPS**

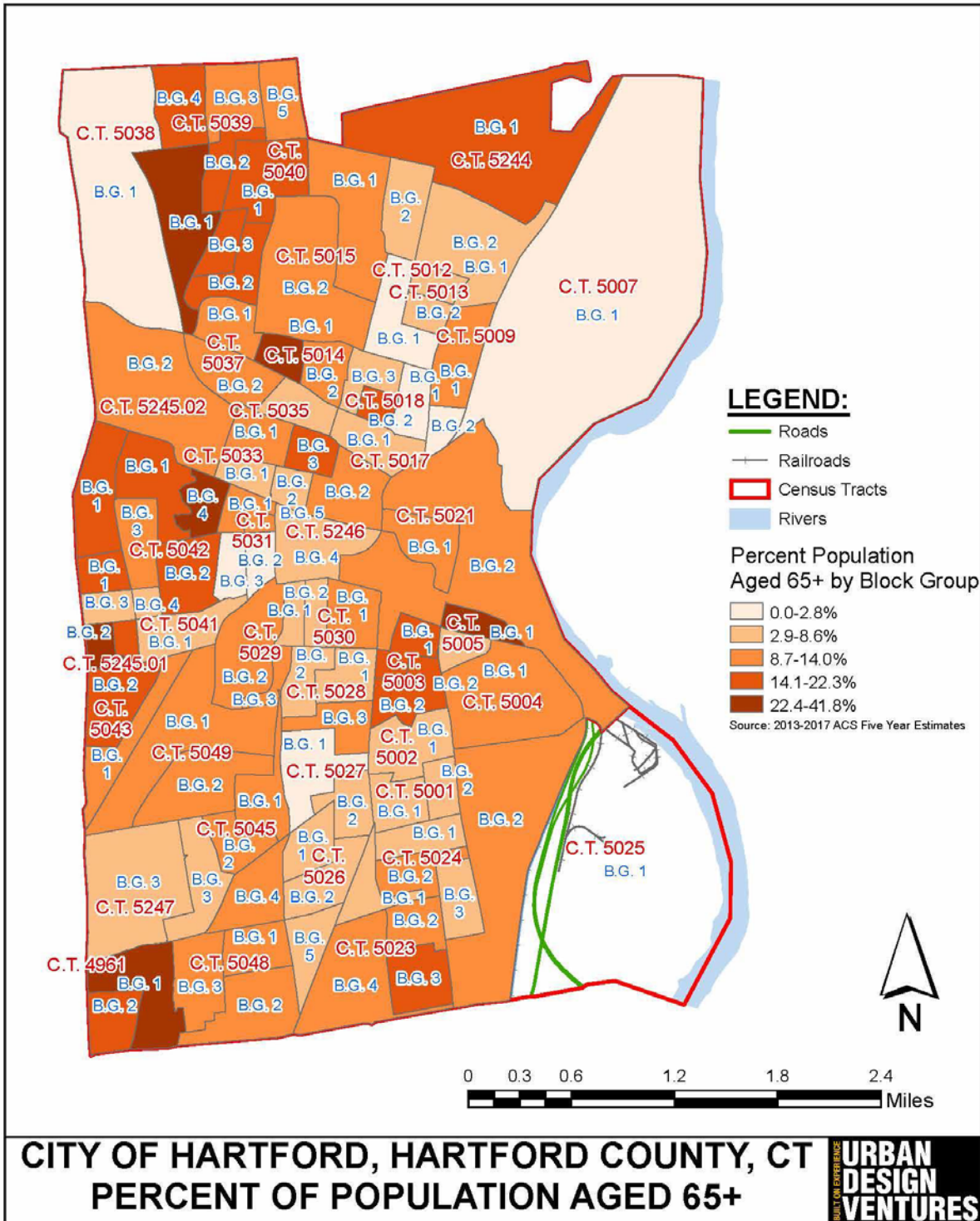


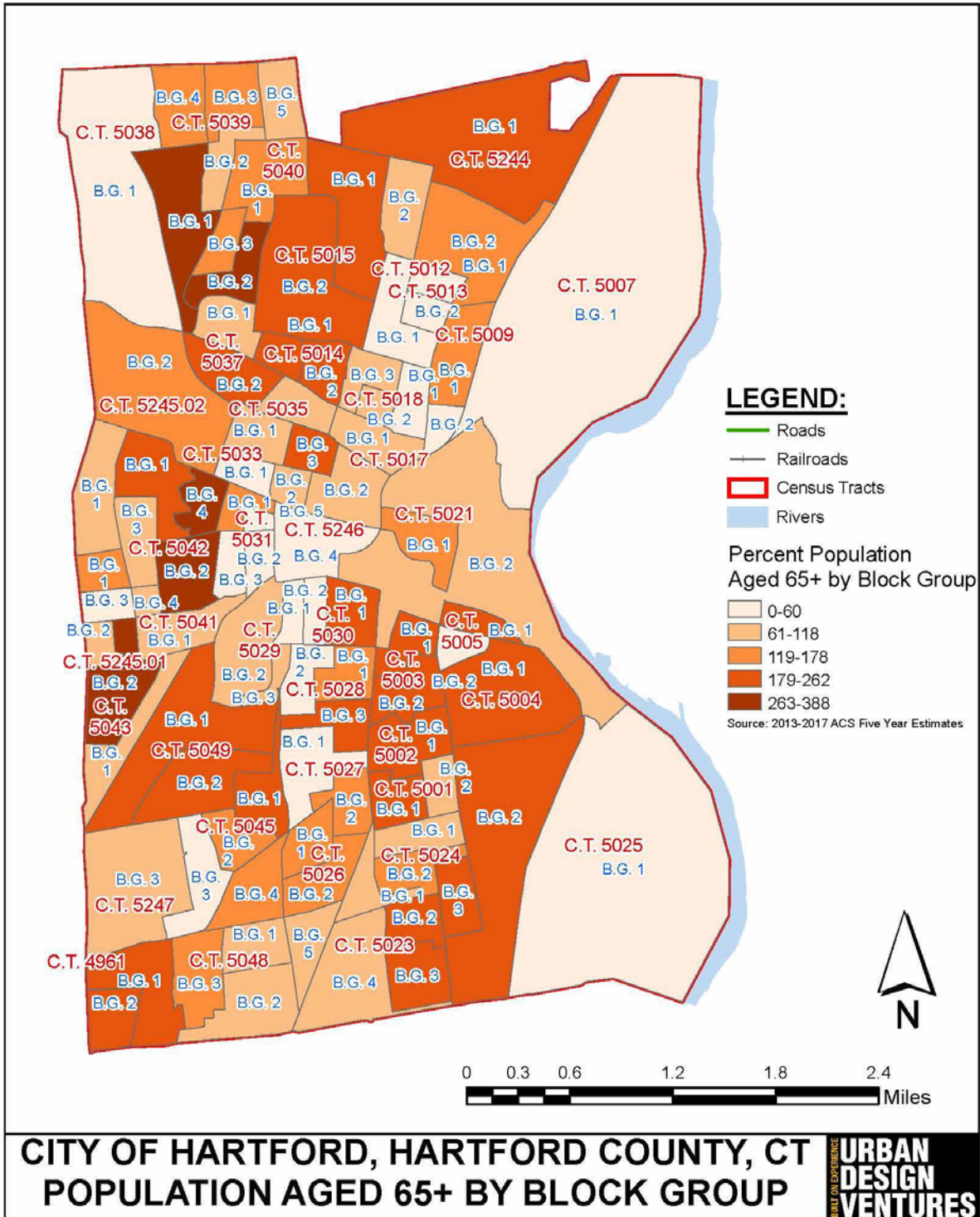


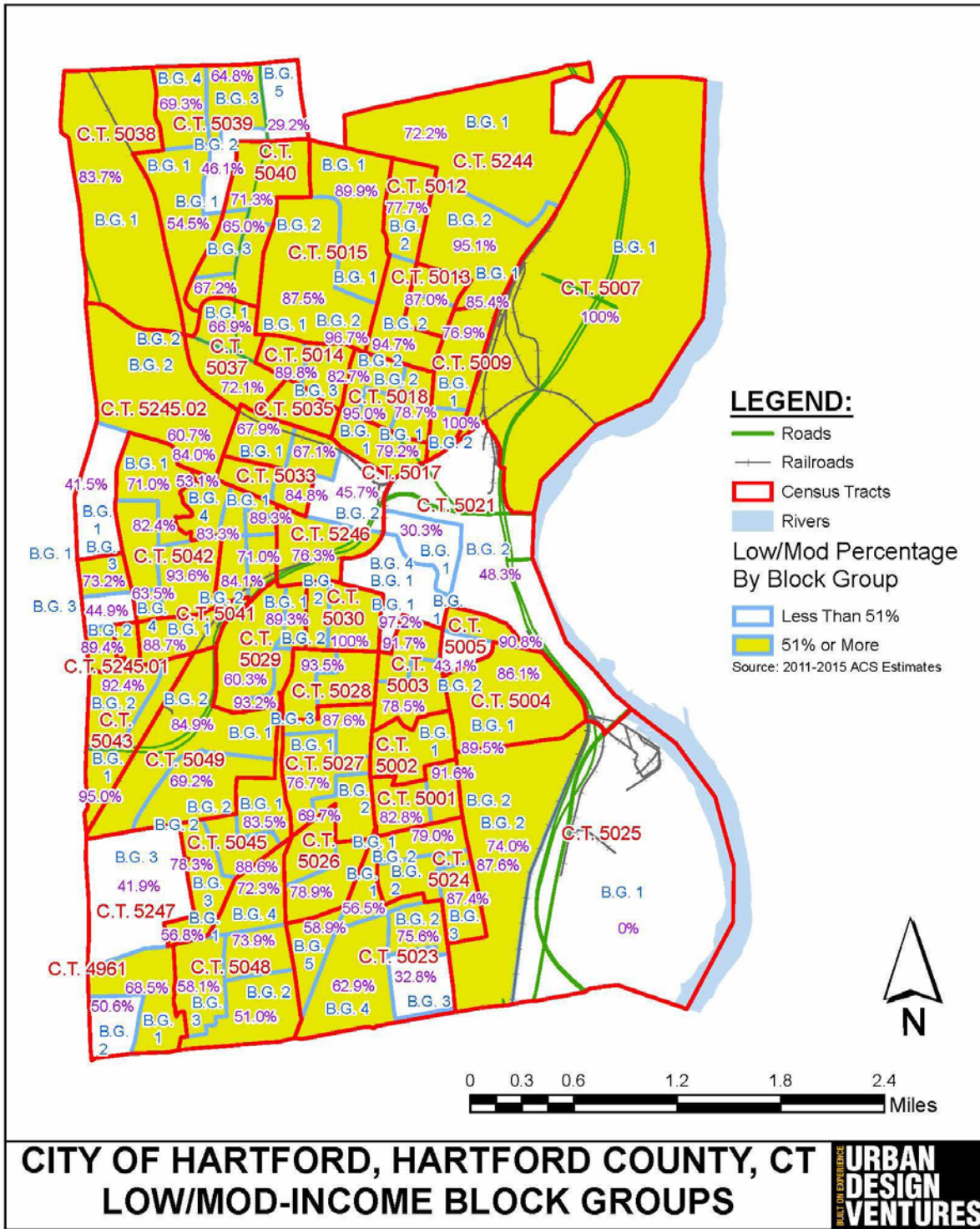












2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

During the FY 2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Program Year, the City of Hartford proposes to address the following priority needs and goals/strategies from its Five -Year Consolidated Plan for the period of FY 2020 through FY 2024:

Housing Priority (High Priority)

There is a need to improve the quality of the housing stock in the City of Hartford by increasing the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers that is affordable to low- and moderate-income persons and families.

Objective: Improve, preserve, and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income persons and households, which is decent, safe, sound, and accessible.

Homeless Priority (High Priority)

There is a need for housing and support services for homeless persons and persons who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Objective: Improve the living conditions and support services available for homeless persons, families, and those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Other Special Needs Priority (Low Priority)

Community Development Priority (High Priority)

Economic Development Priority (High Priority)

Administration, Planning, and Management Priority (High Priority)

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Hartford has a good performance record with HUD. The City regularly meets their HUD performance standards. Each year the City prepares its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). This report is submitted within ninety (90) days after the start of the new program year. Copies of the CAPER are available for review at the City of Hartford's Office of Central Grants Administration.

The FY 2021 CAPER, which was the second CAPER for the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan, was submitted to HUD. In the FY 2021 CAPER, the City of Hartford expended 76.69% of its CDBG funds to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The City expended 14.60% of its funds during the FY 2021 CAPER period on public services, which is below the statutory maximum of 15%. The City expended 15.68% of its funds during this CAPER period on Planning and Administration, which is below the statutory maximum of 20%. The City has met the required 1.5 maximum drawdown ratio with a drawdown ratio of 1.21.

The HOME, HOPWA and ESG programs are also being administered in a timely manner and in accordance with applicable activity limitations and match requirements. A separate ESG CAPER was submitted for FY 2021 in the SAGE HMIS Reporting System. A separate HOPWA CAPER for FY 2021 was submitted to the HOPWA@hud.gov email address.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Hartford has followed its Citizen Participation Plan in the planning and preparation of this Annual Action Plan. The City of Hartford advertised the local newspaper and on social media. The ad appeared in the "Hartford Courant", and Citywide newsletter, (311)- on June 8, 2022.

The City of Hartford Office of Central Grants Administration maintains a mailing list for its CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Programs and sends out copies of its public hearings notices and meetings concerning the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Programs. Notices were also sent to all agencies and individuals who have participated in previous programs and activities. Requests for proposals for funding applications was mailed out to the Office's list of agencies/organizations and advertised in the City's weekly newsletter. Two virtual public hearing and technical assistance sessions were held for the public and interested organizations on Wednesday, January 27, 2022 @ 1:30pm and 5:30pm.

Due to the state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Hartford placed its plan on virtual public display. The "Draft" Plans were on display for a 30-day period beginning June 11, 2021. The

availability for review of the "draft plans" were advertised in the local newspapers and via the City's newsletter and the plan was on display at the City of Hartford website.

The Public Hearing was held virtually on June 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM and was broadcast from 550 Main Street, Room 208, Hartford CT, allowing residents to give their input on the draft version of the Annual Action Plan before the submission of the Plan to HUD on Monday, July 19, 2021

