

**CITY OF KINGSTON, NY**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**  
**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**  
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# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

The 2022 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the City of Kingston is the fourth action plan submitted under the city's 5-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) for fiscal years 2019 through 2023. The allocation for fiscal year 2022 is to be six hundred eighty eight thousand, eight hundred ninety-one dollars and zero cents (\$688,891.00). Staff of the city's Office of Community Development (OCD) organized and attended meetings with the Community Development Advisory Council, Kingston Common Council members, not-for-profit service providers, affordable housing advocates, local businesses and the general public to discuss the 2022 AAP. The Community Needs narratives were developed mostly from the input received at these meetings.

The OCD prepares its annual list of funding priorities based upon the following factors:

- Assistance to low- to moderate income eligible residents in need of legal aid for
- Parks and Recreation Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
- Input from governmental agencies engaged in community development activities
- Housing Rehabilitation Energy Efficient Improvements
- Reduction of Slum/Blight conditions in targeted neighborhoods
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Youth and Community Public Service Programs

Programs and activities described in this Plan are intended to primarily benefit low and moderate income residents within the boundaries of the City of Kingston, neighborhoods with high concentrations of low and moderate income residents, families, racial minorities, and individuals with special needs. The City will also use this AAP to coordinate with other federal and state grant and loan programs and County of Ulster initiatives.

This year, as in years past, the goals and objectives outlined within this plan focuses on these initiatives in the 2022 AAP. The City continues to assess the community's needs and priorities and develop successful mechanisms to address those needs.

### 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.

There were many objectives outlined in Kingston's 2019-2023 Con Plan. This 2022 AAP anticipates using this year's funding to focus mainly on the following objectives selected from the comprehensive list:

- Provide Housing Rehabilitation qualified LMI City of Kingston residents.
- Provide Youth and Community Public Service Programs
- Develop and maintain adequate public services and facilities to preserve, protect and enhance the overall quality of life in the City of Kingston.
- Implement and repair the City's infrastructures and public facilities.
- Implement and repair the City's Parks and Recreation infrastructures and public facilities.

As Kingston's community development needs are prioritized, the city strives to meet the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program's statutory goals and regulatory requirements including providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities principally for extremely low, low and moderate income residents of the city.

These objectives and the outcomes expected through the implementation of the programs and completion of project planned for the 2022 CDBG funding are illustrated in Section AP-20, Annual Goals and Objectives.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

Each year, the City of Kingston prepares a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) which can identify areas that call for improvements to oversight over regulatory compliance, the need to better assess the capacity of sub-recipients to undertake CDBG-sponsored projects, and meeting projected housing goals established by the Con Plan. The City continues to put forth the efforts to properly administer the CDBG program by maintaining the timeliness of program expenditures, appropriately planning for project completion, sufficiently monitoring sub-recipients' use of CDBG funds and effectively targeting program dollars where they are most needed.

During the past three years of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, the City managed approximately \$2,909,275 through both the regular CDBG awards and the CARES Act awards in addition to funding still awaiting to be drawn down from previous years' awards. These CDBG dollars were utilized to develop and improve affordable housing, address vital infrastructure needs, provide approximately 15% of each annual allocation for public service programs targeted to youth and at-risk individuals, and supported economic development programs working with our partner agencies.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

This AAP for FY 2022 is the product of public outreach, community meetings, public hearings, and consultations with housing, community and economic development providers providing housing and delivering services in the City of Kingston.

Planning for the AAP included a public hearing, public meetings, and comment periods.

#### **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.

Public comments during the application process were primarily focused on supporting specific projects and programs located within the city's Midtown and Downtown areas. The strongest participation came from program coordinators, program participants and the public at large in support of applications made by Boy's & Girl's Club, Center for Creative Education, Children's Home of Kingston, Family of Woodstock, Read & Write, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, People's Place, Mentor Me of Ulster County and YMCA.

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

All comments and feedback were accepted. There were no negative, non-supportive or inappropriate comments given. Unfortunately, over a million dollars in requests for funds were submitted and only six hundred eighty eight thousand, eight hundred ninety-one dollars and zero cents (\$688,891.00) were allocated for the city's 2022 Entitlement award. The list of activities to be supported in 2022 is for those activities and sub-recipients that have demonstrated a past capacity to effectively undertake CDBG-funded projects or are partnering with city departments to ensure the same effectiveness and for those that have the greatest impact in the community, particularly in the Midtown area and other low-income neighborhoods.

