



FY 2026 – 2027 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the City of Youngstown to receive federal funding for affordable housing and community development initiatives benefitting primarily low- and moderate-income persons. The City's Consolidated Plan consolidates into a single document the planning and application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program.

The Consolidated Plan consists of three major sections: a housing and community development needs assessment, a housing market analysis, and a strategic plan which identifies those priority housing and community development needs and strategies that the City plans to address with the available HUD resources over the next five years.

Annual Action Plans must be prepared and submitted to HUD every year. The City of Youngstown uses a one-year Action Plan cycle; this plan covers fiscal years 2026-2027. The purpose of the City's Annual Action Plan is to:

- Assess the City's affordable housing and community development needs;
- Articulate the City's priorities, goals, and strategies to address identified needs; and
- Describe the actions the City will take to implement strategies for affordable housing and community development.

The Annual Action Plan for FY 2026 – 2027 provides data on trends and conditions related to the City's current and future affordable housing and community development needs. The Action Plan describes the planned investment of federal resources to implement specific activities.

This Plan considers the increasing importance of identifying and prioritizing the most critical needs to be addressed with CDBG, HOME, and ESG Program funds.

The City of Youngstown was allocated \$3,263,748 in CDBG funds, \$395,891.10 in HOME funds, and \$287,089 in ESG funds.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Housing needs among residents of the City of Youngstown were determined by analyzing housing problems by income level, tenure, and households with special needs. For the Con Plan, sources included the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) dataset, which is based on the 2016-2020 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates. This source analyzes households with one or more housing problems (overcrowding, lacking adequate kitchen or plumbing facilities), and households experiencing cost burden and severe cost burden.

The most significant housing issue identified was cost burden, defined as spending between 30-50% of household income on housing costs such as mortgage and rent payments, and severe cost-burden, defined as households spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs. According to CHAS data, 31.8% of households in the City are cost burdened, particularly households with incomes between 0-50% AMI.

To address the identified housing needs, the City has established the following goals and outcomes to be achieved through the investment of CDBG, HOME, and ESG resources in FY 2026:

Goal Name	Goal Outcome Indicator
Improve Access, Supply and Quality of Housing	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 55 housing units
Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements	Public Facility or Infrastructure other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100,000 persons
Create Economic Opportunities	Businesses Assisted: 10 businesses
Provide Housing/Services for the Homeless and At-Risk	Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 74 households Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 350 persons Homelessness Prevention: 40 persons Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 13 households housing units
Assist Public Service Providers	Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7,799 persons
Grant Administration	N/A
Repayment of Section 108 Loans	N/A

3. Evaluation of past performance

The summary of past performance reported below was taken from the City’s most recently completed Consolidated Annual Plan Evaluation Report (CAPER) completed for FY 2024 and submitted to HUD. The numbers reflect progress made toward the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan during the last year of the plan.

Goal	Goal Outcome Indicator
Assist in creating economic opportunities	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 174 persons assisted
Assist public service providers	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6,610 persons assisted
Blight removal	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 49,335 persons assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 13 household housing units
Housing/services to the homeless and near-homeless	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 550 persons assisted Homelessness Prevention: 3,176 persons assisted
Improve quality of existing housing	Rental units rehabilitated: 46 household housing units Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 561 household housing units
Increase supply of housing	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 household housing units
Public facility improvements	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 81,445 persons assisted
Public infrastructure improvements	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 99,585 persons assisted
Reduce Crime	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 110,660 persons assisted

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Public Needs Hearings – A public needs hearing was held on February 25, 2026, in a virtual format to educate residents and organizations about the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs and obtain input on housing and community development needs. Another in-person public needs hearing was held on March 26, 2026, at the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County.

Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period – A draft of the Annual Action Plan for FY 2026-2027 was placed on public display for 30 days beginning May 15 through June 15, 2026.

Public Hearing – The City held a public hearing on June 4, 2026, at 5PM to obtain final comments on the proposed Annual Action Plan for FY 2026-2027.

5. Summary of public comments

Major needs highlighted during the public participation process include:

- The need for better quality and affordable housing at all income levels. Youngstown's housing stock is amongst the oldest in the state, making maintenance costly and living conditions subpar for many. Rehabilitation of existing housing and infill of vacant lots are the most feasible methods to increase and improve Youngstown's housing inventory.
- Education and training regarding homeownership, tenants' rights, and fair housing training for both landlords and tenants.
- Workforce development programs to provide job skills training, certifications, soft skills training, and financial literacy education. Programs targeted toward youths was emphasized to ensure long-term financial stability through job-readiness along with justice-involved individuals who face high barriers when it comes to trying to find jobs and housing.
- Improved public infrastructure with sidewalks, curbs, parks, and water/sewer line improvements being frequently brought up.
- Improved access to amenities and services such as grocery stores, healthcare, and small businesses, especially on the East Side.