5. Summary of public comments

The Public Hearing will be held on June 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM and broadcast from 550 Main Street, Room 208, Hartford CT, allowing residents to give their input on the draft version of the Annual Action Plan before the submission of the Plan to HUD on Monday, July 19, 2021.

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At the virtual needs public hearing, residents provided their input and ideas on the needs of the City of Hartford. Comments received at the Needs Public Hearing are included in the Citizen Participation section at the end of this plan.

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

All other comments and suggestions that were received to date, have been accepted and incorporated into the planning document

7. Summary

The FY2022 Annual Action Plan for the City of Hartford includes the City's CDBG Program and outlines which activities the City will undertake during the program year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. The Plan also references the HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds that the City will receive in FY 2022. This is the City's third year of the FY2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

During the FY2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Program Year, the City of Hartford will receive the following federal financial resources, as well as last year resources and program income:

- FY 2022 CDBG Allocation - \$3,612,782
- CDBG Previous Year and PI - \$200,000
- FY 2022 HOME Allocation - \$1,566,107
- HOME Program Income - \$185,000
- FY 2022 ESG Allocation - \$318,008
- FY 2022 HOPWA Allocation - \$1,257,174

- HOPWA Previous Year -\$340,000
- **Total Funds: \$7,479,071**

During the FY2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Program Year, the City of Hartford plans to address the following priority needs from its Five Year Consolidated Plan:

- Housing Priority (High Priority)
- Homeless Priority (High Priority)
- Other Special Needs Priority (Low Priority)
- Community Development Priority (High Priority)
- Economic Development Priority (High Priority)
- Administration, Planning, and Management Priority (High Priority)

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PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	HARTFORD	Office of Central Grants Administration
HOPWA Administrator	HARTFORD	Office of Central Grants Administration
HOME Administrator	HARTFORD	Housing Division, Development Services
ESG Administrator	HARTFORD	Office of Central Grants Administration

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The administering lead agency is the City of Hartford’s Office of Central Grants Administration, a division of the Office of Management, Budget, and Grants, for the CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA Programs. The City of Hartford’s Housing Division of Development Services Department is the administering lead agency for the HOME Program. The Office of Central Grants of City of Hartford prepares: the Five Year Consolidated Plan; Annual Action Plans; ERR’s; and the Consolidated Annual Evaluation Reports (CAPER); processes pay requests; and performs contracting, and oversight of the programs on a day to day basis.

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

1. Introduction

While preparing the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan, the City of Hartford consulted with the Hartford Housing Authority, social services and housing agencies, along with the Greater Hartford Coordinated Access Network, which is a member of the Connecticut Continuum of Care.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City of Hartford works with the following agencies to enhance coordination:

- **Hartford Housing Authority** - Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, improvements to public housing communities, and scattered site housing.
- **Development Services** - oversees the HOME program and a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.
- **Social Services Agencies** - funds to improve services to low- and moderate-income persons.
- **Housing Providers** - funds to rehab and develop affordable housing - funds to improve housing options for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.
- **Journey Home** - coordinates the Greater Hartford CAN.

