

CITY OF SLIDELL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 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

The City of Slidell is an entitlement community which means it is eligible to receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The purpose of the CDBG Program is to create viable urban communities by means of:

- Improving Housing Quality and increasing the availability of affordable, quality housing for low and moderate- income residents by rehabilitating aging housing stock, homeownership assistance and new construction - under certain circumstances.
- Strengthening Communities by providing community development projects that enhance the quality of life in underserved neighborhoods, providing public facility upgrades including but not limited to: park improvements, community centers, and libraries.
- Infrastructure Improvements including sidewalks, drainage, water, sewer and road improvements.
- Economic Empowerment encouraging economic growth by providing support to small businesses and creating job opportunities for low and moderate- income residents through microenterprise and small business development, job creation, job retention, job training and large scale commercial and industrial development.

To be eligible to receive CDBG funds, the City of Slidell submitted to HUD the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. This plan was a comprehensive five-year planning document that provided HUD with a comprehensive assessment of Slidell's housing and non-housing community development needs. It outlined goals, priorities, objectives and strategies to develop a broad range of activities to be conducted over a five-year time-line. These activities were based on data analysis and citizen-driven planning processes and outlined the greatest need for the CDBG Target Area, Census (CT) Tract 409. At least one of three national objectives defined by HUD were addressed:

- Aid in the prevention of slums and blight.
- Be of primary benefit to low to moderate-income residents.
- Meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

Annual Action Plan is the tool that describes specific projects that are to be executed annually, and they are aligned with the strategies, priorities goals and objectives outlined in the consolidated plan. The Planning Department is the City's lead department responsible for administering the CDBG program. The City of Slidell utilizes CDBG funds to provide activities that benefit the low and moderate- income community concentrated in the CDBG Target Area, Census Tract (CT) 409. This plan represents the second year of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

Overview

The City of Slidell developed this annual action plan based on the data presented in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan with additional planning and input from the community. As a result, the following priority needs and goals were established:

Priority 1: Public Facilities Improvement and Infrastructure Improvements (High Need): Continue revitalization of public facilities/public parks within CT409 and provide infrastructure improvements including but not limited to sidewalks and drainage.

Priority 2: Developing Partnerships (Low Need): Network with local nonprofits to encourage partnerships to provide additional resources.

Priority 3: Urgent Need Public Facilities (Low Need): Address emergency public facility improvements that have a particular urgency and are designed to alleviate existing conditions that result from a serious and/or immediate emergency that threatens the health or welfare of the community. Improvements will be limited to the CDBG Target Area CT 409, as defined by HUD definition of area benefit.

Priority 4: Urgent Need Public Services (Low Need): Address emergency public service needs due to an unforeseen disaster to provide emergency public services and will target applicants who are by definition, limited clientele, who either satisfy documented low to moderate- income requirements or who are by HUD definition, presumed benefit recipients.

Priority 5: Program Administration (High Need): Efficiently administer and manage program funding and reporting.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

A new sidewalk project is underway providing the construction of a 1/2 mile of new sidewalks along Sergeant Alfred Drive south from Bouscaren Street to north of Cleveland Avenue. Recently, the City of Slidell successfully pooled multiple CDBG awards and leveraged funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to build a playground and convert a baseball field into a multi-use field in Ducksworth

Park located within the CDBG target area. CDBG-CV funds provided public Wi-Fi and restroom improvements in area parks within the target area.

In previous years, the City provided sidewalk and drainage improvements, improved and elevated a park restroom in Veterans Memorial Park, constructed a basketball court in Ducksworth Park and an exercise path and basketball courts in Possum Hollow Park, constructed the Rufas Viner community center and provided a minor home repair program.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The consultation process for the annual action plan included additional public outreach and consultation with civic leaders and public and private stakeholders. The participation of low and moderate- income residents, as well as those in legally protected classes was encouraged. The City conducted the two public hearings on April 30, 2026 and May 12, 2026. Both meetings solicited public input. Residents, local agencies, and regional organizations were encouraged to provide input and participate in the development of the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan. Interested parties had opportunities to comment.