#### **7. Summary**

The City of Kingston has many needs that must be addressed to improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income individuals and families, improve the long-term economic prospects of our residents and increase access to decent housing opportunities. While CDBG funds are one stream of funding available to address those needs, they cannot satisfy all of the problems and needs identified.

The city will continue to search for creative ways of improving its residents' lives by creating improved economic and housing opportunities by seeking additional state, federal and private resources to supplement its own efforts and expenditures.

**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
Lead Agency	KINGSTON	
CDBG Administrator	KINGSTON	Office of Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Kingston's Office Community Development is responsible for the day-to-day administration of its awarded CDBG funds, for the preparation of all plans and reports required by HUD's CDBG program rules and regulations and for the oversight and administration of all CDBG-funded activities for the city and its sub-recipients.

**Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**



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

### **1. Introduction**

The development of the City of Kingston's 2019-2023 Con Plan that was accepted by HUD included exhaustive consultations and extensive outreach to service providers, government agencies, civic and business leaders and housing advocates, in addition to in-person interviews, focus groups and phone consultations that have been taken into consideration during the creation of this 2022 AAP in order to effectively allocate resources to address identified community needs.

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

The City coordinates with the Kingston Housing Authority, RUPCO, Family of Woodstock, the Ulster County Health & Mental Health Departments, the Ulster County Continuum of Care (CoC) and the Ulster County Department of Social Services through the participation and reporting from their boards and commissions, in joint applications for funding and in the shared promotion of community development activities such as the annual Fair Housing Expo, Midtown Make a Difference Day and Clean Sweep, an annual community clean-up initiative. In addition, outreach is conducted by and between the Kingston Police Department, the Ulster County Department of Parole, the Kingston Consolidated School District, the Ulster County Department of Health & Mental Health, the Kingston Building Safety Division, the Kingston Local Development Corporation, the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency and the Ulster County Office of Economic Development. In the context of steeply and continually declining resources and with growing needs, the City of Kingston maintains its efforts to find opportunities to share resources and effectively enhance coordinated services through these partnerships to meet the needs of city residents.

### **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 works with the committee who prioritize projects submitted as part of the CoC's application to HUD and uses this opportunity to express the needs and concerns of the homeless within the city, as well as the county. As the county seat, the City of Kingston is home to nearly all of the homeless shelters for the county and is the headquarters' location for most not-for-profits and County agencies administering to the homeless population.

The CoC updated their by-laws and put into place a Strategic Plan to help guide future applications for funding and local efforts.



**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**

Ulster County receives more than \$1M annually through HUD's CoC Program. As per the HEARTH Act, the CoC has formed a board that meets the current regulations and focuses its planning efforts on homeless issues and reducing homelessness. This board is led by legislators, community leaders and business leaders. As part of the annual submission, the CoC is required to rank or reject projects submits as part of its application. The Ulster County CoC has adopted a governance charter and has policies and procedures to rank, score and reject applications. An independent ranking committee is responsible to review, rank and score projects based upon a scoring matrix that is consistent with HUD's strategic goals as well as the County's prioritized needs. The ranking committee then makes a recommendation to the board that adopts the ranking of projects to be submitted with the County's annual application. The administration of HMIS is not the responsibility of the City of Kingston, but rather that of CARES, Inc. which is a consultant to 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	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	RUPCO, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Community Development Financial Institution
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	RUPCO works closely with the City of Kingston on many homeless- and housing-related issues. Technical assistance and data were provided to help in preparation of this report.

2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Family of Woodstock, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Family of Woodstock Executive Director, Michael Berg, directs this agency that is the principal provider of services for homeless persons in the City. He continues to provide support and input on evaluating needs and priorities for AAPs and fair housing in the City of Kingston. The city continues to work closely with Family of Woodstock to address the needs of homeless and low-income residents of our community.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Kingston Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Kingston Housing Authority manages the Housing Choice Vouchers for the City of Kingston and all public housing properties located within the City. Ongoing coordination will continue with OCD to address City infrastructure issues adjacent to public housing and public safety concerns and access to public housing opportunities in the City.

