

# **City of Hartford**

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Program Year: July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023

### CR-05 - Goals and Outcome

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) has been prepared in accordance with guidance provided by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for annual performance reporting. This report summarizes the performance of the City of Hartford in administering the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for persons with HIV/Aids (HOPWA). ESG and HOPWA have separate reporting systems. Those reports are included within this CAPER. Summary data for CDBG, CDBG-CV and HOME is based upon data generated by HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System. The IDIS summary reports are also included in this document.

Within its Consolidated Plan covering the period July 1, 2020- June 30, 2024, the City proposed to invest its federal funds to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons through projects and programs designed to provide essential services and economic opportunity through education and career training; to support small businesses through technical assistance programs; to expand the availability of decent, safe, and sanitary housing; and to improve neighborhoods through the eradication of blighting conditions.

These goals have remained consistent within this program year, the third year of that five-year Consolidated Plan period.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

The following charts capture two analyses of the City's HUD funded activities. The first chart details the City's achievements during the Annual Action Plan period (7/1/2022-6/30/23). As illustrated, the City made substantial progress in the furtherance of its Annual Action Plan goals. Specifically,

- The provision of services to vulnerable populations through programs and services provided through community-based organizations;
- Support for emerging businesses, minority-owned small businesses and micro-

enterprises through technical assistance programs;

- Ongoing efforts to fight blight through code enforcement;
- Provision of housing rehabilitation assistance through the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation fund; and
- Riverfront Improvements to increase access for all persons.

The second chart analyses the City's accomplishments during the first three years of the five-year Consolidated Planning period. This data represents the total accomplishments for the last three program years PY20-21, PY 21-22, and PY22-23; therefore 60% of the Strategic Plan

CHART 1: Accomplishments during the program year

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
AMS-1 Overall Coordination	Other – Admini- stration, Planning, and Manage- ment	CDBG \$747,556 HOPWA \$57,002 HOME \$156,611 ESG \$11,087		Other	4	NA	100%

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
AMS-3 Fair Housing	Other – Admini- stration, Planning, and Manage- ment	CDBG \$0	Other	Other	0	0	NA
CDS-2 Infrastructure	Non- Housing Communit y Develop- ment	CDBG \$550,700	Public Facility or Infra- structure Activities other than Low/ Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	7500	O	O
CDS-4 Public Services	Non- Housing Communit y Develop- ment	CDBG 381,200	Public Facility or Infra- structure Activities other than Low/ Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	6000	1400	0.24%

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
			Public Services other than Low/ Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	2947	Exceeds goal
			Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Households Assisted	0	0	NA
			Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	1473	Exceeds goal
			Overnight/Em ergency Shelter/Transi tional Housing Beds added	Beds Added	0	0	NA
			Businesses Assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	18	Exceeds goal
CDS-7 Blight Remediation	Non- Housing Communit y Develop- ment	CDBG \$215,000	Housing Code Enforcement/ Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Units	100	0	0
EDS-1	Other -	CDBG	Public service activities other than Low/ Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	275	86	31.27 %
Deve	Develop- ment	.   6284200	Façade Treatment/ business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0	0
			Jobs created / retained	Jobs	0	0	

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
			Businesses Assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	8	Exceed goal
			Other	Other	0	0	o
EDS-2 Financial and Technical Assistance	Other - Economic Develop- ment	CDBG \$806,703	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderat e Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	800	116,785	Exceed goal
			Businesses assisted	Businesses assisted	25	46	Exceed goal
			Other	Other	0	0	0
			Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderat e Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0		Exceed goal
HMS-1 Operation/Supp ort	Homeless	CDBG \$ 75,000  Homeless  ESG \$186,867	Public service activities other than Low/Moderat e Income Housing	Persons Assisted	350	0	0
			Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0	Exceed goal
			Overnight/Em ergency Shelter/Transi tional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0	0
			Other	Other	0	0	0

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
HMS-2 Prevention and Re-Housing	Homeless	CDBG \$75,000 ESG \$125,862	Public service activities other than Low/Moderat e Income Housing Benefit Public service activities for Low/Moderat	Persons Assisted Households Assisted	285	0	O
			e Income Housing Benefit		120	0	0
HSS-1 Homeownershi	Affordable Housing	CDBG \$25,000 HOME	Public service activities other than Low/Moderat e Income Housing	Persons Assisted	40	0	0
F		\$178,200	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	30	9	30%
HSS-2 Housing Construction	Affordable Housing	HOME \$ 358,609	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	6	0	0
HSS-3 Owner- Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG \$500,000 HOME \$ 143,443	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	40	26	65%
HSS-4 Renter- Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG \$ 620,000  HOME \$573,775	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	45	0	O
HSS-7 Tenant- Based Rental Assistance	Affordable Housing	HOPWA \$328,890 HOME 215,166	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	125	0	0

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
HSS-8 Relocation Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG \$259,995	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	25	0	0
SNS-2 Social	Non- Homeless	CDBG \$13,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderat e Income Housing	Persons Assisted	200	0	0
Services	Special Needs	HOPWA \$762,878	Public service activities for Low/Moderat e Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	60	0	o

Annual Accomplishments
Chart 2: Accomplishments toward Five Year Strategic Plan

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
AMS-1 Overall Coordination	Other – Admini- stration, Planning, and Manage- ment	CDBG \$4,074,444. 00 HOPWA \$367,160.00 HOME \$816,218.00 ESG \$54,083.00	Other	Other	20	8	NA

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
AMS-2 Special Studies / Management	Other – Admini- stration, Planning, and Manage- ment	CDBG \$0.00 HOME \$0.00	Other	Other	1	0	NA
AMS-3 Fair Housing	Other – Admini- stration, Planning, and Manage- ment	CDBG \$0.00 HOME \$0.00	Other	Other	5	0	NA
CDS-1 Public	Non-Housing Community	CDBG \$0.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA
Facilities	Develop- ment		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
			Other	Other	0	0	NA
			Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	124,390	104,195	83.76%
CDS-2 Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Develop- ment	CDBG \$692,365.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA
			Other	Other	0	0	NA
CDS-3 Accessibility	Non-Housing Community Develop-	CDBG \$0.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA
	ment		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
			Other	Other	O	0	NA
			Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	1400	Goal exceeded
			Public service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	30,670	2,947	9.61%
CDS-4 Public Services	Non-Housing Community Develop-		Public service Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA
	ment		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA
			Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	1473	Goal exceeded
			Overnight/Emerge ncy Shelter / Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0	NA
			Businesses Assisted	Businesses Assisted	25	18	72.00%
			Other	Other	О	O	NA
CDS-5 Food Programs	Non-Housing Community Develop- ment	CDBG \$0.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
			Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA
			Other	Other	0	0	NA
			Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA
CDS-6 Public Safety	Non-Housing Community Develop- ment	CDBG \$0.00	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA
			Other	Other	0	0	NA
CDS-7 Blight Remediation	Non-Housing Community Develop- ment	CDBG \$1,075,000. 00	Housing Code Enforcement/ Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	500	0	NA
CDS-8 Community Based Organizations	Non-Housing Community Develop- ment	CDBG \$0.00	Other	Other	0	0	NA
CDS-9 Transportation	Non-Housing Community Develop- ment	CDBG \$0.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
			Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA
			Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0	NA
			Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0	NA
			Other	Other	0	0	NA
			Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1,410	86	6.10%
EDS-1 Employment		CDBG \$840,595.00	Façade treatment/ business building rehabilitations	Business	0	0	NA
			Homeless person overnight shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA
			Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	2	Goal exceeded
			Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	8	Goal exceeded
			Other	Other	5	0	0
		CDDC	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	116,785	Goal exceeded
EDS-2 Financial and Technical Assistance  Other - Economic Developmen t	CDBG \$2,680,875. 00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	4,390	0	0	
			Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0	NA
			Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0	NA