As part of the CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA application planning process, local organizations are invited to submit proposals for CDBG, HOPWA, and ESG funds for eligible activities. These groups participate in the planning process by attending public hearings, conversation via phone and/or email, and submission of funding applications.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Hartford is a member of the Connecticut Balance of State CoC, which is divided into Coordinated Action Networks (CANs). Journey Home, is the coordinating agency of the Greater Hartford Coordinated Access Network (Greater Hartford CAN), and as such, it is responsible for ensuring that the goals of ending chronic homelessness in the continuum are met. Journey Home serves not only as the CoC lead, but also as the HMIS administrator and the Coordinated Intake Operator.

The Greater Hartford CAN estimates that it will dedicate 462 permanent housing beds to families, 1,137 permanent housing beds to adults, 1,028 permanent housing beds to chronically homeless individuals and families, and 394 permanent housing beds to veterans in the City of Hartford.

The City of Hartford places a high priority in assisting those that are homeless, and those who are at risk of becoming homeless. The City of Hartford has developed a series of goals and priorities that assist these individuals and families for the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan. These goals and priorities are reflected in the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan. Funding through Central Grants Administration assists social service agencies that are members of the CAN and provide emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing for people who are at risk of homelessness, or people who are homeless.

The City of Hartford also consults with organizations that work with populations that are at a high risk of becoming homeless, including those recovering from substance abuse issues and the re-entry population. Organizations that work to address the opioid epidemic and families affected by addiction, and to assist the re-entry population with finding housing and employment are consulted and funded with CDBG funds.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Hartford is an ESG entitlement grantee. ESG sub-recipients are selected as a result of applications submitted to the City of Hartford Office of Central Grants Administration. The Greater Hartford (CAN) provides input on determining ESG funded projects to both the City of Hartford and to the Hartford Balance of State CoC. Representatives from the CAN determine ESG performance metrics and provide local data for reporting outcomes.

The CAN, in partnership with the City of Hartford, establishes the priorities, reviews and monitors priorities and goals, and reviews changes required by the Connecticut Balance of State CoC. CoC strategies include the prioritization of reducing the length of time it takes for a homeless individual or family to go through Rapid Rehousing that leads to Rapid Exit, as well as increasing the number of Permanent Supportive Housing units available. The CoC requires a Housing First approach from all ESG sub-grantees.

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a mandated computer system implemented to track homeless consumers through the Continuum of Care System and provide the continuum with an unduplicated count of those experiencing homelessness within the State of Connecticut. Journey Home is both the HMIS and CAN Lead agency. HMIS falls under the strict guidelines and requirements of

State government that includes an assigned compliance officer. Privacy and Security Plans are reviewed at least yearly or as needed. Issues related to data quality are resolved within a timely manner. Providers with many missing values or errors are provided technical assistance.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Department of Development Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Employment Other government - Local Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Hartford's Development Services Department was consulted for the housing and economic needs in the City.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the City of Hartford
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford was consulted for affordable housing and public housing needs in the City.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	AIDS CONNECTICUT, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	AIDS CONNECTICUT builds sustainable, accessible, and high-quality systems and services dedicated to eliminating health disparities for people impacted by HIV/AIDS. The City works closely with this organization to assure that HOPWA programs meet all HUD standards. They have been partners with the City in efforts to better integrate HOPWA and Ryan White services for HIV/AIDS clients in Hartford
4	Agency/Group/Organization	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (CITY OF HARTFORD)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Health Agency Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Group meetings were held along with phone calls; housing and community development priorities; social service and economic development needs. As mentioned above, we work closely with them as they partner with the City's HOPWA providers to assure integration of programs and seamless medical care and housing assistance to AIDS/HIV clients
5	Agency/Group/Organization	MUTUAL HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF GREATER HARTFORD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Connecticut Fair Housing Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Group meetings were held along with phone calls; housing and community development priorities; social service and economic development needs.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	CHRYSLIS CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Group meetings were held along with phone calls; housing and community development priorities; social service and economic development needs.

8	Agency/Group/Organization	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

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<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City of Hartford Department of Public Works was consulted on the City's Emergency Management Plan and Broadband Access Plan. In response to a 2017 city-wide survey which found that 42% of Hartford's residents did not have home internet service, the City has made a continued effort to expand Wi-fi access with a focus on the highest need neighborhoods (Northeast and Frog Hollow). The City of Hartford, through its partnership with Sertex Broadband and Vulcan Security Technologies, continues its work to make high speed broadband universally available through WiFi across the municipality. Hartford efforts to highlight and narrow the digital divide have been led by key community stakeholders seeking to expand opportunities for vulnerable and marginalized populations. The City, Hartford Public Schools, Hartford Public Library, neighborhood organizations, and community advocates have all been actively seeking solutions to the broadband access challenge and the human impact of the digital divide. In 2020, through the COVID-19 shutdowns, the City continued efforts to bring free WiFi, using federal E-rate funds, although falling short of the goal. In 2021 efforts were made to acquire competitive federal funds (NTIA) and in 2022 these efforts continue as the City works with the State office DEEP-BETP- Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy to acquire ARPA funds allocated to states for broadband access to the lowest-income neighborhoods.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

All known agency types were consulted and contacted during the planning process. Meeting notes are in the attachment section. There were no agencies or organizations intentionally not consulted.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Journey Home	It is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
2020 Five Year & Annual PHA Plan	Housing Authority of the City of Hartford	It is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Downtown Housing Hartford Citywide Housing Study	City of Hartford, Planning and Zoning Commission	It is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Hartford City Plan	City of Hartford, Planning and Zoning Commission	It is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Hartford, Department of Development Services	It is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Greater Hartford Community Wellbeing Index 2019	DataHaven	It is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Agencies/Organizations</p>	<p>Two Needs Public Hearings were held as for applicants for Federal Funds. The meetings were held on January 27, 2022 at 1:30 PM and at 5:30 PM to provide technical assistance to grantees.</p>	<p>Comments were taken into consideration and factored into the Annual Plan through the selection of activities.</p>	None	
2	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Agencies/Organizations</p>				

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	3,612,782	50,000	150,000	3,812,782	7,428,622	49 Projects were funded based on FY22 CDBG Allocations
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,566,107	185,000	0	1,751,107	2,868,874	5 projects/activities were funded based on FY22 Allocation for HOME.
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU	1,257,174	0	340,000	1,597,174	2,358,316	9 Projects/Activities were funded based on FY22 Allocations for HOPWA.

		Supportive services TBRA						
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	318,008	0	10	318,018	618,094	4 Projects/Activities were funded based on FY22 Allocations for ESG.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

On 5/13/22, the City of Hartford was allocated \$3,612,782 in CDBG funds, \$1,566,107 in HOME funds, \$318,008 in ESG funds, and \$1,257,174 in HOPWA funds for the FY 2022 Program Year. The program year begins on July 1, 2022 and ends on June 30, 2023. These funds will be used to address the following priority needs: Housing; Homeless; Other Special Needs; Community Development; Economic Development; and Administration, Planning, and Management.

The “Expected Amount Available Reminder of Consolidated Plan” field is based off the FY 2020 allocation projected across five years. This is Year 3. Two years remain in the Con Plan, we project the expected amount available for CDBG for the remainder of the Con Plan as $2 \times \$3,714,311 = \$7,428,622$.

The accomplishments of these projects/activities will be reported in the FY 2022 Consolidated Annual

Anticipated Resources

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The following public (non-federal) and private financial resources are anticipated to be available to the City of Hartford to address the needs identified in the FY2022 Annual Action Plans:

Other Federal Funds:

The City of Hartford anticipates that it will receive a number of other Federal funds that it will use to complete its goals, including: ARPA/American Rescue Plan Act FHW/Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP); EPA Brownfield grants; FHA Streetscape Grants; CDC/Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health; USDA/WIC funds; and HRSA/Ryan White Funds to assist those with HIV/AIDS, among others.

State of Connecticut:

The City of Hartford anticipates that it will be receiving State Grant Funds during the Five Year Consolidated Plan. State Departments offering grants that the City intends to apply for include: CT Department of Economic & Community Development; CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; CT Department of Transportation; CT Department of Housing; CT Department of Education; and CT Department of Social Services. State funds will be used for Brownfield cleanups, complete streets and bike lane programs, overdose harm reduction, HIV Prevention, the Youth Services Bureau, and a Sustainable Housing Solutions Program, among other projects.

Private Funding:

The City of Hartford intends to leverage funding from private entities as well as foundations.

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

In FY22, the City of Hartford anticipates engaging local developers to rehabilitate two existing City owned properties while working with others to pursue the development of non-City owned property.