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

All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

In summary, the Annual Action Plan has been developed with community input and reflects the needs of the City. This input is in line with the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

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	YOUNGSTOWN	Community Planning and Economic Development
HOME Administrator	YOUNGSTOWN	Community Planning and Economic Development
ESG Administrator	YOUNGSTOWN	Community Planning and Economic Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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

1. Introduction

The City of Youngstown developed an outreach effort to maximize input from a large cross-section of providers and agencies. The outreach effort included in-person and virtual public meetings, and published meeting notices.

Several housing, social service agencies, and other organizations serving the City of Youngstown were consulted during the development of this Annual Action Plan. The City held three public meetings on February 25, March 26, and June 4, 2026. Participants included affordable housing providers, neighborhood organizations, homeless and social service providers, and city staff members.

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(l))

The City of Youngstown encourages public communication and agency consultation to demonstrate its commitment to identifying priority needs and engaging the participation of citizens, public agencies, and nonprofit organizations in a positive and collaborative manner. A list of affordable housing providers was developed and included public agencies and private nonprofit organizations whose missions include the provision of affordable housing and human services to low- and moderate-income households and persons. These providers and agencies were invited to participate in public meetings held for the purpose of developing the Annual Action Plan. The list of providers and agencies is included in the Citizen Participation Comments section.

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 Youngstown collaborates with the Mahoning County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness in the City. The mission of the CoC is to end homelessness in the community. It will assist all persons and families who are homeless and/or near homeless in obtaining housing, economic stability and an enhanced quality of life through planning, education, advocacy, and other comprehensive services.

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 CoC was consulted to develop the homelessness strategy and ensure ESG funds are efficiently used and in compliance with the HEARTH Act and ESG program requirements. The CoC provided recommendations for the allocation of ESG funding and reviewed applications alongside the City. CoC also has established standards for completing quarterly reports and standards for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data quality reporting.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City Youngstown, Community Planning & Economic Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-Poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Public outreach and consultation, and attended public hearings.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Mahoning-Youngstown Community Action Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Elderly Persons Services - Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Home for Good
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services - Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	CityScope
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	SMARTS - Students Motivated by the Arts
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education Services - Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the need for youth programs and job training.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	YMCA of Youngstown
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education Services - Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the need for youth programs.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Bess Purpose INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education Services - Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders

		Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Full Spectrum Community Outreach
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Children Services – Homeless Shelter
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Thrive Mahoning Valley
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Youngstown Health District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Public Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Flying High Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	KO Consulting
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Eastside Business Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Economic Action Group Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.

17	Agency/Group/Organization	Walking In My Truth Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Education Services – Children Services – Youth & Family
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Intentional Development Group
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination	Attended public hearings, providing input on the urgent needs of Youngstown residents.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Broadband providers were not available for direct consultation. To compensate for this, the Mahoning County Regional Broadband Feasibility Study was considered when preparing the plan. City staff were also consulted to provide an accurate depiction of the needs in the City.

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?
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2025	Eastgate Regional Council of Governments	Economic development initiatives identified in the CEDS align with the City of Youngstown’s economic development needs.
Mahoning County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024	Mahoning County Emergency Management Agency	Data and goals from the Hazard Mitigation Plan were used to inform the Plan.
Continuum of Care	Mahoning County Homeless CoC	The homelessness strategy was developed in consultation with MCHCOC to ensure the goals of the CoC were reflected in the Plan.
Regional Broadband Feasibility Study	Eastgate Regional Council of Governments	Study was used to inform broadband needs.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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

Public Needs Hearings – One public needs hearing was held on February 25, 2026, in a virtual format to educate residents and organizations about the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs and obtain input on housing and community development needs. Another in-person public needs hearing was held on March 26, 2026, at the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County.