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
			Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	125	46	36.80%
			Other	Other	0	0	NA
EDS-3 Redevelopment	Other - Economic	CDBG	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0	NA
Program	Developmen t	\$0.00	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0	NA
			Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0	NA
	Other - EDS-4 Economic Infrastructure Developmen t	Economic CDBG Developmen \$225,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	124,390	0	O
EDS-4 Infrastructure			Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA
			Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0	NA
			Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0	NA
			Other	Other	0	0	NA
	Other -		Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0	NA
EDS-5 Section 108 Loans	Economic Developmen	CDBG \$0.00	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0	NA
	t	70.00	Other	Other	o	О	NA
HMS-1 Operation/Supp ort	Homeless	CDBG \$475,000.00 ESG \$894,691.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	578	Goal exceeded

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
			Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1,750	0	
			Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA
			Homeless person overnight shelter	Persons Assisted	0	660	
			Overnight/Emerge ncy Shelter / Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0	NA
			Other	Other	5	0	
HMS-2 Prevention and	Homeless		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	925	0	
Re-Housing			Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	600	0	0
HMS-3 Housing	Homeless	CDBG \$0.00 HOME \$0.00 ESG \$0.00	Rental Units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA
HMS-4 Permanent Housing	Homeless	CDBG \$0.00 HOPWA \$0.00 HOME \$0.00 ESG \$0.00	Rental Units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source /	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
		Amount			Period	to date	complete
		CDBG	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	20	Goal exceeded
HSS-1 Homeowner- ship	Affordable Housing	\$125,000.00 HOME \$693,000.0 0	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	200	O	0
			Direct Financial Assistance	Household s Assisted	150	0	0
			Rental Units constructed	Household Housing Unit	15	0	0
HSS-2 Housing Construction	_	ffordable Housing HOME \$1,953,656.0 0	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	30	О	0
	_		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0
			Other	Other	0	0	0
HSS-3 Owner- Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG \$2,722,684. 00 HOME \$662,662.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	473	26	5.50 %
HSS-4 Renter- Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG \$2,122,684.0 0 HOME \$3,244,649.	Rental Units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	318	0	0.63%
		CDBG	Rental Units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA
HSS-5 Neighborhood Revitalization	Affordable Housing	\$0.00 HOME \$0.00	Rental Units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA
		30.00	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
			Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA
HSS-6 Fair Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG \$0.00	Other	Other	0	0	NA
HSS-7 Tenant- Based Rental	Affordable	CDBG \$0.00 HOPWA \$1,658,907.	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA
Assistance	Housing	HOME \$0.00 ESG	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Household s Assisted	325	0	O
		\$0.00	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0	NA
HSS-8 Relocation Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG \$1,464,970. 00	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Household s Assisted	250	0	0
GNG . H	Non- Homeless	CDBG \$0.00 HOPWA \$0.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA
SNS-1 Housing	Special Needs	HOME \$0.00 ESG	Rental Units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA
		\$0.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA
			Other	Other	0	0	NA
SNS-2 Social Services	Non- Homeless Special Needs	CDBG \$85,579.00 HOPWA \$3,954,446. 00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	305		

Goal	Category	Budgeted Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected - 5 year Period	Actual – to date	Percent Complete
			Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1,070	46	4.30%
			Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Household s Assisted	0	0	NA
			Homeless person overnight shelter	Persons Assisted	О	0	NA
			Overnight/Emerge ncy Shelter / Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0	NA
			Homelessness prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA
			Other	Other	0	0	NA
SNS-3	Non- Homeless	CDBG	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	NA
Accessibility	Special Needs	\$0.00	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA
			Homeowner housing rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0	NA
			Other	Other	0	0	NA

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

The City will continue to focus its resources on the priorities identified in the five year strategic plan. To the extent necessary to achieve stated goals, the City intends to build organizational capacity and to support community organizations which carry out activities to do the same.

In this the third year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City has continued its multiyear investments in the Riverfront, in blight eradication, and in the creation of economic opportunities through education, career trainings, and support for entrepreneurs and small business.

## CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Racial and ethnic status of families assisted - 91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA
White	1818	5	220	64
Black or African American	2898	0	269	61
Asian	88	0	0	0
American Indian or American Native	35	0	2	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	44	0	5	0
Multiple Races	2694	1	21	12
Client Refused	0	0	25	0
Total	7612	6	542	140
Hispanic	3057	4	229	91
Not Hispanic	4555	2	304	49
Client Refused	0	0	9	-

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

#### **Narrative**

In this program year, the City funded activities that assisted a diverse population of low- and moderate-income households. CDBG funds reached a diverse group of beneficiaries, with persons who identify as African American and Multi-Racial races, each accounting for over 30% of persons participating in CDBG funded program /activities. Ethnically, persons who identify as Hispanic accounted for 40% of persons participating.

The City is committed to continuing its efforts to ensure programs and public services are made available to all residents and encourages its community -based providers to make expanded efforts to isolated households including non-English speaking populations.

# CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

### Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Entitlement	Total Available	Amount Expended During Program Year 2022-2023
CDBG	\$3,612,782	\$4,241,836	\$3,894,278
HOME	\$1,566,107	\$1,764,107	\$254,700.
HOPWA	\$1,257,174	\$1,257,174	\$1,257,174
ESG	\$318,008	\$318,008	\$318,008

Table 1 – Resources Made Available

The table above list the federal entitlement grants received from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the formula grant programs.

# Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments.

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Citywide	70	84%	The City primarily funded programs that were available citywide to serve assist city residents. Most programs were located in areas of the City that have the highest concentration of low-and moderate income persons. Nearly 84% of funds were expended for the benefit of lowand moderate-income persons.

To the extent that projects were site specific, the City continued to direct its federal resources, to the greatest extent possible, to the areas with the greatest concentrations of low- and moderate-income populations

### Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match

The City of Hartford does not have a federal HOME match requirement.