Upon acquisition of the two (2) city owned parcels and existing improvement located at (i) 1355 Main Street and (ii) 270 Albany Avenue, the chosen developers will rehabilitate the improvements located on the sites through a gut rehab to once again make them habitable and code compliant. 1355 Main Street, a four-story mixed-use property will consist of approximately 1,700 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor, the upper floors will consist of multiple residential rental units (number to be determine). Combined with other surrounding parcels the completed development will result in 43 apartments of which 15% (6) will be affordable to those who earn 50 to 60% AMI. The project will be funded with a competitive State grant, City of Hartford HOME Funds and private financing.

270 Albany Avenue is a mixed use two and ½ story building which when completed will consist of multiple residential units on the upper floor (count to be determined) for low to moderate income persons and/or families retail store front on the ground level. The project will be funded with City of Hartford’s HOME Funds and private financing raised by the developer.

Discussion

Not Applicable

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	HSS-1 Homeownership	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$25,000 HOME: \$178,200	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 40 Persons Assisted Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 30 Households Assisted
2	HSS-2 Housing Construction	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Priority	HOME: \$358,609	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
3	HSS-3 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$500,000 HOME: \$143,443	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 93 Household Housing Unit
4	HSS-4 Renter-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$620,000 HOME: \$573,775	Rental units rehabilitated: 58 Household Housing Unit
5	HSS-7 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Priority	HOPWA: \$328,890 HOME: \$215,166	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 125 Households Assisted
6	HSS-8 Relocation Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$259,995	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted
7	HMS-1 Operation/Support	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	Housing Priority Homeless Priority	CDBG: \$115,000 ESG: \$186,867	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 350 Persons Assisted Other: 1 Other
8	HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Priority	CDBG: \$75,000 ESG: \$125,862	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 285 Persons

								Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 120 Households Assisted
9	SNS-2 Social Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Other Special Needs Priority	CDBG: \$13,000 HOPWA: \$762,878	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 202 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 61 Households Assisted
10	CDS-2 Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$925,050	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 124390 Households Assisted
11	CDS-4 Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$272,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6134 Persons Assisted Businesses assisted: 5 Businesses Assisted
12	CDS-7 Blight Remediation	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$127,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 100 Household Housing Unit

13	EDS-1 Employment	2020	2024	Economic Development	Citywide	Economic Development Priority	CDBG: \$83,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 282 Persons Assisted Other: 1 Other
14	EDS-2 Financial and Technical Assistance	2020	2024	Economic Development	Citywide	Economic Development Priority	CDBG: \$700,223	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 878 Persons Assisted Businesses assisted: 25 Businesses Assisted Other: 1 Other
16	AMS-1 Overall Coordination	2020	2024	Administrati on, Planning, and Managemen t	Citywide	Administra tion, Planning, and Managemen t Priority	CDBG: \$814,889 HOPWA: \$52,425 HOME: \$163,244 ESG: \$10,817	Other: 4 Other
17	AMS-3 Fair Housing	2020	2024	Administrati on, Planning, and Managemen t	Citywide	Administra tion, Planning, and Managemen t Priority	CDBG: \$0	Other: 1 Other

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	HSS-1 Homeownership
	Goal Description	Assist low- and moderate-income households to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, along with housing counseling training.
2	Goal Name	HSS-2 Housing Construction
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in the community through new construction.
3	Goal Name	HSS-3 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Continue to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate and improve the energy efficiency of their existing owner-occupied housing.
4	Goal Name	HSS-4 Renter-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Provide financial assistance to landlords to rehabilitate housing units, improve energy efficiency, and convert existing buildings for rent to low- and moderate-income tenants.
5	Goal Name	HSS-7 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide financial assistance to tenants by providing funds for housing costs to sustain affordability.
6	Goal Name	HSS-8 Relocation Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide services and resources to individuals and families who are forced to relocate from their home due to fire or a disaster that destroyed their living unit or made it uninhabitable.
7	Goal Name	HMS-1 Operation/Support
	Goal Description	Assist homeless service providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons who are at risk of becoming homeless.

8	Goal Name	HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing
	Goal Description	Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities, support services for renters to remain in their housing unit, housing counseling services, and promote programs for rapid re-housing.
9	Goal Name	SNS-2 Social Services
	Goal Description	Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.
10	Goal Name	CDS-2 Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, bridges, curbs, walks, water, sewer lines, storm drainage, sanitary sewers, broadband and other digital supports, etc.
11	Goal Name	CDS-4 Public Services
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance public services including: programs for youth, the elderly, disabled, and other public service programs for low- and moderate-income persons.
12	Goal Name	CDS-7 Blight Remediation
	Goal Description	Remove, correct and eliminate blighting conditions and structures through remediation, rehabilitation, and as a last resort, clearance of blighted properties and structures throughout the City.
13	Goal Name	EDS-1 Employment
	Goal Description	Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training services for the unemployed and underemployed persons including summer youth programs.
14	Goal Name	EDS-2 Financial and Technical Assistance
	Goal Description	Support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development through technical assistance programs and low interest loans, grants, and micro grants.
16	Goal Name	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Goal Description	Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, annual action plans, five year consolidated plans, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports, environmental review clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
17	Goal Name	AMS-3 Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and management to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Hartford.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Hartford will allocate its CDBG funds to those geographic areas whose population is over 51% low- and moderate-income. At least 70% of all the City's CDBG funds that are budgeted for activities will principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The following guidelines for allocating CDBG and HOME funds will be used by the City for the FY 2021 Program Year:

- The public services activities are for social service organizations whose clientele have a low income or in certain cases a limited type of clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The municipal facilities activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or clientele over 51% low- and moderate-income.
- The municipal improvement activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or clientele over 51% low- and moderate-income.
- The acquisition and demolition of structures are either located in a low- and moderate-income census area or these activities are eligible by preventing or eliminating slums and blight on a spot basis or area basis.
- The housing activities have income eligibility criteria, therefore the income requirement directs funds to low- and moderate-income households throughout the City.
- Economic development projects will either be located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group, or a poverty tract greater than 20%, or part of a redevelopment plan, or making 51% of the jobs available to low- and moderate-income population.

The priority ranking system for housing needs, homeless needs, other special needs, community development needs, and economic development needs is as follows:

- **High Priority:** Activities assigned high priority are expected to be funded during the FY 2020-2024 period.
- **Low Priority:** Activities assigned low priority may not be funded during the 2020-2024 period. The City may support applications for public assistance by other agencies if those activities

conform to the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Public Services (CDBG)
2	Non Public Services- Economic Development, Community Development (CDBG)
3	Planning and Administration (CDBG)
4	ESG-22 Hartford
5	HOPWA- FY22 CTH20F001
6	HOME- Investment Partnerships Program

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Allocation priorities reflect those set out in the City's FY 2020 -2024 Consolidated Plan

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Public Services (CDBG)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-4 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,612,782
	Description	The City will direct grant funds for a wide range of public services activities, including, but not limited to:Child care, Health care, Job training, Recreation programs, Education programs
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Over 6,000 LMI families will benefit from these activities
	Location Description	Throughout the City of Hartford