4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Ulster County Department of Health
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Ulster County Department of Health & Mental Health provides lead testing and lead-safe practices training, among other services and educational opportunities. It works to remediate hazardous conditions after lead poisonings have been identified and provide lead clearance for the OCD's housing rehabilitation projects. The City of Kingston coordinates with the Department of Health & Mental Health through participation in block-by-block housing inspections for code violations with the City's Building & Safety Department and will provide technical assistance and referrals for the future collaboration in a Lead Based Paint Hazard Control and Prevention Program.

5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City Of Kingston, Building and Safety Division
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local Grantee Department
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Building & Safety Division of the City of Kingston conducts residential housing safety inspections, organizes and conducts "Block-by-Block" targeted neighborhood inspections and maintains the landlord registry for the City. Continued coordination occurs with this department to address lead based paint and other health and safety hazards, evaluate housing units and promote fair housing efforts.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Ulster County Office of Employment & Training
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation to discuss current programs and initiatives to address employment and training needs in the city. Continued collaboration will occur to ensure employment and training opportunities are being disseminated to the youth of the community and the varied populations of unemployed residents of the city.

7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Ulster County Community Action
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Ulster County Community Action Committee is Ulster County's service arm and administers the Head Start and Weatherization programs and several food pantries located in Kingston. Coordination is established between OCD's Housing Rehabilitation Program and the Weatherization Program, services for low-income, pre-K youth in the City's Rondout/Downtown neighborhood and collaboration on joint funding applications to enhance programs and services for low to moderate income families.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Kingston Planning Department
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local Planning organization Grantee Department
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy

<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>The City of Kingston Planning Department is a valuable resource for several initiatives and efforts including infrastructure improvements, community needs for housing and other redevelopment efforts, understanding barriers to affordable housing, information and data collection for grant applications and much more. OCD works with the Planning Department on a daily basis.</p>
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**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

No organizations were excluded from the consultation process, however, it would be beyond the capacity of the OCD to consult with each and every City of Kingston not-for-profit in developing its Annual Action Plans.

**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	RUPCO/Family of Woodstock	The shared goals of providing safe, quality, affordable housing choices for low income individuals and families.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**



## **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 comment was actively solicited at all public meetings, advertised in the local daily newspaper and through requests on the City's website and Facebook page for submissions to the OCD. In general, public participation included comments to favor specific projects that residents and organizations would like to see supported, rather than more general goals for the program. These program goals were arrived at through the numerous public outreach efforts, including paid and earned media, website and Facebook communication, door-to-door and internet surveys, focus groups and public meetings that were held during the Con Plan process, but also through the development of the update comprehensive plan, Kingston 2025, and the Equitable Development Community Workshops through the US EPA Building Blocks Technical Assistance efforts. Both traditional and grassroots outreach strategies were employed to foster a comprehensive citizen participation process generating a greater awareness of the process and programs funded by CDBG dollars.

**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)
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1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>NOTE: All meetings were held  <b>**Virtually*</b> A public hearing was held on October 19, 2021 to solicit public input in an effort to help form the FY2022 AAP followed by a 30 day public comment period. In addition, three public informational meetings were held on October 26, 2021, November 16, 2021, December 1, 2021 all of which were held at various times. Community Development Advisory Board meetings were held on January 25, 2022 and February 22, 2022. On May 23, 2022 the AAP was presented and posted for the public</p>	<p>Comments were primarily focused on supporting specific projects and programs located within the city's Midtown and Downtown areas. The most need was identified there. The strongest participation came from program coordinators, program participants and the public at large in support of applications made by Boys &amp; Girls Club, Center for Creative Education, Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Mentor Me, People's Place, Read &amp; Write Program, UIDN and YMCA</p>	All comments were accepted.	
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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)
			to view for comment for 30 days			
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	All public meetings and program plans were advertised in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the City of Kingston's official newspaper.	No comments were submitted directly to the OCD due to the newspaper notices, however comments received at public meetings were due to the public being made aware of the meetings through the newspaper.	N/A	
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	All public meetings and program plans were advertised on the City of Kingston website homepage, Facebook page and the OECD webpage on the city's site.	No comments were submitted online, but the comments received at the public meetings were due to the public notices issued on the city's website.	N/A	kingston-ny.gov

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

#### 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	688,891	0	0	688,891	0	A total of \$688,891 in CDBG Entitlement funding will be available for eligible activities
Section 108	public - federal	Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	

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: \$		
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Housing Public Improvements Public Services Other	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - federal	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - state	Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - local	Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	

**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**

Community partners, like Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares and the Ulster County Department of Health & Mental Health, have offered in-kind resources with staff time and technical support. Homeownership assistance is matched by local lending institutions, RUPCO's first-time homebuyer club funds and NY State resources to leverage all possible streams of income. And sub-recipients are now required to provide a 25% match for their projects.