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

				Match (	Contribution	n for the Fe	deral Fiscal	Year
Project	Date of	Cash	Foregone	Appraise	Required	Site	Bond	Total
No. or	Contribut	(non-	Taxes,	d	Infrastruc	Preparati	Financing	Match
Other ID	ion	Federal	Fees,	Land/Rea	ture	on,		
		sources)	Charges	1		Construct		
				Property		ion		
						Materials		
						,		
						Donated		
						labor		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# **HOME MBE/WBE report**

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period					
Balance on hand	Amount received	Total amount	Amount	Balance on hand	
at begin-ning of	during reporting	expended during	expended for	at end of	
reporting period	period	reporting period	TBRA	reporting period	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
\$2,975,992	\$270,464	\$264,500	0	\$2,981,956	

Table 2 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar
value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period

**Minority Business Enterprises** 

**Black Non-**

Hispanic

Hispanic

0

White Non-

Hispanic

0

0

		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	
Contracts				
Number	0	0	0	(
Dollar	0	0	0	(
Amount				
Sub-Contract	s			
Number	43	0	0	(
Dollar	\$4,329,814	0	0	
Amount				
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male	
Contracts				ĺ
Number	1	1	0	
Dollar	\$400,00	\$400,000	0	
Amount				
Sub-Contract	s			
Number	7	4	9	
Dollar	\$1,461,799	\$805,163	\$606,636	
Amount				
		Jaman Business		

Total

**Table 3 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises** 

**Minority Owners of Rental Property** – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted

	Total	Minority Property Owners			White Non-	
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic
Number	1	0	0	0	0	1
Dollar	\$400,	0	0	0	0	\$400,000
Amount	000					

Table 4 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

**Relocation and Real Property Acquisition** – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

Parcels Acquired	0	0	
Businesses Displaced	0	0	
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced	0	0	
Households Temporarily Relocated not Displaced	0	0	

Households	Total		Minority Property Enterprises			White Non-
Displaced		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	Hispanic
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 5 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

# Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The City has been largely successful in leveraging other sources of funds to create a number of positive community development and housing outcomes.

For the majority of community-based human service and homeless programs, the City's federal funds represent a small portion of the overall operating costs. Those programs are supported with direct federal and state funding, private foundations, and organizational fundraising.

The Riverfront Improvement efforts, a multiyear initiative to increase access and utilization of the CT Riverfront, has leveraged significant private and public funds.

Within it housing programs, the City requires that applicants for HOME funds demonstrate that they will leverage funding from other sources. The Division of Housing has been diligent in its effort to ensure that every dollar of HOME program funding is leveraged to the greatest possible extent. The City was able to leverage its funding at 30 to 1 in the previous program year and while no new projects closed in this current year. However, projections show that the City is scheduled to leverage funding at 20 to 1 ratio in 2023-2024 based on the projects in our current pipeline.

For example, the City has provided commitment letters to two projects and increased funding to one existing project. Collectively the 3 projects will result in a total of 220 total residential dwelling units, of which be 26 HOME-assisted

Since 2003, the City of Hartford has not had a HOME match obligation.

The Housing Division, through its CDBG—funded Housing Preservation Loan Fund, agreed to provide matching units and dollars in support of the Department of Health and Human Services Lead Hazard Reduction Grant until its sunset. For Fiscal Year 2021-22, however, no matching units were available.

# CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless households to	20	41
be provided affordable housing units		
Number of non-homeless households	452	125
to be provided affordable housing		
units		
Number of special-needs households	0	0
to be provided affordable housing		
units		
Total	472	166

**Table 6- Number of Households** 

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported	125	153
through rental assistance		
Number of households supported	6	6
through the production of new units		
Number of households supported	99	63
through the rehab of existing units		
Number of households supported	100	7
through the acquisition of existing		
units		
Total	452	229

Table 7 - Number of Households Supported

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

The production of new affordable housing units has been delayed due to the complexity of proposed projects which require numerous funding sources. In recognition of the project delays that are occurring, the City will adopt a new methodology in the establishment of goals. While past practice has been to "count" all units with conditional commitments, the new protocol will be to only assume that those projects in rehab/construction will be completed.

Rising cost, supply chain issues, and unanticipated construction delays for ongoing projects remain a challenge for development activity in the FY 22-23, but the City continues to work towards the goal of creating housing opportunities for the intended beneficiaries.

### Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The City will continue to address those issues within its control while recognizing that supply chain issues and escalating construction costs have created enormous challenges for communities across the nation. The city is hopeful that the unanticipated cost increase and related delays in its "pipeline" projects will be resolved enabling the housing production goals to be achieved in future years.

If cost continue to escalate, it may be necessary to reduce proposed accomplishment goals.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Persons Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	50	3
Low-income	31	8
Moderate-income	25	2
Total	106	13

Table 8 - Number of Persons Served

#### Narrative

Hartford's goals include the creation and maintenance of affordable homeownership and rental opportunities. Priority is given to housing development projects and applications that promote these goals, while also concentrating on the funding programs' objectives of supplying decent and safe housing to low-moderate income households.

During the Fiscal Year 2022-23, the City did not award any HOME funds to any new projects to assist with the development cost. However, there are four existing projects funding in previous years one of which was completed and closed out in IDIS by the City (Clover Gardens) and two others that have completed the construction and lease up or sales phase (DONO,

Edward Street Housing, and the fourth which is currently under construction. The City anticipates closing two projects where the construction and lease up or sales have been completed in IDIS upon receipt of the required reporting from the developer within the first quarter of its fiscal year. The New Samaritan project will result in 22 rental units (all of which are HOME-assisted) and is expected to complete construction in November 2023, construction completion has been delayed due to supply chain issues. The collective total development cost of the four (4) projects is budgeted \$80,431,786 dollars. The Provide a total of \$2,923,000 in HOME funds this represents leveraging of approximately \$27.50 for every HOME dollar invested.