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artists Collective Inc. - Rites of Passage (ROP) Summer Program • Career Resources – STRIVE Hartford • Catholic Charities, Inc. – Parker EnVision Youth Development Programming • Center for Latino Progress – Earn-A-Bike • Charter Oak Boxing & Youth Development Inc. - Champions of Life! • Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association Inc. - Youth Arts Institute • Children In Placement – Guardian Ad Litem Program • Community Partners in Action - The Resettlement Program • Ebony Horsewomen Inc. - Equine Assisted Growth Learning and Therapy • Futures Inc. - Summer Job Training Program • Gifted Onez Inc. (The) - TGO MLK • HARC Inc. - Capable Kids Six-Week Summer Camp • Heartbeat Ensemble – Youth Play Institute • Hartford Artisans Weaving Center - Therapeutic Weaving Artisan Program • Hartford's Camp Courant – 2022 Summer Camp Activities • Hartford Knights – Youth Play Institute • Hartford Performs - Arts Based Programs • Hispanic Health Council Inc. - Neighborhood Youth Leadership Development Programs • Journey Home - Coordinated Access Network (CAN) Shelter Support Services • Justice Dance Performance Project Inc. - Multi-Arts Residencies • Knox Inc. - Green Jobs Apprenticeships • Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation - Jumpstart to Jobs Program • My Sister’s Place Incorporated – For the Love of Children Initiative
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters - Hartford Community-based Mentoring program • Open Hearth Association (The) - Shelter and Rehousing Program • Organized Parents Make a Difference Inc. - OPMAD at Kennelly School • Salvation Army - The Bloom Initiative • San Juan Center Inc. – Employment Assistance • South Park Inn – Homeless Veterans Peer Transition Support Project • Urban League of Greater Hartford - Housing Counseling Program • Youth Challenge of CT, Inc. – Youth Challenge Support Program • YWCA of New Britain - Hartford Sexual Assault Crisis Service
2	Project Name	Non Public Services- Economic Development, Community Development (CDBG)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	HSS-3 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation HSS-8 Relocation Assistance CDS-2 Infrastructure CDS-7 Blight Remediation EDS-1 Employment EDS-2 Financial and Technical Assistance
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	The City intends to fund activities including: technical assistance, business support services, and other similar services to owners of microenterprises or persons developing microenterprises; job training and job placement services; parks improvements, fire equipment, blight remediation.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City forecasts that over 780 businesses and residents will benefit from the proposed non-public service economic development activities
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Hartford/ Development Services – Blight Remediation • City of Hartford HPLF-Staffing • City of Hartford/Development Services – Low Income Housing Coordination • City of Hartford / Fire Dept. • City of Hartford / Parks Improvements • City of Hartford / Health and Human Services - Emergency Placement Services • Forge City Works - Culinary Job Training at the Kitchen • Hands on Hartford - Shared Kitchen and incubator • Hartford Public Library - Immigrant Career Pathways Initiative • HEDCO, Inc. - Technical Assistance to Hartford Businesses • International Hartford LTD. - Business Counseling for Immigrants • Journey Home Inc- Career Pathways to Employment • Minority Construction Council Inc. - Small Contractors/Minority Woman Business Enterprise Technical • Rebuilding Together Hartford Inc. - Homeowner Retention • Riverfront Recapture - Riverfront Parks & Trails • Spanish American Merchants Association - Small Business Technical Assistance Program • University of Hartford, Entrepreneurial Center - Hartford Small Business Technical Assistance • University of Hartford, Upper Albany Main Street - Micro Business Incubator Program
3	Project Name	Planning and Administration (CDBG)
	Target Area	City wide
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination AMS-3 Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority
	Funding	CDBG: 747,556.40
	Description	The City will fund Administration and Fair Housing for City Staff to administer Entitlement Programs in accordance with Federal Regulations.

	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City will support 16 positions in the Central Grants Administration, Development Services, and Housing Division with the proposed administration funds.
	Location Description	City of Hartford
	Planned Activities	Activities will be classified under 21A-General Program Administration
4	Project Name	ESG-22 Hartford
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-8 Relocation Assistance HMS-1 Operation/Support HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
	Funding	ESG: 318,008
	Description	The Greater Hartford Coordinated Access Network (CAN) will continue some of the services that the system has been able to fund over the last year and a half through the ESG COVID funds. Due to its impact in keeping Hartford residents stably housed. The State of Connecticut and Federal government have allocated additional funding for next year, but these funds can only be used to cover direct shelter expenses. To preserve some of the additional key staff for FY 22-23 the City has agreed to repurpose ESG funds to maintain a few Homeless Outreach and Shelter Diversion staff positions that would otherwise be lost on October 1, 2022, when the ESG COVID funds expire
	Target Date	6/30/23
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	105 persons 1 Other
	Location Description	Based in the City of Hartford

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Homeless Outreach</p> <p><i>Program Description:</i></p> <p><u>The purpose of the program will be to provide homeless street outreach to households experiencing literal homelessness and provide case management to identify and secure safe, viable housing opportunities.</u></p> <p>The program will focus primarily on canvassing and conducting outreach on evenings and weekends. These activities will be tailored to meet the immediate needs of unsheltered homeless people by connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, and/or critical health services. This may include, but is not limited to, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, peer/recovery support, medical care, and financial assistance. Subcontractor will work in collaboration with the other outreach providers in the GH CAN in order to prevent duplication of services and ensure comprehensive geographic coverage of the CAN.</p> <p>Shelter Diversion</p> <p><i>Program Description:</i></p> <p>The purpose of this project will be to provide diversion services to households at imminent risk of homelessness, those who are literally homeless but not yet in shelter, or those households who need a brief shelter stay (seven days or less) in order to obtain safe permanent housing.</p> <p>The goals of this project are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>ensure there is not a back log in CAN appointments being scheduled such that there is not more than a 2-business day wait between calling 211 and being scheduled for an appointment, and</u> 2) <u>being able to book a CAN appointment for all subpopulations one week out from impending homelessness (the system prior to ESG-CV funding set to expire on 9/30/22 required individuals to be 48 hours from homelessness) with the intent that program participants achieve and maintain housing stability.</u> <p>Any additional available financial assistance for eligible households will be centrally administered by Journey Home as requested by program staff through HMIS or another agreed upon method. It is expected that</p>
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		existing financial assistance resources, through existing providers and CCEH, shall be leveraged to support clients served through this program.
5	Project Name	HOPWA- FY22 CTH20F001
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-7 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance SNS-2 Social Services
	Needs Addressed	Other Special Needs Priority Administration, Planning and Management Priority
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,257,174
	Description	The City plans to fund work with AIDS CT, Chrysalis Center, St. Philip's House, Hands on Hartford, HRA of New Britain, Mercy Housing, Zezzo House. This will also include City administration
	Target Date	6/30/23
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Proposed HOPWA activities will benefit an estimated 275 individuals living with AIDS/HIV
	Location Description	Within the City of Hartford
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIDS CT Inc. CTH20F001 (ACT) • Chrysalis Center CTH20F001 (CHRY) • St. Philip House CTH20F001 (SPH) • City of Hartford CTH20F001 (COH) • Hands on Hartford CTH20F001 (HOH) • Human Resources Agency of New Britain CTH20F001 (HRA) • Mercy Housing and Shelter Corp. CTH20F001 (MHSC) • Zezzo House Corp. CTH20F001 (ZH)
6	Project Name	HOME- Investment Partnerships Program
	Target Area	Throughout Hartford

Goals Supported	HSS-1 Homeownership HSS-2 Housing Construction HSS-3 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation HSS-4 Renter-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
Funding	HOME: \$1,566,107
Description	During Year Three HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding will be utilized for homebuyer assistance and rehabilitation/new construction of residential properties for homeownership or rental housing or any combination thereof; 15% set-aside for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs); 75% set-aside for homebuyer assistance and rehabilitation/new construction of residential properties for homeownership or rental housing or any combination thereof; and 10% program administration. \$185,000 is anticipated in Program Income. 10% will be allocated to program administration.
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 Homeowner housing added 367 Rental Housing added (note: 300@3580 Main Street, 30@Arrow head 6@Putnum Park 2@270 Albany Ave, 29@Metroplex) 20 households through homebuyer assistance
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Activities include homebuyer assistance, housing rehabilitation, new construction, and a CHDO set-aside project

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

A full profile of the population age, and racial/ethnic composition of the City of Hartford is included in the Appendices. This information was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau American Factfinder website, <http://data.census.gov>. The 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates were used to analyze the social, economic, housing, and general demographic characteristics of the City of Hartford. The 5-year estimates are the most recent data available for the City. The 2010 U.S. Census data is included where possible.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	70

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Hartford will allocate its CDBG funds to those geographic areas whose population is over 51% low- and moderate-income. At least 70% of all the City's CDBG funds that are budgeted for activities will principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The following guidelines for allocating CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds will be used by the City for the FY 2022 Program Year:

- The public services activities are for social service organizations whose clientele have a low income or in certain cases a limited type of clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The public facilities activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or clientele who are over 51% low- and moderate-income.
- The infrastructure improvement activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or clientele over 51% low- and moderate-income.
- The acquisition and demolition of structures are either located in a low- and moderate-income census area or these activities are eligible by preventing or eliminating slums and blight on a spot basis or area basis.
- The housing activities have income eligibility criteria therefore the income requirement directs funds to low- and moderate-income households throughout the City.
- Economic development projects will either be located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group, or a poverty tract greater than 20%, or part of a redevelopment plan, or making 51% of the jobs available to low- and moderate-income population.
- Street outreach, emergency shelters, homeless prevention, and rapid-rehousing for populations

that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

- Tenant-based rental assistance, emergency short-term mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and information referrals for people with HIV/AIDS.

The proposed Activities/Projects under the FY 2022 CDBG and HOME Program Year are located in areas with the highest percentages of low- to moderate-income persons and those block groups with a percentage of minority persons above the average for the City of Hartford.

The HOME funds will be used for administration and for housing projects. These funds will be targeted to low-income persons and projects designed to provide affordable housing to low-income persons and are usually located in low- and moderate-income areas.

The HOPWA funds will be used for housing related services for those with HIV/AIDS, such as tenant based rental assistance, emergency short-term mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and information referrals.