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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 Needs Hearings – February 25, 2026	Non-targeted/ broad community	35 attendees	See comments in Citizen Participation Appendix	None	
2	Public Needs Hearing – March 26, 2026	Non-targeted/ broad community	19 attendees	See comments in Citizen Participation Appendix	None	
3	Public Display Period - May 15 – June 15, 2026	Non-targeted/ broad community	TBD	See comments in Citizen Participation Appendix		
4	Public Hearing – June 4, 2026	Non-targeted/ broad community	TBD	See comments in Citizen Participation Appendix		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Funding for FY 2026 will be expended as indicating in the following table of anticipated resources.

Anticipated Resources

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 & Planning Econ Development Housing Public Improve. Public Services	\$3,263,748	0	0	\$3,263,748	\$9,791,244	Funds for housing and non-housing community development needs. Remainder available is approximately three times projected annual allocation and anticipated annual program income.
HOME	Public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer Asst. Homeowner Rehab. Rental New Constr. Rental Rehab. New Const. for Ownership TBRA	\$395,891.10	0	0	\$395,891.10	\$1,187,673.30	Funds for rehabilitation of rental and homeowner housing units and rehabilitation. Remainder available is approximately three times projected annual allocation and anticipated annual program income.

ESG	Public - federal	Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	\$287,089	0	0	\$287,089	\$861,267	Funds for homeless services including Centralized Intake, transitional housing/ Rapid Rehousing, emergency shelters, and in-house supportive services. Remainder available is approximately three times projected annual allocation and anticipated annual program income.
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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

Additional resources will be leveraged from local and regional foundations. There are no CDBG matching funds requirements. Agencies are encouraged to use CDBG funds to leverage other funds to undertake projects of local significance.

The City of Youngstown is considered a fiscally distressed community; the City is not required to provide a match for its HOME funds.

The ESG program requires a 100% match which will also be met by the individual subgrantees who leverage ESG with private, state, and other federal program funds.

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

The City of Youngstown will use Section 108 loan guarantee funds to redevelop a 20-acre riverfront site in Downtown Youngstown into a public park and amphitheater. This investment will serve to attract visitors locally and regionally, bring more businesses downtown, and provide greenspace in the heart of the City. Additional land and property may potentially be obtained through the Mahoning County Land Bank, which forecloses and resells tax delinquent property for productive reuse.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information.

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve Access, Supply, and Quality of Housing	2026	2027	Affordable Housing	City-wide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$1,071,423 HOME: \$395,891	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 55 housing units
2	Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements	2026	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$959,500	Public Facility or Infrastructure other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100,000 persons
3	Create Economic Opportunities	2026	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	City-wide	Economic Development	CDBG: \$200,000	Businesses Assisted: 10 businesses
4	Provide Housing/Services for the Homeless and At-Risk	2026	2027	Homeless	City-wide	Address Homelessness	ESG: \$287,089	Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 74 households Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 350 persons Homelessness Prevention: 40 persons HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 13 household housing units
5	Assist Public Service Providers	2026	2027	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City-wide	Public Services	CDBG: \$382,825	Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7,799 persons
6	Grant Administration	2026	2027	Other	City-wide	Grant Administration	CDBG: \$500,000	Other: 1 Other
7	Repayment of Section 108 Loans	2026	2027	Other	City-wide	Repayment of Section 108 Loans	CDBG: \$150,000	Other: 1 Other

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve Access, Supply, and Quality of Housing
	Goal Description	Fund activities that expand the supply and improve the condition of housing affordable to lower income households, including leveraging other public and private resources such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to make housing more available to low- and moderate-income households. Extend the useful life of existing affordable housing through weatherization, repair, and rehabilitation programs.
2	Goal Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	The City will use CDBG funds to make improvements to public facilities such as senior centers, homeless facilities, facilities for persons with special needs, youth centers, neighborhood facilities, parks, childcare centers, health facilities, and other public buildings over the next several years. Public infrastructure improvements include streets, sidewalks, stormwater infrastructure, water and sewer infrastructure, and other public infrastructure over the next several years.
3	Goal Name	Create Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	Assistance to businesses that serve low-moderate income neighborhoods and/or create job opportunities for low- to moderate-income people.
4	Goal Name	Provide Housing/Services for the Homeless and At-Risk
	Goal Description	The City will use ESG funds to support shelter and housing operations, temporary shelters and transitional housing for the homeless, including victims of domestic violence, veterans, disaster victims, families with children, unaccompanied youth, drug offenders, and formerly incarcerated persons. Provide funding to increase permanent supportive housing opportunities and work to create a stronger network of providers of supportive and mainstream services to homeless clients.