In FY 2022-23 the HouseHartford Downpayment Assistance Program provided \$280,000 in assistance to 7 extremely low to moderate income homebuyers to assist with the purchase of their primary residences. Funds were lent to buyers in the form of a forgivable loan, provided that the buyer maintains the house as their primary residence for the applicable duration of 5 years for loans less than \$15,000, 10 years for loans \$15,000 to \$40,000 and 15 years when the loan is over \$40,000.00. The HouseHartford funding and affordability period is secured against the property in the form of a mortgage deed and grant agreement executed by the buyer and the City of Hartford. This past fiscal year has seen and marked increase in interest rates and a shortage of housing stock on the market. These factors have adversely affected the number of purchase transactions in the housing space.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c) Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessnesss through:

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

The City of Hartford and its Homeless Service providers continue to provide outreach to homeless persons. Initiatives that have improved outreach to persons experience homeless and improved the assessment of individual needs include:

- A new federal award (COC SNOFO) to Journey Home for homeless outreach services will add 8 homeless outreach staff to provide street outreach services at three organizations, Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation, Hands on Hartford, and Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance.
- Journey Home facilitates twice monthly meetings of the homeless outreach teams and navigators with the area soup kitchens to case conference challenging issues, and to ensure that those sleeping in areas not meant for human habitation are included on the Hartford regional By-Name-List

# Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

There is an extensive network of emergency shelters and day shelters in Hartford neighborhoods including: Hartford neighborhoods, Asylum Hill (Salvation Army shelter and YWCA shelter), Frog Hollow (ImmaCare shelter), Sheldon-Charter Oak (McKinney shelter and Open Hearth shelter), North End (House of Bread day shelter), Parkville (Hands on Hartford day shelter) and South Green (Mercy Housing St. Elizabeth House day shelter and South Park Inn shelter). Interval House provides emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence. These shelters meet the immediate need of creating a safe, secure space but are also part of a system of coordinated entry and provision of access to appropriate housing placements and services. Journey Home, a non-profit organization created to lead the effort to end homelessness through the implementation of a coordinated entry system that uses a single prioritized process for shelter placements to ensure that those who are most vulnerable are able to access shelter.

During the winter months, the City of Hartford funds overflow emergency shelter for families, as well as a warming center for individual men and women. Salvation Army provided an

overflow shelter for 23 women and children and is funded by Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, with support from the City of Hartford's general fund. Additionally, Salvation Army Marshall House provides triage services and hotel/motel accommodations for families in the winter. CTHRA provided cold weather shelter for 28 individuals at a hotel in Hartford this past winter as well.

In keeping with the efforts to provide shelter diversion and to implement HUD's preferred Housing First approach, the City has supported efforts to create additional supportive housing units, as well as programs that provide rapid rehousing. Community Renewal Team, YWCA, Mercy Housing and Shelter, Open Hearth, and My Sister's Place have converted their transitional housing programs into permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and shared housing programs.

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

Providers have continued to enhance efforts to assist persons to avoid homelessness through shelter diversion efforts. Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation, Salvation Army, Community Health Resources, and Community Renewal Team provide shelter diversion services. Specifically,

- the CT Department of Correction (DOC) has a re-entry model which focuses on services to facilitate successful community adjustment. DOC develops Offender Accountability Plans and Discharge plans to address housing, identification and community resources.
- The Court Support Services Division in partnership with the Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation has a housing program for people who are being discharged. This connects inmates with housing staff prior to their discharge to begin working on a housing plan.
- A Re-Entry Welcome Center, located in the North End of Hartford assists individuals reentering

the community from incarceration.

- A group of physical health care and behavioral health care providers, along with homeless service providers, convenes twice a month as a Community Care Team to conduct case conferences for frequent users of the emergency room and inpatient facilities.
- To address the needs of for youth being discharged from foster care and other youth facilities and other homeless and runaway youth. The Connection and Salvation Army provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing for youth being discharged from foster care and other youth facilities and other homeless and runaway youth.
- For children exiting foster care, services are provided as a result of the John H. Chafee Independence Program. Services include financial assistance, housing, counseling, employment, education, and other support/services to former foster care clients, ages 18-21.
- For Veterans, the City continues to maintain functional zero by partnering with the Veterans Administration and with Supportive Service for Veteran Families (SSVF) providers like to ensure that veterans who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless are immediately identified and matched to housing programs.

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.

In accordance with HUD guidance, the Greater Hartford Coordinated Access Network (GH CAN) prioritizes placement in supportive permanent housing to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with a long history of homelessness and a verified disabling condition. This prioritization has resulted in shortening of the period that persons experience homelessness. In addition to this prioritization, the GH CAN and its member organizations have greatly expanded rapid rehousing programs through a surge of rental assistance, RAP vouchers, and Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). These rental assistance tools have proven to be valuable resources in the shortened period before permanent placement.

Additional programs that support prevention/ reentry of persons into the homeless continuum of care system include:

- The Connection provides rapid rehousing to unaccompanied youth.
- Journey Home provides youth navigation services and rapid exit housing solutions in partnership with Community Renewal Team and Salvation Army.

- Working with Journey Home, the City has created preferences for individuals moving on from supportive housing or rapid rehousing within its federally funded Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- The Open Hearth Association is providing shelter diversion services to the half-way houses in Hartford.
- Journey Home works to build partnerships with affordable housing providers to be able to make referrals from the CAN to these programs
- Journey Home is working with Community Solutions to develop a Coordinated Homeless Prevention system to prevent more individuals and families from experiencing homelessness

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

### Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Housing Authority of the City of Hartford (HACH) continues its work to provide public housing in the City of Hartford. During this period, HACH has provided safe, decent, and affordable, high-quality housing and advanced several initiatives, including:

Willow Creek (formerly known as Bowles Park) Phase IV of the project is in the financing stage. A Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) application was submitted in January 2023. The project did not receive a tax credit award, but the development team plans to submit another financing application in the next LIHTC round, with a planned construction start in Spring 2024 if funding permits. The development team also submitted a Community Investment Fund application in July 2023 through HACH's instrumentality, Overlook Development Corporation, for funding to advance future phases of the development. Phase IV is planned to include 35, primarily 1- and 2-bedroom units. Of the 35 planned units, 28 units (80%) are planned to be affordable, and 7 units (20%) are planned to be market rate.

Village at Park River (formerly Westbrook Village) Phase IV (60 units) construction was completed in June 2022. The development team received Temporary Certificates of Occupancy (TCO) for all the buildings. Phase V construction, consisting of 58 units, is currently underway. Phase VI of the project is in predevelopment. The development team submitted two 9% tax credit applications to CHFA, one application for each of the two buildings proposed for Phase VI. Both applications received a tax credit award. The development team is currently working toward an end of year financial closing.

Low Income Public Housing Units (LIPH) - HACH continues to work on repositioning its LIPH portfolio of units so that it can modernize and expand its affordable housing stock. HACH received authorization from HUD to remove 127 units at Mary Shepard Place (MSP) from its public housing portfolio. This repositioning will enable HACH to move forward with the pursuit of private financing to fund the redevelopment of the site. Currently, 159 new rental units (80% affordable / 20% market rate) are planned along with 24 new homeownership units. A Community Investment Fund (CIF) application was submitted in January 2023 seeking funds to design homeownership units at MSP, as well as relocation and demolition funding. The MSP project was awarded \$4.5M in CIF funds.

HACH also submitted a disposition application to HUD for 6 units at 31-33 Capen Street. The building has been deemed uninhabitable and it is financially unfeasible for HACH to rehabilitate.