The City is engaged in ongoing efforts to increase coordination among the network of service providers that serve community. In accordance with the City's adopted Citizen Participation Plan, the City consulted with local civic leaders and non-profits. The City made citizens aware of the meetings by publishing two public hearing notices in the official journal, *The St. Tammany Farmer*, posting a notice on the public bulletin board at City Hall; and posting a notice on the City website. Furthermore, the Planning Department staff organized several meetings with the Mayor's office and other City departments to gain input on anticipated needs, priorities and to assess problematic areas of concern. A draft of the City of Slidell 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan was made available at the City Planning office and on *myslidell.com*, the City of Slidell website, during the comment period.

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5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

A summary of public comments and response letters from organizations are included in the Public Participation section of this Plan.

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

The City did not receive any public comments that were not accepted. The City considered all views received.

7. Summary

The City reached out to community stakeholders, non-profits and community leaders for input. Two public hearings were conducted to engage residents in the development of the Plan. The Mayor's Office and other City departments were also consulted. In analyzing the data, the City concluded that public facility and infrastructure improvements would be the best way to utilize CDBG funding to achieve the CDBG objective of benefiting low to moderate-income persons. Assessments of future current needs will be conducted during the preparation of each annual plan and will be addressed at that time.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		City Planning Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Slidell Planning Department is the lead agency responsible for the management and implementation of the CDBG program.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The public email contact is cdbg@cityofslidell.org. The Slidell Planning Department phone number is (985) 646-4320 and correspondence may be directed to CDBG, City of Slidell Planning Department, P.O. Box 828, Slidell, LA 70459.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Slidell conducted consultation as part of the planning process in different venues where citizens representing the public, municipal officials, nonprofit agencies, governmental agencies, and the Continuum of Care could assist in preparing this plan. Copies of the 2026-2027 Action Plan were posted on the City of Slidell website, *myslidell.com* and in the office during the 30 day public review period.

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 will continue to work with providers, both public and private and will seek opportunities to strategize with a number of organizations that address short-term and long-term community needs through participation in local and regional meetings. CDBG staff participate in regional discussions and receives monthly updates from the Louisiana Housing Coalition. Furthermore, the City is engaged in efforts and initiatives to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers, as well as private and governmental health, mental health, and social service agencies. The City consults with other agencies as needed, depending on the nature of current and future projects.

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.

A Continuum of Care (CoC) is an integrated system offering a comprehensive array of housing and supportive services designed to prevent and end homelessness. A CoC must have a community plan to organize and deliver housing services and supportive services to meet the specific needs of the unhoused as they move to stable housing and self-sufficiency. HUD identifies four necessary parts of a continuum:

- Outreach, intake, and assessment;
- Emergency shelter;
- Transitional housing with supportive services;
- Permanent & permanent supportive housing with services, if needed.

The City of Slidell does not receive funding for housing or homeless services. The City recognizes the achievements of the Region IX Continuum of Care (CoC), the Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC) which guides the service system to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families in Region IX. It influences local homeless policy, locates and secures funding for homeless services, and administers and evaluates homeless programs to meet community needs. It offers comprehensive homelessness prevention

services; services to people who are currently unhoused and housing resources to reduce chronic homelessness.

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

The City of Slidell does not receive ESG funds. For those organizations that do participate in the ESG program, the Northlake Homeless Coalition determines which community programs to fund, and it also evaluates the outcomes of activities. The CoC plays a major role in the gathering and reporting of homeless data with the "Point-in-Time" count. The information gathered, which includes data counts within the City of Slidell, helps create continuum-wide performance measures that are used to evaluate performance and determine resource allocations for the COC.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Northlake Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via email correspondence.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Southeast Louisiana
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via email correspondence.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Concern Christian
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via email correspondence.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Council on Aging St. Tammany
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via email correspondence.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Safe Harbor
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via email correspondence.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Volunteers Of America Greater New Orleans
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via email correspondence.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via email correspondence.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Tammany Parish Community Action Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via email correspondence.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Slidell Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation via email correspondence.

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

During the preparation of the FY 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan, the City consulted and coordinated with many organizations to determine need and to develop annual goals. Time and financial resources limit the ability to consult with all possible agencies serving residents, though a focused effort has been made each year to expand on these efforts.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Northlake Homeless Coalition	Identifies gaps in homeless services and formulates initiatives to address gaps.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The purpose of the CDBG program is to develop integrated strategies to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for low and moderate- income persons. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for profit and nonprofit organizations.