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

### **Discussion**

The city had been awarded more than \$540,000.00 in NY State Department of Health grant funds through the Lead Service Line Replacement Program to address lead water lines that may be connected from houses to the main water line and the OECD has designed a focused effort to identify and replace these affected lines. They continue to focus efforts to identify and replace these affected lines in the Franklin Street neighborhood in addition to other low- moderate income neighborhoods. The City received an extension as they had a small amount of funding remaining and continues to use these funds along with CDBG housing rehabilitation funds allowing for the continuation of helping the City with a holistic neighborhood revitalization strategy.



## 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	Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Enhancements	2019	2023	Affordable Housing	Citywide Midtown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area	Increase Supply of Decent Housing Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$292,779	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 9 Household Housing Unit
2	Youth & Community Services	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Midtown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area	Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$103,334	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4900 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure	2019	2023	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide		CDBG: \$155,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 22000 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

### Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Enhancements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The housing rehabilitation program provides up to nine grants for single family home repair for income eligible homeowners as well as energy efficient upgrades or replacements.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Youth and community services activities focus on providing safe outlets and opportunities for the City's youth including afterschool and summer programming at the City's community centers, high school, and other institutions that provide essential services for youth. When feasible, other community services, especially as they relate to housing, will be sought out and funded. Year 2022 continues funding to assist in legal services for residents facing eviction, a critical program that helps reduce homelessness and provides housing stability.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure activities include upgrades to Citywide sewer infrastructure as well as Parks & Recreation facilities and infrastructure.



## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The Office of Community Development prepares its annual list of funding priorities based upon factors including previously documented need, funding requests from the community, the need to create employment opportunities, public facility needs, ongoing assessment of the overall needs of both the community and its residents, input from public service providers and input from governmental agencies engaged in community development activities. A strong focus on youth services, supporting community-based public facilities and emphasis on housing rehabilitation to improve the quality of neighborhoods is the primary focus of funding in the 2022 CDBG allocations process.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	AJ Williams-Myers African Roots Community Center - Cooking Together
2	Boys & Girls Club - BGC Design Team
3	Center for Creative Education - Find the Fun Afterschool Program
4	Children's Home of Kingston - Youth Silk-screening/Work Readiness
5	Family of Woodstock / Kingston Cares
6	Legal Service of the Hudson Valley - Preserve Affordable, Safe and Habitable Housing
7	Mentor Me of Ulster County
8	People's Place - Wellness Empowerment Center Service Expansion
9	Read & Write - Read & Write Program
10	Sunrays - YMCA Summer Equine Program
11	YMCA - Bicycle Safety for Kingston
12	CoK Parks & Recreation Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements Phase II
13	OCD - Housing Rehabilitation Program
14	OCD - Program Administration

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

## **needs**

The City prepares its annual list of funding priorities based upon the following factors:

- Previously documented need
- Funding requests from the community
- The need to create employment opportunities
- Public facility improvements needs
- Ongoing assessment of the overall needs of the city and its residents
- Input from public service providers
- Input from governmental agencies engaged in community development activities