If approved, HACH plans to sell the building and use the proceeds for affordable housing purposes.

Lastly, HACH continues to administer Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers for low-income residents. HACH currently administers 2,869 vouchers.

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

HACH believes that it is essential that residents have a voice in the decision-making process for its ongoing and future development projects, operations, and the budget process. The following actions have been taken to help ensure transparency and participation:

- A tenant commissioner has a seat on HACH's Board of Commissioners.
- In response to a recurring request from HACH's Resident Advisory Board (RAB), HACH has expanded its local elderly preference to Mary Mahoney Village and Kent Apartments.

Both Westbrook Village and Willow Creek have and will take part in contracting with Hartford residents, vendors, and contractors.

HACH has and will encourage public housing residents to become homeowners. A later phase of the Willow Creek project anticipates an affordable homeownership program consisting of approximately 29 units.

In addition to the 24 homeownership units planned at Mary Shepard Place, HACH is also planning to add up to approximately 30 homeownership units at its Dutch Point development in Hartford's South End. HACH submitted a planning grant application to the Community Investment Fund in July 2023 to assist with this initiative.

### Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The HACH is not a troubled PHA.

# CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City's zoning regulations are flexible in an effort to provide creative housing solutions. Most residential uses are permitted by right allowing for diverse housing production. Within its Plan for Conservation and Development (POCD) the City seeks to advance racial and socio-economic equity through the encouragement of housing production at all income levels and permitting of housing units including micro units and accessory dwelling units.

Federal funds will be committed consistent with these housing production goals.

The City additionally has a practice of waiving fees for projects undertaken by Habitat for Humanity, Hartford Housing Authority, and Rebuilding Together Hartford, Inc.

The age and condition of housing stock along with the related environmental remediation needs and cost remain significant challenges. These issues remain barriers to residential investment. The City has developed several strategies to promote affordable housing and housing choice. These efforts include: Regionalization of affordable housing, promotion of mixed income development with a focus on locations close to transportation and employment opportunities, and eradication of blighted properties.

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

Based on the number of unsheltered people being referred for homeless outreach services, and the inability to respond to all referrals, the inability to provide sufficient shelter for these individuals, and the inability to provide ongoing services to those who were found in encampments, there was a large gap identified of street outreach staff capacity and shelter capacity. Therefore, using ESG funding, Journey Home and a subcontractor expanded street outreach staffing in order to meet some of the underserved needs. Using ESG funding, Journey Home and subcontractors expanded winter shelter capacity for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Within the POCD, the City establishes a number of goals and actions designed to foster and maintain affordable housing. Specifically, Improve the housing quality through programs and funding to repair aging housing stock, provision of weatherization assistance in coordination with utility sponsored programs, creation of a land bank to revive vacant properties, and provision of landlord training programs for small scale property owners. Programs to achieve these goals have in many cases already been operationalized.

In this program year, the City continued its efforts to foster and maintain affordable housing through:

- Waiving of a portion or all permitting fees for residential properties built or improved by Habitat for Humanity, Hartford Housing Authority, and Rebuilding Together Hartford, Inc. upon request and approval by the City Council
- Provision of the low-interest loans through the CDBG-funded Housing Preservation Loan Fund Program (HPLF). This assistance provided rehabilitation or repair of 29 units - 19 owner-occupied units and 10 rental units
- Provision of a Residential Tax Abatement Program. This program abates real property taxes for residential properties when such housing is or will be occupied solely by low or moderate-income households, elderly individuals, or people with disabilities.

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

The housing rehabilitation programs 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 households. All City funded Housing programs require that steps be taken to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards in homes built prior to 1978.

The City's Health Department additionally makes the public aware of the dangers of lead based hazards and the City's Environmental Health Division's Lead program is dedicated to eliminating lead hazards and lead poisoning in Hartford's children. Efforts include increasing awareness of Connecticut law requires that young children receive blood tests to determine if they are exposed to levels of lead that may cause harm.

If a child is lead poisoned the Health Department starts and investigation and works to create and oversee a remediation/abatement plan.

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

The City continued to focus efforts to reduce the number of families living in poverty in several ways including: funding for job training and employment programs, development of entrepreneurial support programs, funding of programs that provide technical and financial support to emerging micro-enterprises, provision of literacy and education programs through our community partners, and efforts to address the digital divide.

These programs are designed to provide education, support, and empowerment to move persons out of poverty.

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

The City continues to make every effort to ensure programs meet the needs of Hartford residents as well as the complex regulatory requirements. Central Grants Administration within the Office of Management, Budget and Grants is charged with administrative oversight of CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA. The Housing Division of Development Services is charged with administrative oversight of the HOME program, reporting its expenditures and accomplishments directly into HUD's Information system.

The City has continued its focus on improving coordination and communication within the two divisions. Significant progress has been made on closing out prior year programs. In the coming year, the City will implement enhanced reporting systems to accurately capture the impact of its federally funded programs.

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

The City continued to strengthen and expand its network of Hartford based providers. The City continues to be an active member of the relevant State and regional efforts but has expanded its efforts through the work of its more than 30 boards and commissions.

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

The Department of Development Services' Housing Division has established policies and procedures to ensure the public, potential homebuyers, participating lenders, rental property owners are aware of Federal fair housing laws and the City's requirement to affirmatively market all City-funded projects. Specific activities include:

- Information is available on the Department of Development Services' Housing Webpage
- Lenders participating in the HouseHartford Program are required to conduct affirmative marketing efforts and certify to compliance with the City's policies
- Provided every recipient of HOME funding with the City's Affirmative Marketing Policies and Procedures as an attachment to their HOME loan/grant agreement.
- Require and Affirmative Marketing plan of each HOME funded project and reporting of tenant demographics for each HOME funded unit.
- At the end of each fiscal year, the City will evaluate the percent of non-Hispanic
   Caucasian applicants and determine if the special outreach methods have been successful.

### CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The Office of Central Grants Administration monitored all activities and subrecipients in PY 2021-22 to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations and consistency with the priority needs and specific objectives of the Five-Year Consolidated Community Development Plan. Monitoring continues to reinforce the communication between the City and the various agencies and subrecipients participating directly in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan or assisting in the provision of services supporting the Plan's strategies. Monitoring is an ongoing process of planning, implementation, communication and follow-up, during which time all activities receive some level of monitoring with a formal indepth monitoring being conducted on a certain number of subrecipients.

The monitoring process includes an annual desktop monitoring assessment of each organization that has a CDBG funded program. If warranted in-depth site visit will be conducted by the contract manager to help ensure accountability, compliance, and adequate progress from the various activities funded as a part of the City's CDBG activities.