The annual action plan is an application for funds under HUD's formula grant program. The 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan combined with the five year 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan act as a blueprint to be followed in carrying CDBG activities.

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

In the context of the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan, citizen participation is a critical aspect in determining the needs of the community. The City of Slidell Citizen Participation Plan outlines the policies and procedures by which residents, public agencies, and other interested parties can actively participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan. In accordance with the City's adopted citizen participation plan, all public notices for community meetings and public hearings were published in The St. Tammany Farmer, the official journal, as well as posted on the City's website. In developing this plan, the City Planning Department consulted with the Mayor's office and other City departments, various community organizations and other stakeholders in the community including those that attended public meetings or contacted the City of Slidell Planning Department. In addition, CDBG participated in a City of Slidell Open House to inform citizens about the City's CDBG program, including the 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan activities.

The City utilized the citizen participation process to develop the priority needs identified in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan so that CDBG investments would have the potential to improve neighborhood conditions and increase economic opportunities within the CDBG target area, CT 409.

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	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The City published two public notices in the official journal on April 15, 2026 and April 22, 2026. Both notices stated two public hearings would be conducted and that a draft plan of the Annual Action Plan would be available for a 30 day public comment starting the day following the first public hearing. Both public notices provided a summary of the plan and indicated that virtual/remote attendance was available for the second meeting, and that the attendance link would be posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the City's website, and that the public could a particular accommodation or inquiries about accessibility by contacting the City by email or by telephone.	TBD	Not Applicable	

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)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Non-targeted/broad community. Two public hearings were held in the following dates: April 30, 2026, and May 12, 2026.	TBD	Not Applicable	
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Notices of the public hearings were posted on the City website which included a broad summary of the plan and a hyperlink to the entire plan for review.	TBD	Not Applicable	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

This section is intended to summarize the funding sources which may be available to the CDBG program to make progress on priority needs and Consolidated Plan goals.

CDBG dollars will be used to fund projects and activities benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals. The Community Development Block Grant will continue to be the main source of funding for the projects discussed in the City of Slidell 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan. Leveraging funds through public and private partnerships is a priority. Federal, state, local, and private funding opportunities are constantly being researched and explored to implement additional program

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 and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	207,801	0.00		207,801	\$384,363	CDBG funds allocated for the 2026 Annual Action Plan are \$207,801. The City expects no program income or other types of HUD funding at this time. CDBG funds are anticipated to finance, public facilities improvements. CDBG funds are leveraged with other funding sources when possible.

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

Matching funds are not required for CDBG. The City will continue to seek additional program funding to leverage public facility and infrastructure projects including but not limited to the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

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

Publicly owned land dedicated to recreation/park facilities will be used to address the recreational needs identified in this plan. In the event of sidewalk and drainage improvements and other infrastructure improvements, publicly owned street rights of way or other publicly owned land will be used to provide improvements.

Discussion

CDBG resources are allocated to activities that address the needs of the low to moderate- income community. Leveraging resources will increase the CDBG impact on the community.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public facilities and Infrastructure	2026	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tract 409	Public facilities and Infrastructure Improvements	\$166,240	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3535 Households Assisted
2	Developing Partnerships	2026	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tract 409	Developing Partnerships		Other: 1 Other
3	Urgent Needs: Public Facilities	2026	2027	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tract 409	Urgent Need Public Facilities		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3535 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Urgent Needs Public Services	2026	2027	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Census Tract 409	Urgent Need Public Services		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
5	Fair Housing Education and Awareness	2026	2027	Non-Housing Community Development		Fair Housing Education and Awareness		Other: 1 Other
6	Administration and Planning	2026	2027	Planning and Administration	Census Tract 409		\$41,561	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Enhance and develop public facilities and infrastructure within CT 409. Potential strategies may include, but may not be limited to: • Developing or improving public facilities. • Developing and/or improving parks and recreation. • Developing and/or improving sidewalks and drainage. • Improving ADA accessibility. • Developing and/or improving lighting, bike lanes and recreation infrastructure. • Planting trees and installing other shade structures in public facilities and/or parks.
2	Goal Name	Developing Partnerships
	Goal Description	The City proposes to create partnerships with local nonprofits. Potential Strategy: • Promote civic involvement to address specific projects that will benefit individuals and families, increase quality of life, provide inclusiveness and upgrade inadequate and unsafe facilities.
3	Goal Name	Urgent Needs: Public Facilities
	Goal Description	The purpose of this activity is to provide public facility improvements that have a particular urgency and are designed to alleviate existing conditions that result from a serious and/or immediate emergency that threatens the health or welfare of the community. Improvements may include sidewalk/drainage repair, ADA accessibility and other projects as determined to be necessary for the welfare of the City. Projects will be limited to the CDBG Target Area CT 409, as defined by HUD definition of area benefit. Potential Strategy: • To Be Determined