The ESG funds will go to homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, and HMIS. The disbursement is based on need of each shelter or agency, not by geographic area.

Discussion

The City is allocating its CDBG to areas or activities which are predominantly low and moderate income; to the creation of low- and moderate-income jobs; to activities that have a low and moderate income population; and to activities that remove slum and blight in low and moderate income areas

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Hartford will utilize its CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds to rehabilitate and to support the construction of new affordable housing units. The one year goals for affordable housing in the City of Hartford for FY 2022 are as follows

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	20
Non-Homeless	452
Special-Needs	0
Total	472

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	353
Rehab of Existing Units	99
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	452

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

Discussion

The City of Hartford will fund the following projects with 2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds:

- **City of Hartford - Home Energy Savings**
- **City of Hartford Development Services - HPLF Program Income** - 45 rental units; 40 homeowner housing units
- **Rebuilding Together Hartford, Inc. - Homeowner Retention**
- **Development Services - HOME Programs** - 353 newly constructed homeowner units, 14 units rehabilitated

The City of Hartford’s Department of Development Services will also operate programs for:

- Homeowner Assistance - 20 units
- Construction and Rehabilitation - 23 units, of which 16 will utilize HOME funds — 452 (367 HOME/85 HPLF) units, of which 367 will utilize HOME funds (300 at 3580 Main, 24 Arrow head,

29 @Metroplex, 6 @ Arrow Head, 6 Putnam, 2@270 Albany Ave)

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AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH) is the local public housing agency serving the City. The Authority owns and manages 962 units of public housing, including four (4) communities targeted to elderly and disabled housing. In addition, HACH is allocated a total of 2,850 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, including 59 Mainstream Vouchers, 83 Family Reunification Vouchers, and 168 VASH vouchers. HACH has undergone RAD conversion of two (2) of its developments and received 178 Project Vouchers after conversion. Additionally, HACH has 70 project-based vouchers.

The mission of the Housing Authority of the City of Hartford is to be a fiscally sound agency that provides safe, decent, and affordable high-quality housing choices. HACH strives to become closer to its resident and community partners while being a positive catalyst for the creation of economic opportunities and independence in diverse communities.

In addition to the Housing Authority, the City of Hartford also administers Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers through its Department of Development Services. Development Services administers 5,100 vouchers, 100 of which are Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers. Development Services also administers five (5) VASH vouchers.

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford owns and operates 13 public housing communities. The physical condition of the housing ranges based on property, but maintenance and upgrades are needed due to the age of the units. The Housing Authority is developing new low-income housing in Hartford with private-public partnerships.

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford plans a variety of capital improvements in its properties. By public housing community, planned activities during the Five-Year Plan period are as follows:

- Smith Tower – Roof replacement, retaining wall repair.
- Mary Shephard Place – Demolition of existing units and construction of up to 167 new units.
- Stowe Village – Roof replacements (multiple phases), boiler/water heater replacement.
- PHA-Wide – Capital needs assessment, carbon monoxide/smoke alarm installation and replacement.
- Scattered Sites – Unit rehabilitation.
- 180 John D. Wardlaw Way – Facade repair.

Additionally, authority-wide improvements include, radon testing/mitigation, security upgrades, brick repointing, site work (concrete work, paving/sealing of parking lots and pedestrian walks), gutter and downspout cleaning and repair, installation of bathroom exhaust fans, window replacement, roof

replacement, and energy conservation measures, as needed.

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH) has resident councils which form the Hartford Housing Tenants Organization. The Organization has representatives from various resident councils, and every Low-Income Public Housing Community has a resident council except for one.

The Housing Authority encourages participation in resident councils and participates in key meetings with its councils regarding the development and rehabilitation of units. Annual Plans are given to each resident council after board approval. Existing programs to benefit residents of Low-Income Public Housing include:

- The Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program provides a Resident Service Coordinator to tenants to improve the quality of life for those with limited employability (specifically the elderly and disabled).

HACH intends to apply for funding for a Family Self-Sufficiency program.

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford is not classified as “troubled” by HUD and is performing satisfactorily according to HUD guidelines and standards. Therefore, no assistance is needed to improve operations of this Public Housing Authority.

Discussion

N/A

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

Introduction

Under this Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the City of Hartford in cooperation with the local Coordinated Action Network has developed its Strategic Plan to address homelessness for FY 2020 through FY 2024. These goals are set forth in the following priorities:

- **HMS-1 Operation/Support** - Assist homeless service providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons who are at risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing** - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.
- **HMS-3 Housing** - Support the rehabilitation and accessibility improvements to emergency shelters and transitional housing for the homeless.
- **HMS-4 Permanent Housing** - Support the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Greater Hartford Coordinated Action Network (CAN) works with the Hartford Police Department and the Department of Health and Human Services to assist populations that are at risk of homelessness. Persons and families at risk of homelessness are directed toward the 2-1-1 housing crisis line and encouraged to seek diversion assistance. Diversion is the primary strategy to address those at imminent risk, and households are encouraged to visit the Diversion Center. If the Diversion Center cannot divert the household, they are directed toward the relevant program based on their special needs or lack thereof. Multiple organizations collaborate on the diversion initiative.

The CAN recognizes that some of its greatest gaps are in the outreach to approach homeless persons. Outreach is currently conducted through partnerships with the Police Department. However, the Department of Public Works and Emergency Management Technicians also frequently interact with the homeless population. There is a gap between these two entities and the CAN, and there is a need to train both of these entities to also provide outreach to the homeless community. The community has recently begun to train and coordinate with these entities through formal encampment protocols to increase coordination and communication.

Journey Home is the coordinating agency and thus responsible for the overall administration of the CAN and HMIS system. Journey Home, through the CAN and the CoC Committee, establishes goals and performance measures. Journey Home began using Coordinated Entry in 2014, and it has been effective

in directing people who are homeless to mainstream services that can assist them. Mainstream health services assist in outreach efforts for homeless individuals and families. Mainstream services that assist these populations include health services through organizations such as ImmaCare. ImmaCare and other health organizations, including True Colors and the Gay and Lesbian Health Collective, have adapted their healthcare practices to better serve the homeless LGBTQIA+ population.

According to the 2021 Point-in-Time Count, there were 48 sheltered homeless adults with mental health issues. Additionally, there were 27 sheltered adults with substance abuse issues. The Greater Hartford CAN uses this data to target interventions to these populations. However, there is always a greater need for these services than there are providers.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Hartford's Department of Health and Human Services owns and operates both overnight and day shelters to meet the needs of homeless residents. Approximately one-third of the people staying in the City's emergency shelters are from outside of the City of Hartford. Many of the people staying in City shelters for extended amounts of time have substance abuse issues and require additional services. There is a need for shelter staff to be trained to assist transgender populations. The City-owned shelters are in need of capital improvements.

Day shelters that are available for the homeless provide clean needles. There is an additional warming center during cold weather. The Warming Center recently began providing cots for the homeless instead of chairs.

Many domestic violence survivors are placed in the emergency shelter system. There is a need for transitional housing and separate housing for these populations. There is a disproportionate amount of shelter beds for men, compared to women, which is notable as the number of homeless women is increasing in the City of Hartford, and Nationwide. Homeless youth are also frequently victims of domestic violence, and may be kept out of emergency shelters due to potential risk. There is also a need to address non-traditional family structures in shelters.

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

According to the Greater Hartford Coordinated Action Network (CAN), there is a need for more permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and supportive services to assist people in need of housing. The Housing First Model's approach is to help individuals and families access and sustain permanent rental housing as quickly as possible, without time limits, and with a standard lease

agreement, as opposed to mandated therapy or service compliance. They offer a variety of services to promote housing stability and individual well-being on an as-needed basis. They also address the issues that cause homelessness. However, the CAN has calculated that only 20% of the homeless population is being served through these programs and more need access to services. Members of the CAN believe that Single-Room Occupancy Rentals, if managed well, could meet much of this need.

Due to the shortage of affordable housing, individuals and families with the lowest incomes are at risk of homelessness. Journey Home provides programs to support landlords who house the formerly homeless and prevent them from re-entering the shelter system. Though some other programs exist, including funds to provide tenant-based rental assistance, diversion is the primary strategy to prevent homelessness.

According to last year's Point-in-Time Count, conducted on January 26, 2021, there were 389 individuals experiencing homelessness and 25 families in Greater Hartford. We estimated that 5,379 youth between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four would experience homelessness or housing instability during 2020. Our data suggests that 1,766 of this age cohort would be literally homeless at a point during 2020.