Preparing for an in-depth monitoring visit includes a review of the subrecipient's application for funding, the written agreement, reports and drawdown requests and any prior monitoring reports and audits. A notification letter is then sent to the subrecipient confirming the date of the visit, identifying who should participate in the monitoring, what documents are to be examined and what will be covered; it also includes which staff or board members are required to be present and a request for office space with the length of time the monitoring is expected to last. To aid in this effort, contract managers also utilize relevant exhibits in the HUD-Community Planning and Development Monitoring Handbook in addition to program observation and participant feedback.

In addition to programmatic monitoring, the City of Hartford prepares and submits to HUD the "Minority Business Enterprises Contract and Sub-Contract Activity Report" (Minority Businesses that receive CDBG funds) and the "Semi-Annual Labor Standard Enforcement Report" (contracts/projects subject to Davis-Bacon and Related Acts/Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act).

The City of Hartford has established and oversees a minority outreach program through its

Procurement Office. The Minority/Women Business Enterprise Program is a certification program that permits minority and women owned businesses to participate in the City of Hartford set-aside programs. The set-aside program is in accordance with CT General Statutes, 4a-60(g), which was established for the purpose of assuring that Connecticut small and minority owned businesses have an opportunity to bid on a portion of the City's purchases.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

In accordance with HUD regulation and its Citizens Participation Plan (CPP) the CAPER was made available to the public on September 25, 2023. Notice of the availability of the report and opportunity to provide comment was published in the local papers, posted on the City's website, and email blasted to its mailing list of community-based organizations.

A virtual meeting will be held from 12-1 PM on October 2, 2023 (<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85717106844?pwd=bER5dVlqbGxJMjRSNzc1dXhzUC9Xdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85717106844?pwd=bER5dVlqbGxJMjRSNzc1dXhzUC9Xdz09</a>) and an in-person meeting will be held on that day from 4 to 5 PM in Room 204 City Hall (550 Main Street).

The draft CAPER could be found online at <a href="https://www.hartfordct.gov/Government/Departments/OMBG/Central-Grants">https://www.hartfordct.gov/Government/Departments/OMBG/Central-Grants</a>

Public Comment will be received until October 13, 2023.

# CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

No changes were made to the jurisdiction's program objectives as detailed within the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. For those program areas, that have not made substantial progress towards the Consolidated Plan goals and outcomes, the City has begun the process of evaluating the reasons and making corrective actions.

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

No

## CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

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

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

The frequency of inspections is conducted according to the 2013 HOME Final Rule CFR 24-92 revisions of section of 92-504 (d)(i). The property standards requirements used to inspect the properties and units are contained in the Connecticut State Building Code and Chapter 18 of the Hartford Municipal Code of Ordinance: Article II. General Construction and Maintenance; Article III. Basic Equipment and Facilities Code; Article IV. Light, Ventilation, Heating, Article V. Space, Use and Location and Article VI. Responsibilities of Owners and Occupants. The number of units to be inspected is calculated as 20 percent of all HOME assisted units located on site with the following exceptions: for multiple building properties a minimum of one unit per building when the number of occupied HOME assisted units exceeded four (4); and when the number of HOME assisted units were four (4) or less all units are inspected.

During Fiscal Year 2022-2023, a total of 24 units, located at two sister developments were scheduled to be inspected (Dutch Point Rental Phase I and Dutch Point Rental Phase II IDIS # 2552 and 2892 respectively) were scheduled for inspection in accordance with 24 CFR 92.504(d)(1)(ii). The City deferred the inspection of these units because of changing ownership and the coordinating issues associated with this activity. It will conduct the inspection of those units deferred in 2023-2024.

Other Deferred Projects to be Inspected in 2023-2024

### (40 Asylum Street, LLC IDIS # 2903

- Completion date 11/30/2021
- Monitored every 3 years for 15 years
- Locations: 410 Asylum Street
- 70 Total units, 4 HOME Assisted
- Number of units scheduled for inspection: 4

### Immanuel Hudson House, Inc. IDIS # 2704

- Completion date 3/11/2010
- Monitored every 3 years for 20 years
- Locations: 363 Hudson Street
- 40 Total units, 40 HOME Assisted
- Number of units inspected 8.

### An assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

Through the Department of Development Services, the City of Hartford informs the public, potential tenants and homebuyers, and property developer/owner about this policy and Federal Fair housing laws. The City has:

- Informed the general public about Federal fair housing laws and the City of Hartford's HOME Affirmative Marketing Policy by placing information on the City's Website within the Department of Development Services Housing Division Webpage that describes the HOME Program.
- Provided every recipient of HOME funding with the City's Affirmative Marketing Policies and Procedures as an attachment to their HOME loan/grant agreement. The recipients may be considered to be in default of their HOME agreement if they do not carry out these procedures.
- Made copies of the HOME Affirmative Marketing Policy and Procedure document available at the City's Housing Division office.

The City solicits an annual Affirmative Marketing report from property owners for rental properties with five or more HOME-assisted units when appropriate.

Data on the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics.

As indicated in IDIS Report PR-09, in Fiscal Year 2022-23 a total of \$270,464 was received in HOME Program Income (PI) and \$264,500 HOME PI was drawn for HOME activities.

### Other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k)

The City of Hartford upon request and approval by the City Council, customarily waives a portion or all permit fees for residential properties built or renovated by Habitat for Humanity, Hartford Housing Authority, and Rebuilding Together Hartford, Inc. The aforementioned

entities regularly engage in the following housing activities respectively: development of affordable homeownership housing, development and maintenance of affordable rental housing, and the repair of existing owner-occupied housing stock for very low- and low-income residents. Assistance is aimed specifically at <50% AMI end-users.

One of the largest barriers to affordable homeownership involves the inability of many households to save funds for a down payment. The HouseHartford Homebuyer Assistance program eliminates this obstacle by providing a **0% interest forgivable loan to cover up to 20% of the sales price** for a home, in many cases eliminating private mortgage insurance. The Program also ensured that all participants demonstrated a housing expense to income ratio of between 25% and 33%, ensuring sustainable affordability. In FY 2022-23, 7 residents became new homeowners in Hartford utilizing the City's down payment assistance program.

During the Fiscal Year 2022-23, two projects were awarded HOME funds to aid in the cost of development. The New Samaritan rental development, upon completion, will result in 22 units of elderly housing (22 HOME-assisted units). The second HOME-funded project, the Edwards Street Homeownership Project, was originally funded in 2020, but was approved for additional funding in 2021, resulting in 3 owner-occupied two-family homes. The combined total development cost of the two projects is anticipated to total \$11.2 Million. The combined HOME funds committed to the two projects is \$1,450,000.00. This represents leveraging of approximately \$7.72 for every HOME dollar invested. The investment of HOME funds ensures that residents ranging from 0%-80% AMI have the opportunity to affordably secure safe, sanitary housing.