5	Goal Name	Assist Public Service Providers
	Goal Description	Services offered include but are not limited to elderly, youth transitioning out of foster care, victims of domestic violence, and justice-involved individuals facing re-entry. Services encompass childcare services, health and mental health services, broadband access, transportation, non-homeless special needs and employment training.
6	Goal Name	Grant Administration
	Goal Description	Support administration and delivery of CDBG activities.
7	Goal Name	Repayment of Section 108 Loans
	Goal Description	Repayment of principal and interest on Section 108 loans for an amphitheater.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b)

The City of Youngstown estimates that 1 extremely low-income, 2 low-income, and 2 moderate-income households (5 total) will receive affordable housing benefits through HOME-funded programs. These programs include new construction and strategic acquisition of properties through YNDC and a to-be-decided construction/reconstruction project.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following is a list of CDBG, HOME, and ESG projects and activities that the City of Youngstown will undertake in FY 2026.

Projects

#	Project Name	Planned Activities
1	Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Development Division (CDD) – Housing Improvements • Mahoning County – Housing Initiative • Mahoning County – Supplemental Roofing Program • City of Youngstown – Housing Program Delivery • YNDC – Roof Replacement and Exterior Repair • Housing Stabilization Project – TBD • YNDC – CHDO – Strategic Acquisition and Rehab • Construction/Reconstruction Project – TBD
2	Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Resurfacing • Northeast Homeowners Association – Beautification, Litter Control and Youth • Youngstown CityScape – CityScape Sidewalk Squad • YNDC Revitalize Project • Ohio Urban Renaissance – Community Center Revitalization
3	Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentional Development Group – MicroEnterprise
4	Address Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compass Sojourner House • MYCAP – Homeless Prevention Program • Beatitude House – Merici Housing • Catholic Charities – Housing Stability Program • Catholic Charities – Rapid Re-Housing • Catholic Charities – Emergency Shelter
5	Public Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying High, Inc. – Professional Development Center • Home for Good – Re-entry Resource Referral Center • Inspiring Minds Youngstown - Youth Enrichment Program • OCCHA, Inc • Students Motivated by the Arts – Free Public Programming (PK-12)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youngstown Business Incubator (YBI) – Youth Explore VR Program • Thrive Mahoning Valley – Downtown Farmers Market • Bess Purpose – Home Comfort Project • Loop – Community Arts and Workshop Development Program
6	Grant Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDBG Administration
7	Section 108 Loan Repayment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 108 Loan Repayment (Amphitheater)

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The majority of Youngstown’s projects, including public service, housing, public facilities, and public infrastructure activities, are selected through a competitive process. All CDBG projects and programs funded in 2026 were chosen because they address high priority needs in the community. Projects selected for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding were prioritized on efficient utilization of non-federal funds and ability to serve the largest number of beneficiaries.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	City of Youngstown
	Goals Supported	Improve Access, Supply, and Quality of Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,071,423 HOME: \$395,891
	Description	Owner-occupied housing unit rehabilitation and construction.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 55 housing units
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Project delivery costs, rehabilitation, acquisition, and home repairs for LMI residents.
2	Project Name	Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$959,500
	Description	Public facility and infrastructure improvements include street improvements, land reuse projects, beautification, and streetscape activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facility or Infrastructure other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100,000 persons
	Location Description	City-wide
Planned Activities	Public facility and infrastructure improvements include CityScape sidewalk revitalization and beautification program, beautification and landscaping projects through Northeast Homeowners Association, YNDC Revitalize project, street improvements, and Ohio Urban Renaissance's Community Center Revitalization project.	

3	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Create Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	Assistance to businesses that serve low-moderate income neighborhoods and/or create job opportunities for low- to moderate-income people.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Businesses Assisted: 10 businesses
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Intentional Development Group (IDG) will conduct a 12-week program called MicroEnterprise (previously Cornerstone Collective). The program is designed to provide business coaching, technical assistance, community support and working spaces. The program is designed to enhance community development and drive economic change with a specific focus on supporting under-resourced microenterprises (5 or less employees) that fall within 80% of the area median income (AMI)
4	Project Name	Address Homelessness
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Provide Housing/Services for the Homeless and At-Risk
	Needs Addressed	Address Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$287,089
	Description	Assistance to shelters and providing services to homeless individuals and families.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 74 households Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 350 persons Homelessness Prevention: 40 persons HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 13 households housing units
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Rapid rehousing, homeless prevention services, and emergency shelter. Youth, survivors of domestic violence and individuals living with HIV/AIDS are included in these activities.