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

There are more than 300 people on the waiting list for Transitional Housing in the City of Hartford, many of whom are on the list following a hospital stay. The Greater Hartford CAN has created a Community Care Team of healthcare providers to work with mental and physical health institutions to discharge patients into supportive housing. The Community Care Team is working with the healthcare institution to manage frequent healthcare users who are also homeless. Many of these individuals are chronically homeless. For other users, the Greater Hartford CAN utilizes diversion methods to help former patients find housing before entering the shelter system.

The City of Hartford's Department of Health and Human Services provides healthcare programs to residents of the City. The Department works with seniors in the City to provide in-home healthcare and to prevent injuries through a mixture of education and funding for reasonable modifications and accommodations to prevent hospital stays and subsequently being discharged into housing instability. Treatment centers for individuals recovering from addiction exist in the City of Hartford. Organizations such as the Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance (formerly Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition) will assist individuals in these centers to gain self-sufficiency, allowing them to be discharged into supportive housing as opposed to homelessness.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) operates a number of mainstream services that

supplement homeless services in the area. The Mayor will be creating an Opioid Epidemic Task Force that works with the DHHS to study and plan for treatment of the opioid epidemic. DHHS also works to provide mainstream services through its Women and Families Division. The Department of Children, Youth, and Families assists youth aging out of foster care. The Youth Engagement Team Initiatives has been partnering with the court system to reduce sentences to prevent children from being discharged from the juvenile justice system into homelessness.

The City of Hartford has chosen to prioritize assisting the re-entry population to avoid homelessness. The City has provided for a Re-Entry Welcome Center that offers resources to those exiting incarceration, as well as caseworkers and meeting times for those seeking services to learn from the experiences of others within that population. Re-entry services exist for both men and women, and include counseling and connections to job training and housing resources. The Re-Entry Welcome Center has just relocated to a new facility and acts as a central hub to direct the re-entry population to additional supportive services.

Discussion

N/A

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	20
Tenant-based rental assistance	37
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	13
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	70

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

Introduction:

The City of Hartford in its most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice did not identify any negative effects of its public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. The City has continued to revise and update its Zoning Ordinance. This document is consistent with the Fair Housing Act, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. There are no other public policies that restrict fair housing.

The City of Hartford is committed to removing or reducing barriers to the development of affordable housing whenever possible throughout the City. A variety of actions include, among others, to reduce the cost of housing to make it affordable. The Mayor of the City of Hartford has openly called to decrease racial segregation between the City of Hartford and the surrounding communities.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The following is an abbreviated list of the 2020 Impediments to Fair Housing Choice determined by the City of Hartford:

Impediment No. 1

The City of Hartford is segregated by race, national origin, and income. However, any segregation within the City pales in comparison to the degree of segregation in the region.

Impediment No. 2

Complaints, allegations, reports, the community survey, and an analysis of demographics and patterns of minority concentrations indicate that illegal housing discrimination continues to be a problem in the City of Hartford.

Impediment No. 3

Many community residents lack a basic knowledge of their rights under the Fair Housing Act and where to go for assistance if they encounter housing discrimination.

Impediment No. 4

Fair housing agencies, housing advocates, observations from trainings, workshops, clinics, interviews, and partnerships with public and private agencies indicates there are staff working in areas of housing

who lack a knowledge of fair housing adequate to inform, assist, and/or refer clients who need help with fair housing issues.

Impediment No. 5

Many housing providers lack a working knowledge of fair housing laws and what is required for compliance with those laws.

Impediment No. 6

Predatory and abusive lending practices in the City of Hartford have targeted minorities and other classes protected under the Fair Housing Act.

Impediment No. 7

Neighborhoods with high rates of foreclosures indicate a higher likelihood to be denied or offered less favorable terms, fees, and conditions when applying for loans or insurance coverage.

Impediment No. 8

The problems of the lack of accessibility for persons with disabilities and the frequent denial of request for reasonable accommodations and modifications persist. These include the following:

- Lack of accessibility in rental housing.
- Housing industry resistance to mandated accessibility provisions.
- A shortage of funding for accessibility improvements in older housing units.

Impediment No. 9

There is a need to explicitly include AFFH planning and the tools to implement it at the front end of Federal projects to track the actions used by the City to AFFH.

Impediment No. 10

Despite a large Spanish-speaking population, 40% of the subsidized housing provider websites reviewed by the City had no information in Spanish.

Impediment No. 11

The AI identified three impediments to fair housing in the City's new Housing Code Enforcement

Ordinance based on group homes:

- They must renew their license every year.
- They cannot transfer their licenses.
- They must have a supervisor on site at all times.

Impediment No. 12

The AI identified three areas where tenants are likely to face discrimination in the rental market:

- Discrimination against disabled subsidized tenants.
- Discrimination against renters based on source of income.
- Tenants with criminal records will be prevented from renting due to background check results.

Impediment No. 13

The City created the 2011 goal to develop more than 2,300 new units of housing. However, it has fallen short of this goal, particularly in the creation of housing units below 120% AMI. Because race and national origin correlate with people who are low-income, integration of the Downtown area requires additional units that are affordable.

The full Analysis of Impediments is included in the Appendices.

Discussion:

During its FY 2022 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Program Year the City proposes to fund activities/projects that affirmatively further fair housing. This includes:

- Planning and design of new affordable housing developments.
- Funds for downpayment assistance for low income homebuyers.
- Emergency relocation services for displaced tenants and homeless individuals.
- Funds for neighborhood fair housing organizations.
- Housing counseling services. Job training and economic development opportunities.
- Funds for social services and health programs.
- Funds for project financing and related costs for affordable housing developments.
- The construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing units through Development Services, utilizing HOME and CDBG funding
- CDBG and HOME-ARPA funds may be used to support homeless shelter improvement and operations In addition, the City will leverage other federal Section 8 funding to affirmatively further fair housing:
 - Development Services will utilize Section 8 vouchers to continue to create access to areas of opportunity

- Project-Based vouchers will be utilized to create sustainable affordability in projects around the city
- Treasury ARPA funds will be used to create affordable homeownership opportunities for those individuals and households under 80% of Area Median Income (AMI)

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AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Hartford has developed the following actions which addresses obstacles to meeting underserved needs, fosters affordable housing, reduces lead-based hazards, reduces the number of poverty-level families, develops institutional structures, and enhances coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City under its FY 2022 CDBG Program Year will take the following actions to address obstacles to meeting the underserved needs:

- Continue to provide funds for housing for owner occupied and renter occupied units.
- Continue to provide funds to assist the area's homeless population, including homeless veterans, victims of domestic abuse, and individuals suffering from addiction.
- Continue to provide funds for new housing construction of owner occupied and renter occupied housing units which will be decent, safe, sound, affordable, and assessable.
- Continue to fund the rehabilitation program to help bring the older existing housing stock up to code standards.
- Continue to support minority and women-owned businesses, as well as immigrant-owned businesses.
- Continue to provide educational, training, employment, and recreational opportunities for youth in the very low-income areas of the City.
- Continue to leverage its financial resources and apply for additional public and private funds.
- Continue to ameliorate substandard housing in the City.
- Continue to create opportunities for youth employment.
- Continue to assist in the provision of child care for employees.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City is proposing the following goals and strategies to foster and maintain affordable housing:

- **HSS-1 Homeownership** - Assist low- and moderate-income households to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance.
- **HSS-2 Housing Construction** - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in the community through new construction.
- **HSS-3 Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Continue to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate and improve the energy efficiency of

their existing owner-occupied housing.

- **HSS-4 Renter-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to landlords to rehabilitate housing units, improve energy efficiency, and convert existing buildings for rent to low- and moderate-income tenants.
- **HSS-5 Neighborhood Revitalization** - Promote and strengthen the housing stock in residential neighborhoods throughout the City.
- **HSS-6 Fair Housing** - Promote fair housing choice and affirmatively further fair housing choice through education, training, and outreach in throughout the City of Hartford.
- **HSS-7 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance** - Provide financial assistance to tenants by providing funds for housing costs to sustain affordability (~HOME funds).
- **HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing** - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing (~HOME funds).
- **HMS-3 Housing** - Support the rehabilitation and accessibility improvements to emergency shelters and transitional housing for the homeless (~HOME funds).
- **HMS-4 Permanent Housing** - Support the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families (~HOME funds).
- **SNS-1 Housing** - Increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and/or persons with other special needs through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Because the City of Hartford has almost three times as many rental units than owner occupied units, there is a greater need for rental rehabilitation to serve tenants than there is for homeowner-occupied rehabilitation. There is a need to incorporate environmental health into the rehabilitation work, including screenings for lead-based paint, asbestos testing, and radon gas remediation measures.

The housing rehabilitation programs managed by the Housing Division contribute to the reduction in the number of housing units that contain lead-based paint hazards, and increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to very low-, low-, and moderate-income tenants, homebuyers, and owners rehabilitating their properties. Housing programs require that several action steps be taken to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in homes built prior to 1978.