The City also helps to minimize the barrier of affordable housing as it relates to the exceptionally high cost of maintaining and rehabilitating the City's aging housing stock. For Fiscal Year 2022-23, the City assisted 15 owners with low-interest loans through the CDBG-funded Housing Preservation Loan Fund Program (HPLF). This assistance provided rehabilitation or repair of 31 units - 14 owner-occupied units and 17 rental units. Loans are repayable at 2 and 4 percent for owner-occupants and investors, respectively. Moreover, 6 out of 15 property owners assisted were over-income (>80% AMI) or an investor. As a result of receiving HPLF funds, these owners were required to rent a total of 9 units to low/moderate income households whose monthly rent cannot exceed an amount deemed "affordable" by HUD and the City of Hartford for the term of the loan. Owner-occupants under 50% AMI are eligible for our deferred loan with no monthly payments and a zero percent interest rate. Credit worthiness and transaction costs are not barriers as all loans feature relaxed underwriting criteria, no minimum credit score, no closing costs, no appraisals, and no prepayment penalties.

If owning a home is the American Dream, the HPLF Program is the cost-effective way to help low to moderate-income homeowners and investors maintain that dream once it is achieved.

The City administers a Residential Tax Abatement Program. This program abates real property taxes for residential properties when such housing is or will be occupied solely by low or moderate-income households, elderly individuals, or people with disabilities. In order to benefit from the program, property owners must ensure that rents are maintained at an affordable level and that the quality of the units are safe and sanitary. As of the end of FY 2022-23, thirty (30) residential projects representing 2947 units are currently participating in the abatement program.

### CR-55 - HOPWA 91.520(e)

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

During the reporting period, Advancing Connecticut Together Inc. (ACT) continued facilitating the Hartford HOPWA Coordinated Access Network (CAN) which allows clients in the region to apply for a housing opportunity and be matched with a participating housing program for people with HIV. A prioritization process was successfully created and approved by the Hartford HOPWA CAN leadership.

During the program year, details on the number of individuals and types of assistance are as follows:

ACT- Advancing Connecticut Together works with the community to help facilitate processes and provide assistance funds to clients who are in need. ACT receives assistance applications from community providers so that clients could receive money towards their rent, mortgage, or utilities via STRMU. During this reporting period, ACT collaborated with HOPWA partners to match individuals from the coordinated HOPWA waitlist to their respective program openings. ACT facilitates the HOPWA leadership meeting so that issues that arise in our community can be discussed. During this reporting period, we accepted 15 applications for assistance to support clients who in need of rental assistance, mortgage assistance, or utility assistance in the Hartford area. Additionally, ACT facilitated the HOPWA leadership and matching meetings each month so that individuals referred to the waitlist can be matched with open housing slots amongst the HOPWA Hartford housing programs.

HRA The Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc (HRA) provides Supportive Housing Services for people living with HIV/AIDS through HOPWA Funds. This year, HOPWA funds allowed us to assist 16 households (depending on rent and member resources) which helped serve 20 individuals. All 16 households were assisted by a Supportive Housing Case Manager who provided wrap-around, holistic Case Management services which helped to promote self-sufficiency. Customers enrolled into the HOPWA program were provided a variety of different supports, in addition to Psychosocial Support Services to keep them engaged and medically adherent.

Mercy Housing and Shelter Corp operates a transitional emergency housing program for seventeen people living with HIV/AIDS at any point in time. During the contract year 27

households were served in this program. This program was funded with supportive service dollars from HOPWA and emergency housing rental assistance from Ryan White Part A which was offered as a capped stipend to eligible households. Participants are assisted with looking for housing in the community that meets their needs. The participant is supported through the lease up process and provided with up to \$600/ month in rental assistance for a maximum of 24 months. Households work with their case manager to develop a housing stabilization plan which focuses on person-centered goals necessary to reach their permanent housing goals within the two-year time frame.

Zezzo House is to prevent homelessness for an underserved population by helping tenants maintain safe, stable, and affordable housing and to increase access to case management and other related supportive services. During FY22 Zezzo House served 19 formerly homeless/at risk individuals living with HIV/AIDS and an additional 3 dependents/family members of the HOPWA eligible individuals (22 total individuals). Residents came from homelessness, instituationalized, incarcerated, and unconnected to care to being stably housed. Housing and health care supports were provided by HOH to all tenants in three buildings on Homestead Avenue in Hartford. 19 people were supported with a housing subsidy thru PRAC 811 and HOPWA funded case management was provided to 19 tenants (heads of households).

Hands-On-Hartford works to strengthen Hartford's vulnerable population through transformative programs that renew human possibilities. Its permanent supportive housing program is comprehensive and designed to meet the diverse needs of individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS and other comorbidities including substance abuse and/or mental illness. This year housing and health focused case management was given to thirty-four (34) men and women from hospitals, shelters, prisons, other AIDS programs, and unsheltered homelessness. Rental assistance was provided to 13 along with other support such as HIV education, counseling, and transportation. The 34 households maintained housing stability by accessing supportive services and decent, affordable housing. Using an individualized, strengths-based approach supportive services emphasize creative engagement around obtaining and maintaining safe, affordable housing. Hands On Hartford is an active participant in the HOPWA CAN, where all referrals come from. Abbie Kelly, Director of Housing, serves as the primary contact for the program.

<u>Chrysalis Center Inc.</u> has been providing support services to adults living in poverty and struggling with mental illness since 1975. Chrysalis continues to expand its services to meet the changing needs including those with food insecurity, dealing with substance use, HIV/AIDS, released from incarceration and homelessness. Community Health & Housing Services (CHHS) is a permanent supportive housing program that provides clients who are homeless or at risk of

homelessness and are living with HIV/AIDS Supportive Housing Case Management services. Clients are referred from the HOPWA Coordinated Access Network (CAN). Case management services connect individuals to housing based on preference per HUD standards, access to medical/psychosocial services, referrals to legal, food and nutrition, transportation and HIV support resources. Clients are assisted in gaining access to local, State, and Federal government benefits and services. Khelsey Smith is the Program Manager and Zaida Hernandez is the Director who has oversight. This reporting period the program served 27 households. 19 of these received rental assistance. 15% of the individuals served maintained or increased their earned income. 70% maintained or increased non-earned income and benefits. 93% maintained or received health insurance. 80% of individuals served remained undetectable or virally suppressed in lab work. This is attributed to the high rate of compliance with medication and medical follow up. Individual recovery goals are developed with the individuals served utilizing a client centered approach based on strengths, needs, abilities and preferences. This identifies the areas that the individual wants to focus on. Services provided are aligned with the individual's identified goals. In addition, all individuals served are offered the opportunity to participate in additional Chrysalis offered programs: The Recovery and Empowerment Center (REC) provides services tailored to create social support, peer engagement, employment, and leadership skills. La Cocina is a commercial kitchen which offers culinary arts training.