5	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Assist Public Service Providers
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$382,825
	Description	Public service programs that will serve a general low-moderate income population, including activities specific to youth and seniors.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7799 persons
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Services include the Flying High Inc Professional Development Programs, Home for Good's Reentry Resource Referral Center, Inspiring Minds Youngstown's Youth Enrichment Program, OCCHA supportive services, Students Motivated by the Arts public programming, Youngstown Business Incubator's Youth Explore VR Program, Thrive Mahoning Valley's Downtown Farmer's Market, Bess Purpose Home Comfort Program, and Loop Community Arts and Workshop Development Program.
6	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Grant Administration
	Needs Addressed	Grant Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000
	Description	General administration costs
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Administrative costs for grant management.

	Project Name	Repayment of Section 108 Loans
7	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Repayment of Section 108 Loans
	Needs Addressed	Repayment of Section 108 Loans
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Repayment of Section 108 Loans for an amphitheater
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Repayment of Section 108 Loans for an amphitheater

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

Assistance will be provided city-wide.

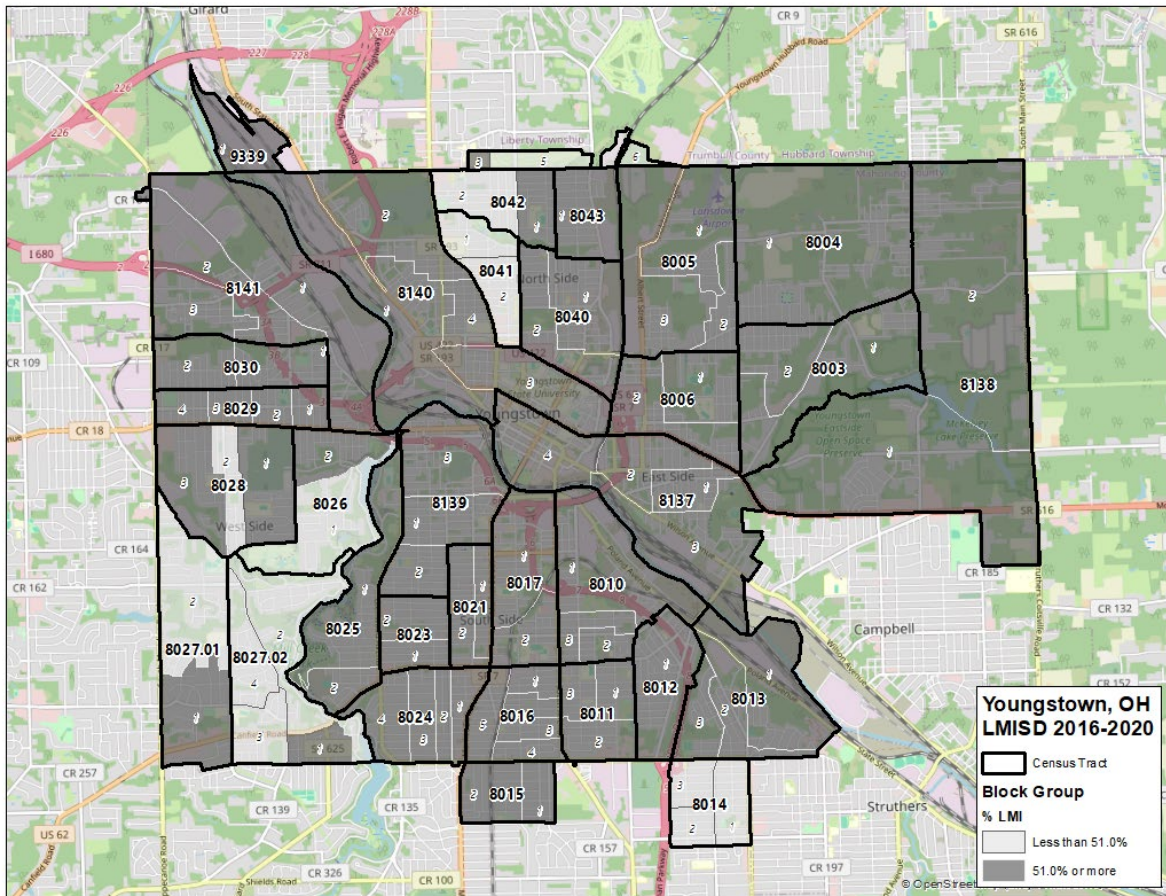
Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City-wide	100%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

According to 2016-2020 LMISD data, 67.1% of the City of Youngstown’s households are considered low- to moderate-income. With the majority of block groups eligible for area benefit, the need for investment is citywide.



Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	55
Special-Needs	0
Total	55

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	0
Rehab of Existing Units	51
Acquisition of Existing Units	4
Total	55

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

Discussion

YNDC will be rehabilitating 25 units through their Roof Replacement and Exterior Repair Program and acquiring 4 housing units in need of rehabilitation. Mahoning County will be rehabilitating 20 housing units through their Housing Initiative Program and Supplemental Roofing Program. CCD will be rehabilitating 2 housing units through the Housing Improvements Program. The City of Youngstown will be rehabilitating 2 housing units through the Housing Program Delivery. There will be 2 addition housing units rehabilitated through programs that are yet to be determined.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority (YMHA) has created affordable housing opportunities for residents since the early 1930s. YMHA primarily operates in the City of Youngstown but also maintains scattered sites throughout Mahoning County. YMHA currently manages a portfolio of 1,466 public housing units and 2,239 Housing Choice Vouchers.

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

YMHA continues to meet the housing needs of low-income households in Youngstown and Mahoning County through the following strategies:

- Maintain a minimal vacancy rate in the public housing program and increase utilization of the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program to maximize the number of available assisted housing units.
- Continue to provide housing dedicated to the needs of seniors by maintaining the designation of certain public housing properties through HUD's Designated Housing Plan for the Elderly.
- Renovate and modernize the public housing stock with the use of Capital Funds and seek additional financing opportunities for the same.
- Increase the supply of assisted housing units by developing new units and applying for additional vouchers.
- Collaborate and continue support of local initiatives that provide housing for homeless and special needs households through the public housing and HCV programs.
- Continue to provide economic opportunities for residents through the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program and other resident services.

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

Each property managed by YMHA has a Residents' Council to provide input on the needs of residents and assist in decision-making. Additionally, YMHA's FSS program helps families to find and maintain employment and establish a savings account ultimately to independently maintain their own housing in the future.

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

provided or other assistance

YMHA is not designated as troubled.

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

Introduction

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

Help Network of Northeast Ohio serves to provide immediate comprehensive services to support and connect people with community resources. Services directly related to housing include:

- Dispute resolution services as an alternative to options like court and law enforcement. Disputes include civil actions, landlord/tenant, consumer, workplace, neighborhood, and family disputes.
- The Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) to link individuals with resources and stable housing
- The Housing Opportunities Program, providing rental assistance for individuals receiving services through agencies connected with the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board.

Catholic Charities Regional Agency also conducts homeless outreach as part of their Rapid Re-Housing program. Individuals and families receiving services are housed, connected to other community resources, and receive case management as quickly as possible.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

While ESG funding is primarily allocated to homelessness prevention, the City also understands that emergency shelters are also important in addressing homeless needs. Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley is the largest service provider of emergency shelter and is funded without ESG dollars. Shelters are available for families and single men and women. Services offered at their emergency shelters include free meals available to the public, workforce and career assistance, and counseling and case management. The Beatitude House's Merici Housing is an emergency shelter that provides housing to individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

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

Sojourner House Domestic Violence Center provides, in addition to housing, individualized case management for legal, financial, medical, vocational, and housing needs; education and activities for both parents and children; monthly support groups; and public speaking and in-service training for both clients and service providers for adults in crisis.

In addition to the general homeless services offered by Catholic Charities, supportive services targeting seniors and pregnancy support services are available in Mahoning County. Senior supportive services include client assessment, casework, face-to-face interviews, collateral interviews, service delivery, advocacy with community resources, assistance with entitlement program applications, and networking with formal and informal support systems on behalf of clients. The First Step Program for persons experiencing pregnancy in a crisis situation provides supportive case management, limited emergency financial assistance, connections to community resources, baby resources, and information and advising on parenting and adoption options. While these services are not directly funded by CDBG dollars, funding for other services help offset costs that allow these services to continue running.

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.

Homelessness prevention services offered through Catholic Charities include basic needs assistance with food utilities, prescriptions, toiletries, and more are provided in the case of emergency. Educational programs to teach clients how to maintain housing are provided through Catholic Charities Housing Opportunities Program, providing information and case management services through down payment assistance, financial education sessions, and individualized case management to determine available resources to find housing.