4	Goal Name	Urgent Needs Public Services
	Goal Description	The purpose of this activity is to provide public services that have a particular urgency and are designed to alleviate existing conditions that pose a serious immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and will target applicants who are by definition, limited clientele, and presumed benefit recipients or who satisfy documented low to moderate- income requirements. Potential Strategy: • To Be Determined
5	Goal Name	Fair Housing Education and Awareness
	Goal Description	The purpose of this priority is to encourage community education to increase the understanding of housing discrimination and fair housing. Potential Strategies may include, but may not be limited to: • Providing Fair Housing information and outreach to tenants, landlords, builders and stakeholders to increase public awareness of fair housing rights. • Educate CDBG staff on the significance and the responsibilities of fair housing.
6	Goal Name	Administration and Planning
	Goal Description	To efficiently administer and manage the program funding and reporting Potential strategy: • Effective administration of CDBG program.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan determined the prioritization of CDBG funds. The 2026-2027 Annual Action Plan defines activities that are aligned with the Consolidated Plan. Eligible activities included but are not limited to public facility and infrastructure improvements; urgent need public facilities; urgent need public services; and planning and administration.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Public Facility Improvements
2	Develop Partnerships
3	Urgent Needs Public Facility Improvements
4	Urgent Needs Public Facility Improvements
5	Fair Housing Education and Awareness
6	Administration and Planning

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Priorities were based on citizen input and community needs. Limited resources and rising construction costs due to inflation and limited contractor participation present a significant obstacle and challenge in carrying out proposed activities.

Project Summary Information

AP-38 Project Summary

1	Project Name	Public Facility Improvements
	Target Area	CT 409
	Goals Supported	Public facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	: \$166,240
	Description	Provide public facility improvements within the CT 409.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimates indicate that 721 low to moderate- income families may benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Activities will be completed within Census Tract 409.
2	Planned Activities	Activities may include, but may not be limited to: • Developing and/or improving parks and recreation. • Developing and/or improving sidewalks and drainage. • Improving ADA accessibility. • Developing and/or improving lighting and recreation infrastructure. • Planting trees and installing other shade structures in public facilities and/or parks.
	Project Name	Develop Partnerships
	Target Area	CT 409
	Goals Supported	Developing Partnerships
	Needs Addressed	Developing Partnerships
	Funding	: 0
	Description	To create partnerships with local non-profit organizations and provide opportunities for civic involvement to address specific projects that will benefit more individuals and families, increase quality of life, provide inclusivity and upgrade inadequate and unsafe facilities.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is expected that 721 low and moderate families may benefit from this activity.

	Location Description	CT 409
	Planned Activities	Activities include but may not be limited to: • Creation of partnerships with local nonprofit organizations.
3	Project Name	Urgent Needs Public Facility Improvements
	Target Area	CT 409
	Goals Supported	Urgent Needs: Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	: TBD
	Description	To provide public facility improvements that have a particular urgency and are designed to alleviate existing conditions that result from a serious and/or immediate emergency that threatens the health or welfare of the community. Improvements may include sidewalk/drainage repair, ADA accessibility and other projects as determined to be necessary for the welfare of the City. Projects will be limited to the CDBG Target Area CT 409, as defined by HUD definition of area benefit.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimates indicate that 721 low to moderate- income families within the target area may benefit from this project
	Location Description	Activities will be completed within Census Tract 409
	Planned Activities	To provide public facility activities to meet urgent needs.
4	Project Name	Urgent Needs Public Services
	Target Area	CT409
	Goals Supported	Urgent Needs: Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	: TBD
	Description	To provide public services that have a particular urgency and are designed to alleviate existing conditions that pose a serious immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. Projects will be limited to the CDBG Target Area CT 409, as defined by HUD definition of area benefit.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 10 families may benefit from these activities.
	Location Description	Activities will be completed within Census Tract 409.