This year, as in years past, the City has employed a community-driven strategy to develop a program funding matrix that addresses the goals and objectives outlined in the Con Plan and focuses these initiatives in the 2022 AAP. With the use of these tools, the City will continue to effectively assess the community's needs and priorities and develop successful mechanisms to address those needs.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	AJ Williams-Myers African Roots Community Center - Cooking Together
	<b>Target Area</b>	Downtown/Waterfront Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$4,848
	<b>Description</b>	This project will have two major components geared toward increasing food security and well-being for children, families and seniors. They will have the opportunity to have positive and productive bonding experiences together, where they are able to share joy in the process of cooking and learning.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Estimated to serve approximately 250 individuals of low to moderate income households in Kingston will benefit from this activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	AJ Williams-Myers African Roots Community Center, Inc. located at 43 Gill St., Kingston, NY
<b>Planned Activities</b>	The program will consist of Family Cooking Workshops and Community Meals.	
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Boys & Girls Club - BGC Design Team
	<b>Target Area</b>	MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$8,354
	<b>Description</b>	The program is geared to help build workforce development skills for the youth through graphic design, fashion, marketing, technology, social media, business management and brand building.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	100 youth of low to moderate income households in Kingston will benefit from this activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	Boys and Girls Club of Ulster County, Inc., located at 139 Greenkill Avenue in Kingston.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Youth will be given the opportunity through graphic art and design, the ability design and create their own apparel, school supplies, water bottles etc.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Center for Creative Education - Find the Fun Afterschool Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$17,348
	<b>Description</b>	This program will offer educational support and enriching opportunities emphasizing teamwork, social and mental well-being, academic success and pure enjoyment
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is estimated 50 LMI youth will benefit from this activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Center for Creative Education, located at 16 Cedar St. in Kingston
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Classes in dance, music, technology, educational games and other activities that foster physical, intellectual, social and emotional development.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Children's Home of Kingston - Youth Silk-screening/Work Readiness
	<b>Target Area</b>	Downtown/Waterfront Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity



	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,848
	<b>Description</b>	Creation of work readiness and job training program utilizing silk-screening process
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	20 LMI youth from CHK, KCSD and CoK will benefit from this activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Children’s Home of Kingston, located at 26 Grove St., Kingston, NY
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To hold two 13 week training sessions to youth, twice weekly
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Family of Woodstock / Kingston Cares
	<b>Target Area</b>	MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$8,098
	<b>Description</b>	A continual program providing youth and family services, including: crisis intervention and de-escalation counseling; emergency food and shelter services; life skills; vocational training and employment assistance.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	40-50 youth of low to moderate income households in Kingston will benefit from this activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Family of Woodstock, located at 21 Franklin St., Kingston, NY
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To continue to provide youth and family services, including: crisis intervention and de-escalation counseling; emergency food and shelter services; life skills; vocational training and employment assistance.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Legal Service of the Hudson Valley - Preserve Affordable, Safe and Habitable Housing

	<b>Target Area</b>	MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$9,848
	<b>Description</b>	A holistic approach consisting of both housing and income eligible legal assistance to CoK LMI residents
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50 Households / 125 Household Members of low to moderate income in Kingston will benefit from this activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Office is located at 550 Aaron Ct., located in Kingston, NY
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To serve LMI CoK residents with assistance maintaining permanent housing and/or reviewing their income and eligibility for assistance for continued stabilized housing, utilities and food.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Mentor Me of Ulster County
	<b>Target Area</b>	MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$19,848
	<b>Description</b>	To facilitate the following programs: Homework help, mental health check-ins, yoga/mindfulness classes, and playtime at the YMCA
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	230 youth of low to moderate income in Kingston will benefit from this activity

	<b>Location Description</b>	Mentor Me, is located at 209 Gurnell St., Port Ewen but programs will be run out of YMCA, People's Place and Kingston Area Library (all facilities located in Mid Town Kingston)
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To continue with their work of matching at risk youth with inspiring mentors, focusing on whole person wellness and supportive relationships.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	People's Place - Wellness Empowerment Center Service Expansion
	<b>Target Area</b>	MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$9,598
	<b>Description</b>	To continue the work started last year in addition to expanded and new programs to be offered
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3,440 low to moderate income individuals in Kingston will benefit from this activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	People's Place, is located at 17 St. James St. in Kingston
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To teach healthy habits and modalities to people who would not otherwise have access to this type of programming whether it is because of finances or proximity or the insecurity of fitting in. Their goal through The People's Place WEC is to help prevent a larger crisis and give tools to reduce stress.
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Read & Write - Read & Write Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	Downtown/Waterfront MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$7,348

	<b>Description</b>	To provide much needed support to students to enable them access to classrooms, school work, teachers and help with understanding and completing required curriculum through remote learning.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	108 youth of low to moderate income households in Kingston will benefit from this activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Read & Write, located at 285 East Strand, Kingston, NY Programs to be run out of Rondout Neighborhood Center and Everette Hodge Center
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Read and Write staff aggressively address the learning gaps due to low reading and test scores reported in New York State by one to one, small group and intensive structured support geared to participant's individual needs.
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Sunrays - YMCA Summer Equine Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,348
	<b>Description</b>	Education related to horses, learning about them, being around them safely, care, communication and building a partnership.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	120 LMI youth will be served through this activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	Sunrays, Inc, located at 6 Spruce St., Kingston, NY The program will be run at the YMCA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Two horses (or ponies) will be on site for three days per week, for a period of 6 weeks, to accommodate both the Starfish & Esopus campers (aged 5-12). Each day, two groups of 20 will have a full 1.5 hour session.