St. Philip House- St. Philip House is a permanent supportive housing program that provides supportive Housing Case Management services to clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and are living with HIV/AIDS. The program has been run by Chrysalis Center, Inc. for over four years and is also a recipient of its own HOPWA funding from HUD. The referral source for this program is the HOPWA Coordinated Access Network. Case management services connect individuals to housing, access to medical/psychosocial services, referrals to legal, food and nutrition, transportation and HIV support resources. Clients are assisted in gaining access to local, State, and Federal government benefits and services. Khelsey Smith is the Program Manager and Zaida Hernandez is the Director who has oversight. During the current year the program served 8 households. All households maintained or increased non-earned income and benefits, including health insurance while 3 of the households maintained or increased their earned income. 95% of individuals served remained undetectable or virally suppressed in lab work. This is attributed to the high rate of compliance with medication and medical follow up. Contributing factors to successful outcomes include on site case management support and congregate living environment fostering community inclusion and support. All individuals served were offered the opportunity to participate in additional Chrysalis offered programs: The Recovery and Empowerment Center (REC) provides services tailored to create social support, peer engagement, employment, and leadership skills. La Cocina is a commercial

kitchen which offers culinary arts training.

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Short term rent, mortgage, and		
utility assistance to prevent	32	32
homelessness		
Tenant Based rental Assistance	51	51
Units provided in permanent		
housing facilities developed,	89	89
leased, operated with HOPWA		89 89
assistance		
Units provided in transitional		
short-term housing developed,	42	41
leased, or operated with HOPWA	42	41
assistance		
Total	163	162

# CR-58 - Section 3

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

No section 3 activities were undertaken in the program year.

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours					
Total Section 3 Worker Hours					
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours					

**Table 9 – Total Labor Hours** 

<b>Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program</b>	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four- year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					
Other.					

Table 10 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

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

### ESG Supplement to the CAPER in e-snaps

### For Paperwork Reduction Act

### 1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

### **Basic Grant Information**

Recipient Name HARTFORD
Organizational DUNS Number 004534707

UEI

EIN/TIN Number 066001870
Indentify the Field Office HARTFORD

Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG

assistance

### **ESG Contact Name**

Prefix Dr
First Name Sheryl
Middle Name M

Last Name Horowitz

Suffix

Title Director Central Grants Administration

### **ESG Contact Address**

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Street Address 2

City Hartford State CT

**ZIP Code** 06103-2913

**Phone Number** 8607579276

**Extension** 

**Fax Number** 

Email Address sheryl.horowitz@hartford.gov

### **ESG Secondary Contact**

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First Name Julian
Last Name Freund

Suffix

TitleDirector OMBGRPhone Number8607579554

**Extension Email Address** 

Julian.freund@hartford.gov

# 2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date07/01/2021Program Year End Date06/30/2022

# CR-65 - ESG 91.520(g)- Persons Assisted

# CR-65 - ESG 91.520(g)- Persons Assisted

# Persons Served Complete for Homelessness Prevention Activities:

	One-Year
	Goal
Adults	162
Children	147
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	309

# **Complete for Rapid Re-housing Activities:**

	One-Year
	Goal
Adults	0
Children	0
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	0

### **Complete for Shelter:**

	One-Year
	Goal
Adults	136
Children	46
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	179

### **Street Outreach:**

	One-Year
	Goal
Adults	54
Children	O
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	54

# **Totals for all Persons Served with ESG:**

	One-Year
	Goal
Adults	349
Children	193
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	542

# **Gender - Complete for All Activities:**

	One-Year
	Goal
Male	107
Female	241
Transgender	1
Don't Know/Refused/Other	0
Missing Information	0
Total	349

Age - Complete for All Activities:

	One-Year Goal
Under 18	193
18-24	80
25 and over	250
Don't Know/Refused/Other	19
Missing Information	O
Total	542

## CR-70 - ESG 91.520(g) - Assistance Provided and Outcomes

### **Shelter Utilization**

	Number of Units
Number of Beds - Rehabbed	0
Number of Beds - Conversion	0
Total Number of bed-nights	4802
available	4892
Total Number of bed-nights	2587
provided	2587
Capacity Utilization	52.8 %

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

The City monitors outcome results achieved pursuant to these terms and conditions.

- Average equals sum of the number of days from program entry to move in date for all households divided by total number of households.
- Percent equals total number of households exited to permanent housing during a time period divided by total number of households that exited program during same period.
- Income levels of households receiving financial assistance by very low-, low-, and moderate-income categories quarterly and program-to-date.
- Average financial assistance (including all types of eligible costs, except security deposits) provided per household quarterly and program-to-date.
- Average financial assistance (including security deposits) provided per household quarterly and program-to-date.
- Demographic breakdown of persons or households who received financial assistance (including but not limited to race, ethnicity, and disability status categories) quarterly and program-to-date.
- Percent equals total number of households who did not become homeless within a time period divided by total number of households exited to permanent housing during the same time period.
- Number/Percent of persons employed.
- Number/Percent change in household income.
- Number/Percent of households leaving with employment income.

- Number taking steps to sustain housing once temporary program assistance has ended; and
- Compliance with City-approved parameters for data completeness.

# CR-75 - ESG 91.520(g) – Expenditures

# **ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention**

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Expenditures for Rental Assistance	0	0	\$15,259.86
Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services – Financial Assistance	0	15,346	\$72,404.56
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services	0	0	0
Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program	\$119,292	95,256	
Subtotal Homelessness Prevention	\$119,292	\$110,602	\$87,664.42

# **ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing**

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Expenditures for Rental Assistance	0	0	0

Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services – Financial Assistance	O	0	O
Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services	O	0	0
Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program	0	0	0
Subtotal Rapid Re- Housing	0	0	0

# **ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter**

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Essential Services	\$178,938	\$77,605	\$94,207
Operations			
Renovation			
Major Rehab	0	0	0
Conversion			
Subtotal	\$178,938	\$77,605	\$94,207

# **Other Grant Expenditures**

	Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year		
	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Street Outreach	0	25,000	\$94,207.00
HMIS	0	0	0
Administration	\$10,817	\$11,087	\$9,540

### **Total ESG Grant Funds**

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Total ESG Funds Expended	\$309,047	\$296,133	\$276,078.42

# **Match Source**

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Other Non-ESG HUD Funds			0
Other Federal Funds		\$35,000	0
State		\$825,851	\$188,404
Government			0
Local Government			0
Private Funds		\$336,000	0
Other			0
Fees			0
Program Income			0
Total Match Amount		\$1,196,851	\$188,404

# Total

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities	\$309,047	\$1,492,984	\$464,482.42