	Planned Activities	To provide public services that have a particular urgency and are designed to alleviate existing conditions that pose a serious immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and will target applicants who are by definition, limited clientele, who are by HUD definition, presumed benefit recipients or who satisfy documented low to moderate- income requirements.
5	Project Name	Fair Housing Education and Awareness
	Target Area	Census Tract 409
	Goals Supported	Fair Housing Education and Awareness
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing Education and Awareness
	Funding	: 0
	Description	To encourage community education to increase the understanding of housing discrimination and fair housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimates indicate that 721 low to moderate- income families within the target area may benefit from this project.
	Location Description	Activities will be completed within Census Tract 409 or at 250 Bouscaren Street, Slidell, LA 70458.
	Planned Activities	Potential Fair Housing Activities include but may not be limited to: • Providing Fair Housing information and outreach to tenants, landlords, builders and stakeholders • to increase public awareness of fair housing rights. • Educate CDBG staff on the significance and the responsibilities of fair housing.
6	Project Name	Administration and Planning
	Target Area	CT 409
	Goals Supported	Administration and Management
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	: \$41,561

Description	To efficiently administer and manage the program funding and reporting Potential strategy: Effective administration of CDBG program.
Target Date	6/30/2027
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is expected that 721 families will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	250 Bouscaren Street Slidell, LA 70458
Planned Activities	To provide efficient administration of CDBG funds.

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 directed to Census Tract, CT 409.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Census Tract 409	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Census Tract 409 has been the target area in previous years and needs have been identified in various public meetings in preparation for previous plans and this current plan. This area has the highest concentration of low to moderate-income households and is the area most in need of revitalization.

Over the years, CDBG investment in the target area provided several community enhancements including but not limited to drainage improvements, sidewalk construction, recreation improvements, restroom improvements in public parks and Wi-Fi availability in public parks. Because of this concentrated investment, Census Tract 409 has benefited from consistent public facility and infrastructure upgrades.

Discussion

The goal of the target area is to take the limited funding the City receives and invest in a neighborhood community that has been historically underserved.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Slidell has a diverse housing market, but affordable housing is needed for lower income groups. Escalating rents and housing prices present a challenge to low and moderate-income residents. Rising insurance rates and inflation affect housing costs for renters and homeowners. Renters face the challenge of saving for a down payment for an affordable home because of increased rent. Affordable housing provided by the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) fund is restricted due to the prevalence of affluent households living in St. Tammany Parish which decreases St. Tammany Parish’s and Slidell’s competitiveness for funds. Homeowners struggle to afford substantially increased monthly mortgage payments due to significant changes in flood and homeowner insurance costs.

The City of Slidell receives one of the smallest entitlement allocations in Louisiana. While the City will not directly provide housing services, it will support social service organizations that provide decent, safe, sound, and sanitary housing units.

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

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	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0

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

Discussion

The City of Slidell encourages affordable housing and residential development. The development code has

been revised and provides opportunities to integrate a variety of housing opportunities that enable mixed use and diverse neighborhoods. Slidell is also addressing environmental issues including flood mitigation to combat environmental constraints to affordable housing. It participates in the NFIP Community Rating System so that residents are eligible for discounts on flood insurance premiums, and it is coordinating with St. Tammany Parish Government to create a ring of levees around the City to help prevent flooding in natural disasters. The City works closely with Habitat for Humanity East to encourage the construction of affordable housing and provide homeowner education. By enforcing the International Residential Building Code, the City ensures safe housing construction standards.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Slidell Housing Authority was established pursuant to the U. S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended. It provides safe, decent and affordable housing to low-income families. Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing.

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The City will coordinate with the public housing authority concerning information sharing of their respective programs.

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

The Slidell Housing Authority sponsors resident council meetings and encourages active participation from residents.

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

The Slidell Housing Authority is not a troubled PHA.

Discussion

The City has a long history with the Slidell Housing Authority. This City supports HACS's investment in the community by providing safe, decent and affordable housing.