11	<b>Project Name</b>	YMCA - Bicycle Safety for Kingston
	<b>Target Area</b>	MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Youth & Community Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,848
	<b>Description</b>	Bicycle Safety Education
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	600 LMI individuals will be served through this program.
	<b>Location Description</b>	YMCA, located at 507 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To provide bicycle safety education and repair clinics
12	<b>Project Name</b>	CoK Parks & Recreation Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements Phase II
	<b>Target Area</b>	Downtown/Waterfront MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$155,000
	<b>Description</b>	Continuation of phased projects to improve the facilities and infrastructure
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is estimated 7355 LMI persons will benefit from this activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	Parks & Recreation, located at 467 Broadway, Kingston, NY
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Continuation of phased projects to improve the Parks & Recreation facilities and infrastructure

<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	OCD - Housing Rehabilitation Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Enhancements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase Supply of Decent Housing Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$292,779
	<b>Description</b>	The Office of Community Development will provide funding to help up to nine income-eligible residents to energy efficient upgrades or replacements in their owner-occupied, single-family homes
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately nine households of low to moderate income will be assisted by this activity
	<b>Location Description</b>	OCD Office is located at 420 Broadway, Kingston, NY
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Management, oversight and coordination for housing rehabilitation and energy efficient upgrades for up to nine homes.
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	OCD - Program Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	Downtown/Waterfront MIDTOWN Citywide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Enhancements Youth & Community Services Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Increase Supply of Decent Housing Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$137,778
	<b>Description</b>	General management, oversight and coordination for local CDBG program projects
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	OCD Office is located at 420 Broadway, Kingston, NY
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	General management, oversight and coordination for local CDBG program projects

## 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

The core of the Midtown Target area is the mixed-use, commercial Broadway corridor from Thomas Street to Albany Avenue and the bordering residential blocks from Clinton Avenue on one side to Smith Avenue on the other. Included in this area are several community facilities that primarily serve low- to moderate-income clientele, two homeless shelters and several not-for-profits and private businesses identified as economic targets for growth in the business, education, arts and technology sectors. More than fifty-eight percent of this year's Entitlement funding is allocated to programs and projects within this target area.

Other 2022 CDBG-funded projects will be located in the Downtown area of Kingston, Census tract 9517, which holds the next largest portion of the City's residents in most need of assistance and support.

Although the Housing Rehabilitation program is available city-wide to income-eligible applicants, 60% of the applicants come from Midtown neighborhoods.

### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Downtown/Waterfront	20
MIDTOWN	80
Citywide	100
Midtown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Census tracts 9520 and 9521 in Midtown and 9517 in Rondout/Downtown hold neighborhoods marked by poverty, very high unemployment and aging infrastructure. These two sections of the City have the highest concentrations of very low/low/moderate income persons and the highest percentage of the City's racial and ethnic minorities. Slum and blight conditions and an overall environment of neighborhood disinvestment are coupled with higher incidences of crime relative to the rest of the city. Past investment in Downtown helped to drive private investment in and creation of a successful business district along the waterfront. The hope is that a continued strategic investment in Midtown will mirror the success of the other areas of the city, as well.

### Discussion

In Kingston, there is a consensus that the continued health of the more economically robust Uptown and Downtown business districts depends on the improved health of Midtown. As the main



thoroughfare of the City and the entry-point from the interstate highway for visitors, the Midtown section of the City is a vital neighborhood. Residents have also identified the concept of encroachment of the more profound public safety problems found in Midtown into more stable neighborhoods surrounding. Relative to the rest of the city, residents of Midtown have the most indicators of distress with high unemployment, low incomes, a low percentage of owner-occupied housing units, a high percentage of housing units in need of rehabilitation and low levels of educational attainment.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

There are no large-scale affordable housing developments that will be directly assisted with 2022 CDBG funding, however, the City will maintain its funding for up to nine units of owner-occupied housing through its newly developed Housing Rehabilitation program for energy efficiency upgrades and/or replacements to assist with decent and suitable housing within the City.