Additionally, Catholic Charities and Home for Good offer ex-offender/prison re-entry services. Catholic Charities' linkage service works with people leaving the criminal justice system with mental illness who are at-risk of homelessness, connecting them to resources for employment, housing, treatment, and other community resources. Similarly, Home for Good provides services and referrals for housing, employment, education, counseling, and other necessities to formerly incarcerated individuals. Home for Good will receive \$24,950 in CDBG funds to

facilitate the running of their program.

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

Introduction:

To identify barriers to affordable housing, the City of Youngstown completed an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in October 2023. The AI explores key issues and obstacles that influence affirmatively furthering fair housing as well as the effectiveness of the fair housing system.

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

In accordance with the AI, the following chart describes the identified impediments and the strategies planned to address them:

Goal	Impediment to be Addressed	Strategy	Timeframe
<p>Goal 1: Expand the affordable housing inventory in locations where it can be supported by adequate infrastructure.</p>	<p>A lack of affordable housing has a greater negative impact on lower income families with children, people with disabilities and potentially other members of the protected classes.</p> <p>A review of the City’s zoning ordinance revealed restrictive language related to the definition of “family”, the definition and regulation of “group homes” for persons with disabilities, and a lack of “reasonable accommodation” provisions.</p>	<p>Strategy 1.1: Review the zoning ordinance and other land development regulations for ways to encourage housing rehabilitation and/or redevelopment of single-family homes to create more affordable housing options.</p>	<p>annually</p>

<p>Goal 2: Ensure the City’s obligation to affirmatively further fair housing remains in compliance.</p>	<p>A review of the City’s zoning ordinance revealed restrictive language related to the definition of “family”, the definition and regulation of “group homes” for persons with disabilities, and a lack of “reasonable accommodation” provisions.</p> <p>The need for continuing fair housing education, outreach, and enforcement remains high.</p>	<p>Strategy 2.1: Review the Zoning Risk Assessment for the City’s zoning ordinance to identify regulatory provisions that are inconsistent with fair housing laws and amend regulations as needed.</p>	1-2 years
		<p>Strategy 2.2: As part of the City’s local application process for HUD funds, provide a fair housing training component that all subrecipients are required to attend before signing their grant agreement.</p>	annually
		<p>Strategy 2.3: As part of the City’s local application process for HUD funds, include a list of various fair housing activities of which applicants must complete one activity annually as part of its subrecipient grant agreement.</p>	annually
<p>Goal 3: Develop an annual plan for providing regular fair housing education, outreach and enforcement.</p>	<p>The need for continuing fair housing education, outreach, and enforcement remains high.</p>	<p>Strategy 3.1: Contract with a HUD Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization to provide educational training for architects and local code enforcement officials on design and construction standards for qualifying multi-family new developments to ensure accessibility requirements are met.</p>	annually
		<p>Strategy 3.2: Contract with a HUD Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization to conduct paired testing in the rental market for discrimination based on disability (reasonable accommodation, accessibility requirements of qualifying multi-family developments).</p>	annually

		<p>Strategy 3.3: Partner with local realtor groups, local landlords, local lending institutions, and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission for an annual fair housing forum with guest speakers.</p>	<p>annually</p>
		<p>Strategy 3.4: Contract with a HUD Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization to provide fair housing training for elected officials, appointed members to planning and zoning boards, county public housing authorities, local municipal planners, and City staff.</p>	<p>annually</p>
		<p>Strategy 3.5: Create and distribute a Fair Housing Guide for Youngstown that include resources for learning more about the topic, contact information for the City’s Fair Housing Officer and various entities who can assist with housing discrimination complaints, rights and responsibilities of tenants, rights and responsibilities of landlords, and other important information to assist City residents.</p>	<p>annually</p>

<p>Goal 4: Provide homebuyer counseling focusing on R/ECAP households and persons with Limited English Proficiency to expand homeownership opportunities.</p>	<p>The need for continuing fair housing education, outreach and enforcement remains high.</p> <p>A lack of affordable housing has a greater negative impact on lower income families with children, people with disabilities and potentially other members of the protected classes.</p>	<p>Strategy 4.1: Provide funding to a HUD-certified housing counselor to conduct homebuyer and homeownership classes with at least one class bi-annually provided in Spanish.</p>	<p>annually</p>
<p>Goal 5: Ensure that Persons with LEP have access to HUD programs and services.</p>	<p>The City lacks a Language Access Plan.</p>	<p>Strategy 5.1: Conduct the Four-Factor Analysis to determine how the City can provide meaningful access that balances four factors: (1) the number or proportion of LEP persons eligible to be served or likely to be encountered by the City’s HUD programs; (2) the frequency with which LEP individuals come into contact with the City’s Community Development Division; (3) the nature and importance of the program, activity or service provided by the CDD to its beneficiaries; and (4) the resources available to the CDD and the costs of interpretation/translation services.</p>	<p>Within the first year</p>