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

Introduction

The following represents the Homeless Strategy for the City of Slidell.

- Support the development of housing for the homeless and disabled by non-profit organizations or other entities.
- Support local agencies' efforts to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.
- Cooperate in the planning efforts of the various homeless organizations to more fully coordinate their policies and procedures to address homelessness.

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

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

The City of Slidell will network with nonprofit organizations that serve the homeless. Staff will keep current on issues that address homeless persons. As need arises, the City may provide information and referral to help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless. This includes and is not limited to the following:

- extremely low income individuals and families.
- 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).
- those receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.
- the chronically homeless.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Slidell does not directly fund any emergency shelters. The focus of the City is to continue to

support those organizations that provide emergency shelter and transitional housing needs.

The member organizations of the CoC address the needs of low-income households to avoid becoming homeless. Information and referral between organizations guides those who contact organizations for assistance. The City will stay current on homeless resources and help address issues that face low-income individuals, families and the homeless.

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

The City of Slidell does not directly fund any emergency shelters or provide homeless assistance.

Local resources from various non-profit organizations provide homeless prevention. They provide a wide range of services to address transitional housing, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing and supportive services to prevent the recently unhoused from becoming homeless again. The CoC member organizations utilize HMIS.

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.

The City of Slidell does not directly fund homeless assistance but will continue to provide information and referral and network with non-profit organizations who provide homeless services.

Discussion

The City of Slidell does not directly fund any emergency shelters.

The member organizations of the CoC address the needs of low-income households to avoid becoming

homeless. Information and referral between organizations guides those who contact organizations for assistance. The City will provide homeless resources and help address issues that face low-income individuals, families and the unhoused.

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

Introduction:

The City will continue to engage community leaders and the public sector to help break down the barriers of affordable housing. The City of Slidell does not have any specific public policy that affects the home buying market other than those costs associated with regulatory building codes established for the overall public good. Collaboration is the key to breaking down barriers and the City will continue to coordinate with the public and private sector to encourage affordable housing. It will inform the public and educate developers about the need for affordable housing in an effort to eliminate the stigma associated with this issue.

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

The City of Slidell's housing or land development policies are not burdensome and do not reduce the availability of affordable housing. The development code has been revised and provides opportunities to integrate a variety of housing opportunities that enable mixed use and diverse neighborhoods. Slidell is also addressing environmental issues including flood mitigation to combat environmental constraints to affordable housing. It participates in the NFIP Community Rating System so that residents are eligible for discounts on flood insurance premiums, and it is coordinating with St. Tammany Parish Government to create a ring of levees around the City to help prevent flooding in natural disasters. The City works closely with East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity East encourage the construction of affordable housing and provide homeowner education. By enforcing the International Residential Building Code, the City ensures safe housing construction standards.

Discussion:

Slidell's housing and land development policies and codes do not reduce the availability of affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Slidell will plan its annual CDBG program based on the needs of the community. When needs cannot be addressed by CDBG, the City will endeavor to create partnerships to ensure the delivery of services to the low to moderate- income community of Slidell.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to strategically search for new funding for community development activities, and it will provide outreach and general support to social service providers which provide an array of community services. The City of Slidell will spend 100% less administrative expenses from its CDBG allocation to benefit the LMI residents in the CDBG Target Area.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to encourage affordable housing and encourage opportunities for “live-work” and mixed-use development.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will continue to educate the public about the dangers of lead-based paint.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will institute the following strategies and actions to help families achieve financial stability:

- Encourage businesses to increase the number of jobs available, especially higher waged jobs, for low- and moderate-income persons by combining core capacities of the science and technology sector with the growing transportation and logistics industry.
- Network with the public sector to increase financial awareness, homebuyer counseling information, and information about general financial literacy.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

A number of non-profit organizations and private entities carry out a range of housing and supportive

service programs. The City will continue to network and advocate for these entities.

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

The City will seek to further current relationships and establish new connections with community partners.

Discussion:

The City continues to reaffirm relationships with community organizations in the areas of affordable housing, community development, and homeless prevention.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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.

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. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

The City targets all CDBG funds minus administrative expenses to CDBG activities located within the CDBG target area CT 409.