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	9
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	9

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

#### Discussion

The City of Kingston does not have the capacity to undertake large-scale housing rehabilitation or large-scale construction of affordable housing, but continues to work closely with long-time community partners including RUPCO and Family of Woodstock and private developers to address the need for more affordable housing and is currently pursuing creative options for increasing access to affordable housing through land banking and community land trust initiatives.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The Kingston Housing Authority (KHA) is organized independently of the City government. KHA was created by an Act of the New York State Legislature as an authority of the State of New York that was created to own and operate public housing for the benefit of the residents of the City of Kingston. Its Board is comprised of five members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Kingston. The day-to-day operations are supervised by an Executive Director selected by the Board. The KHA's annual operating budget is approximately \$2 million.

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

Although there are no projects planned with 2022 CDBG funding that directly benefit the KHA, improved public service programs are planned and significant facility improvements are underway for the City's Parks and Recreation Facilities and Infrastructure that serve the residents and youth from KHA's Rondout Gardens and Spring Brook Village, a private low-income housing complex across the street from Rondout Gardens.

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

The City of Kingston, working in collaboration with RUPCO, administered and closed out a NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal-funded promoting homeownership program with the assistance of its second round of HOME grant funds. The program called for outreach to public housing residents to participate in the program to create more homeownership opportunities for residents of the City. Targeted outreach occurred at the KHA properties among other locations in Midtown and Downtown.

In addition, a KHA resident group was established to educate and engage residents in participating in the decision-making regarding activities at the housing authority properties and has been very active in the past year in addressing issues and concerns of the residents.

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

KHA is not designated as troubled.

### **Discussion**

KHA residents have been active in discussing both infrastructure and public service needs during citizen participation processes. A resident of Rondout Gardens was appointed last year and continues to serve

on the Community Development Advisory Council, as well.

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

### **Introduction**

The City of Kingston continues its participation in the CoC and has once again set aside funds to provide for access to homelessness prevention and other services provided by Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares at the Everette Hodge Community Center. The primary mechanism for assisting homeless and individuals with special needs is through the provision of public service funds aimed at prevention

### **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 CoC is primarily responsible for outreach and needs assessment of homeless in the City and, through its ties with the CoC Board and project ranking committee, the City will continue its support of those efforts. Additionally, the City will continue its support of homelessness prevention and homeless support services offered by Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares and seek additional opportunities to partner with organizations that address the obstacles faced by the homeless and special needs residents of its communities.

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

As stated above, the City will continue coordination with CoC and Family of Woodstock. The City depends on these partnerships to sustain the capacity to address the needs of its residents.

**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**

**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 is not directly funding homeless public service programs with 2022 CDBG funds other than that received by Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares. However, it will continue to focus on at-risk youth programs aimed at prevention.

The City continues its investment in several public service programs in the Midtown area including those at the Boys & Girls Club, the Everette Hodge Community Center and the Center for Creative Education that will assist at-risk youth, including those experiencing homelessness. OECD and other City departments continue to refer residents to Legal Services of the Hudson Valley's (LSHV's) eviction prevention assistance and this organization will receive FY2022 funding for outreach at local community centers. Through this work, LSHV provides access to a housing attorney to offer legal assistance to tenants facing eviction. This program offers help at a critical time for households who are trying to preserve their rights in Housing Court by offering them free, high-quality, specialized legal assistance. Having legal assistance at this juncture in the proceedings prevents illegal evictions, thereby preventing homelessness.

## **Discussion**

The City of Kingston has a small role in direct services and support for the homeless population as these are provided by several Ulster County agencies and the CoC members. The City lacks the staffing and resources to undertake the primary responsibility for homeless services in the community.

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

### **Introduction:**

Local and State governments and regional agencies regulate residential development and home building through rules and regulations designed to protect current residents, the environment and the safety and health of homebuyers and renters. Regulatory barriers are public statutes, ordinances, regulations, fees, processes and procedures that can significantly restrict the development of affordable housing. Ulster County, like many other jurisdictions, is hampered by a lack of sufficient capacity for comprehensive local municipal planning. Only a very limited number of the County's municipalities have a paid planner on staff. Municipalities charge and utilized development fees to fund most planning activities at the municipal level. This system tends to pay for per project plan review rather than comprehensive planning or code development.