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Over the next year, the City of Youngstown plans the following actions to help address the housing and community development needs of City residents, especially low and moderate-income residents.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City is allocating a total of \$382,825 of CDBG funding to public service agencies that will meet the needs of the underserved in providing workforce development programs, re-entry assistance to citizens returning from prison, a farmer's market, neighborhood clean-ups, and youth programs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

To allow low- and moderate-income families to maintain their homes, home repairs and rehabilitation programs offered by Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC) (\$190,000), Community Development Division (CDD) (\$201,423), Mahoning County (\$400,000), and the City of Youngstown are being funded through CDBG. Emergency repairs, such as furnace and plumbing repairs, and exterior home repairs are offered at no cost to eligible homeowners. YNDC plans to acquire and renovate vacant homes and offers them to new homeowners at an affordable price, which will be funded with \$150,000 in HOME funds.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Youngstown will cooperate with the Mahoning County Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program, which serves to make housing units lead safe use a combination of interim controls and lead abatement techniques to reduce environmental health issues in housing. The Lead Hazard Control Program partners with local hospitals to coordinate screening children and training/educating parents regarding lead and healthy homes issues.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Public service activities intending to alleviate poverty revolve around youth development programs and workforce development. Planned activities include Youngstown Business Incubator, Flying High's Professional Development Center, Inspiring Minds of Youngstown, Students Motivated by the Arts, Bess Purpose, LOOP, and OCCHA.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City will continue to participate in developing institutional structure through the

participation in the CoC, Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, work closely with the Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Western Reserve Port Authority and the Mahoning Rivers Mayors Association and attend various neighborhood planning meetings.

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

The City will continue to work with YMHA, YNDC, and other housing professionals to ensure housing needs are addressed. Social service agencies will continue to provide needed assistance to families and the City will maintain communication and coordination to ensure their needs are met.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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.

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

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	100%

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:

No other forms of investment outside of the Annual Action Plan are being used.

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:

Please refer to the Appendix for the full HOME Recapture and Resale policy for the City of Youngstown. The recapture policy will be in effect for a time frame equal to the period of affordability as described by the HOME program regulations. The form of recapture to be used

shall be “reduction during the affordability period (forgiveness).” In the event of the property changing title during the required affordability period, the City will recapture a pro-rata amount tied to the length of time remaining on the affordability period from the net-profit. If the net proceeds are insufficient the City will retain any remaining net proceeds following payment of the first mortgage. The City shall have the right of first refusal to buy out the first mortgage from the primary lender in the event of foreclosure.

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:

The City of Youngstown requires HOME program funded activities have a monitored affordability period by means of deed restrictions placed on the property. These restrictions will be in the form of a recapture policy.

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:

There are no plans to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

The City of Youngstown does not plan on funding a HOME TBRA activity.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

The City of Youngstown does not plan on funding a HOME TBRA activity.

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

The City of Youngstown does not have any preference or limitation for rental housing projects.

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

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

Please see attached Unique Appendix containing ESG Policies and Procedures.

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

The Continuum of Care has developed a centralized assessment system or a coordinated assessment system in accordance with requirements established by HUD, each ESG-funded program or project within the Continuum of Care is required to use the assessment system. The City and all subrecipients are members of the Continuum of Care and will ensure the screening, assessment and referral of program participants are consistent with the written standards adopted. All victim service providers have chosen to use the Continuum of Care's coordinated assessment system.

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).

Members of the CoC that do not have a conflict of interest reviewed applications for funding and ranked them based on meeting the needs of the homeless population and recommended funding amounts to the City. The City accepted the recommendations of the CoC Committee.

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 CoC is able to meet the homeless participation requirement and consults with homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Performance Standards: The performance standards for evaluating ESG activities are as follows:

- A. All activities are funded based on specific expected accomplishments (goals) of the annual number of people to be served.
- B. All accomplishments are reported in the HMIS, and sub grantees are required to report quarterly to the CDA specific accomplishments.
- C. The actual accomplishments are measured against the goal to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.