- In accordance with the Lead Safe Housing Rule (April 22, 2008), Hartford's Housing programs follow guidelines that may include the provision of the EPA/HUD/Consumer Product Safety Commission brochure entitled *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*, and a HUD Lead-Based Paint Notice, which is a disclosure to purchasers regarding the dangers of lead-based paint poisoning.
- State certified lead inspector/risk assessor perform property inspections or risk assessments to determine the existence of potential lead-based paint hazards. Depending on the type and size

of the project, programs require homeowners and developers to notify occupants of lead hazard evaluation and reduction activities.

- Safe work practices must be utilized while performing standard treatments (paint stabilization, correcting dust-generating conditions, addressing bare residential soil, and creating smooth/clean horizontal surfaces).
- Clearance tests must be performed on all surfaces that had previously shown to be positive for lead-based paint, and on all surfaces presumed to be a lead hazard. Projects (above \$25,000 per unit) require full abatement and ongoing maintenance through lead management plans.

Contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes must comply with changes to the April 22, 2008 Lead Safe Housing Rule to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Approximately 30.5% of the City of Hartford's residents live in poverty, while only 11.2% of Hartford County residents live in poverty and 13.5% of the State of Connecticut residents live in poverty. Female-headed households with children are particularly affected by poverty at 45.0%.

The City's Five-Year Goals to reduce the number of families living in poverty are as follows:

- **HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing** - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.
- **SNS-2 Social Services** - Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.
- **CDS-4 Public Services** - Improve and enhance public services including: programs for youth, the elderly, disabled, and other public service programs for low- and moderate-income persons.
- **CDS-5 Food Programs** - Provide assistance for food and nutritional programs to address the needs of the unemployed, underemployed, and homeless populations.
- **EDS-1 Employment** - Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training services for the unemployed and underemployed persons including summer youth programs.
- **EDS-2 Financial and Technical Assistance** - Support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development through technical assistance programs and low interest loans, grants, and micro grants.
- **EDS-3 Redevelopment Program** - Plan and promote the development, redevelopment and revitalization of economically distressed areas of the City.

The City with its FY 2022 CDBG funds plans to fund the following types of economic development and

anti-poverty programs include:

- Workforce development
- Youth employment training programs
- Support services for new employees
- Entrepreneurship programs
- Assist in job creation and retention
- Assistance for food, shelter, and training programs
- Small businesses financial and technical assistance
- Minority and women-owned business support
- Revitalization and placemaking efforts
- New job opportunities
- Commercial/industrial infrastructure development
- New commercial/industrial development

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

To effectively implement the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the City needs to collaborate with a variety of agencies located in the City of Hartford, Hartford County, and adjacent New Haven County. Coordination and collaboration between agencies is important to ensure that the priorities identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the City are adequately addressed. The key agencies that are involved in the implementation of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2022 Annual Action Plan, as well as additional resources that may be available as described in the additional institutional structure section of the Appendices.

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

The Office of Central Grants Administration is committed to continuing its participation and coordination with public, housing, and social service agencies. The City solicits applications for CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA funds. In addition, Central Grants Administration and Development Services send out applications to agencies, organizations, and housing providers that have previously submitted an application or has expressed an interest in submitting an application. The applications are reviewed by the City, which scores applications based on a series of criteria that is available on the application. The City provides help and assistance to the public and private agencies which they fund.

Discussion:

N/A

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Hartford receives an annual allocation of CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds. Since the City receives these federal allocations the questions below have been completed, as they are applicable.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 0 |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan. | 0 |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements | 0 |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan | 0 |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities | 0 |
| Total Program Income: | 0 |

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 95.00% |

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City of Hartford is not using other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section

92.205 for HOME activities.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

HOME Resale/Recapture guidelines are included at the end of the section.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Resale/Recapture affordability guidelines are included at the end of the section.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City of Hartford's HOME Program allows for HOME funds to be used for refinancing existing multifamily debt in accordance with the following guidelines noted below. The cost to refinance existing debt, secured by housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, may be an eligible expense under the following circumstances:

Rehabilitation must be the primary eligible activity. The majority of the HOME funds invested in the project must directly support rehabilitation activities. Refinancing may only be eligible when total rehabilitation costs per unit are \$50,000.00 or more.

- HOME funds for refinancing existing debt shall be disbursed after the rehabilitation is complete, the owner has met all project requirements and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.
- If the property is occupied, a review of management practices will be required to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred, that the long-term needs of the project can be met, and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.
- The new investment may be made to either maintain current affordable units or to create additional affordable units.
- Minimum required period of affordability when refinancing as part of a project shall be 15 years.
- Investment of HOME funds for refinancing may be made at locations anywhere in the City.
- HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any other Federal

Program, including CDBG.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

ESG Written Standards are included at the end of the section.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

CoC Coordinate Assessment system description is included at the end of the section

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

Sub-Awards for Emergency Shelters - In accordance with the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act) Emergency Solutions Grant, not more than 60% of Hartford's ESG funds are allocated on a yearly competitive basis (RFP) to eligible private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations) that perform emergency shelter activities in neighborhoods throughout Hartford. In 2014, the City and the Hartford Continuum of Care (CoC), as required under HEARTH Act regulations, considered the allocation of ESG funding. As a result, a consensus was reached that the current funding process did not reflect current on-the-ground realities in the shelters, such as the number of shelter beds, utilization rates, and services being offered by the shelters, and agreed it was time to make significant changes to that process. The City first met with the Hartford CoC in April 2014, during which a consensus recommendation was reached on how ESG shelter operating funds should be allocated among the Hartford shelters; this formula was revised working closely with the GH CAN in April 2019. In 2022, the GH CAN voted for a one-year reallocation of ESG funds to meet the needs of the community during the pandemic. It was voted that ESG funds previously awarded to Emergency Shelters would be used to maintain Shelter Diversion and Homeless Outreach Services that would otherwise be lost due to the city exhausting ESG-CV funds previously used to operate these programs. The recommendation for funding decisions, which was adopted by the City, includes the following:

- ESG funding for Shelter Diversion and Homeless Outreach services are derived from a pre-existing

subcontract the city has with Journey Home, Inc. to retain as much staffing as possible in each of these programs. Performance evaluations are based on measures such as number of individuals and families diverted from shelter.

Sub-award for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Funds - The City allocates the remainder of its ESG funds for use in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing activities and for permitted administration cost, also in accordance with the regulations set forth under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act). Prevention funds have been allocated to the Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation, a private nonprofit organization, through a competitive bidding process (RFP) held in June 2016, with the program starting in September 2016.

Sub-award for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Funds - The City allocates the remainder of its ESG funds for use in Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing activities and for permitted administration cost, also in accordance with the regulations set forth under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act). Prevention funds have been allocated to the Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation, a private nonprofit organization, through a competitive bidding process (RFP) held in June 2016, with the program starting in September 2016.

The Hartford Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HHPRR) helps families that are homeless households and those households at significant risk of becoming homeless to transition as quickly as possible into permanent housing, as well as to help such families achieve stability in that housing. HHPRR provides case management, housing relocation and stabilization services and homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing short term financial assistance to Hartford residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Eligible households must be Hartford residents.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City of Hartford meets this requirement.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Shelter Diversion- Each Subrecipient provider shall implement the programs and services described herein to assure the following outcomes on behalf of clients. Such outcomes shall be measured in the manner described herein and documented by client records. Outcome results achieved pursuant to these terms and conditions will be monitored by the City.

Outcomes Defined:

- 1) Individuals and families will be diverted from literal homelessness with outcomes tracked by CTCANDATA.org.
- 2) Individuals and families will be diverted from literal homelessness with financial assistance.
- 3) Maintain a median length of time from 211 call to CAN diversion appointment of no greater than 2 business days. Street Outreach- Each Subrecipient provider shall implement the programs and services described herein to assure the following outcomes on behalf of clients. Such outcomes shall be measured in the manner described herein and documented by client records. Outcome results achieved pursuant to these terms and conditions will be monitored by the City.

Outcomes Defined:

- 1) 90% of referrals from 211 or community partners will be contacted within 72 hours, or due diligence for those unable to be located
- 2) 100% of unsheltered persons encountered are entered into HMIS to be placed on By Name List
- 3) 100% of unsheltered persons encountered are provided with information on health, education, housing, budgeting, and/or other services, in order to enable them to make informed decisions on meeting their needs, as evidenced by comprehensive case notes
- 4) 75% of unsheltered persons enrolled in the Street Outreach program will have a housing plan documented in their HMIS client record

At least 40% of clients enrolled in the Street Outreach program access permanent housing upon discharge