The City of Kingston is fortunate that in the past funding was acquired, a respected consultant hired, and the City's paid Planner and her staff have gathered a staggering amount of public input and completely revamped the City's Comprehensive Master Plan to address the necessary comprehensive planning for the revitalization of the City's neighborhoods and communities. This plan, Kingston 2025, was approved by the Kingston Common Council in 2016 and implementation has begun. Subsequent to the completion and acceptance of Kingston 2025, the City has created a Zoning Review Committee to address zoning changes recommended in the plan, including provisions for the creation of additional affordable housing and inclusionary zoning. This zoning revision is ongoing.

### **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 Kingston has removed several barriers to affordable housing. In previous years, the City has amended its zoning code to provide for two Family of Woodstock homeless shelters, added inclusionary zoning code provisions that call for a twenty percent affordable and workforce housing set-aside on certain developments. The City has successfully lobbied for the amendment of the Ulster County Safety Net funding provision. The Safety Net Assistance Program is a State-mandated program that provides assistance to single adults, childless couples and other individuals and families who do not qualify for Family Assistance or other Federally-funded Temporary Assistance programs. New York State law requires that Safety Net Assistance be funded through a State share and a local share. Traditionally, the State and local share have been fifty percent each. Since 1946, New York State required towns and cities to fund the local share of the Safety Net Assistance Program unless the county legislature adopted a resolution directing that all or part of the cost be charged to the county. Until recently, Ulster County was the only county in the state that had not taken over the Safety Net Program. Beginning January 1, 2011, the State of New York increased the local share of the program to seventy-one percent. This increase caused significant fiscal stress on the towns and the City of Kingston in Ulster County and

fostered an environment that was not favorable toward low-income and affordable housing development because local taxpayers have feared an increase in local property taxes.

The City continues to support the development of affordable housing as is evident in the support of RUPCO's ongoing planned developments within the City of Kingston.

**Discussion:**

The City takes seriously its commitment to providing affordable housing opportunities and fostering an environment of fair housing. Many proactive steps have been taken to reduce the barriers to the development of affordable housing. The City's local laws including Nuisance Abatement, Block-by-Block, required recreation fees on housing developments that include four or more units and high taxes have been cited as potential barriers to affordable housing, but the City must balance the need for affordable housing with protecting the health and safety of its residents and preserving their quality of life.



## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

The City of Kingston plays a supporting role in the delivery of service and housing programs for the homeless and special needs populations as much of this work is coordinated through county agencies and not-for-profits. Key priorities of the City are to foster a sustainable living environment, increase economic opportunities and continue stakeholder collaboration to produce and maintain decent and affordable housing.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The Kingston 2025 comprehensive planning process and other recent plans provide a compelling roadmap for development and growth that is comprehensively detailed and that facilitates the process of seeking new resources and partners.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City continues to work closely with the Ulster County Department of Health and Mental Health's Lead Poisoning Prevention and Awareness program and will continue to seek additional funding for the improvements to health and safety hazards, such as lead, in the city's housing stock.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The key initiatives for reducing the number of poverty-level families in 2022 will be to continue to seek funding for the Midtown plans and other initiatives that look to support investments made in human capital there, and to support several key economic development projects.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City will continue to provide technical assistance where requested, support existing and seek increased public-private partnerships to promote the initiatives mentioned above and will explore more training opportunities that enhance the skills of community stakeholders.

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

The City continues coordination with the CoC, RUPCO, Family of Woodstock, Ulster County Community Action and other community stakeholders to identify areas where it can be of assistance in meeting the

identified needs of under-served persons. The value of serving in this supporting role remains that the City is perceived to be a "fair broker" in a highly competitive funding environment. To the extent that the City can continue to support 2022 initiatives that bring multiple agencies and partners together, services will continue to be better coordinated because lines of communication and understanding are improved.

**Discussion:**

The programs and project identified in the City of Kingston's 2022 Annual Action Plan comprehensively address the three priorities of the program: developing a viable urban community by providing decent housing, fostering a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low and moderate income persons.

## 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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.	80.00%



