



2016 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN

**A COMPONENT OF THE 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR
THE CITY OF BILOXI CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM**

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Biloxi's 2016 One-Year Action Plan is a component of its 2015-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and serves as the City's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for entitlement grants. During Program Year 2016, which begins January 1, 2016 and ends December 31, 2016, the City of Biloxi received an allocation of \$417,843 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from HUD and anticipates receiving CDBG Program Income in the amount of \$175,456, bringing total CDBG funds available for Program Year 2016 to \$593,299.

The City of Biloxi is not a formula entitlement recipient under HUD's HOME, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) or HOME Programs.

Activities included in the Biloxi 2016 One-Year Action Plan are intended to principally benefit low- to moderate-income residents by meeting their housing and nonhousing community development needs. This document identifies the sources of funds and other resources available to plan and implement specific activities during Program Year 2016 as well as the steps to be taken to accomplish proposed goals.

Through its citizen-based public participation process described in the Action Plan, the City of Biloxi identified the community's housing and community development needs and priorities for Program Year 2016 and for the five-year period of Biloxi's current Consolidated Plan. Through input provided by citizens, citizen groups and nonprofit organizations, in particular those agencies structured to deliver housing and supportive services to Biloxi's low- and moderate-income residents, the City developed priorities that focus on: 1) improving the quality of life for residents in areas where the majority of households qualify as low- to moderate-income; and 2) expanding affordable public services for very low, low and moderate-income families, victims of domestic violence and qualified residents with special needs such as the elderly and disabled.

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.

Activities included in the Biloxi 2016 Action Plan are intended to principally benefit low- to moderate-income residents through eligible uses of CDBG funds. The City budgeted 2016 CDBG funds to improve public safety through acquisition of a fire truck to be stationed in a Central Biloxi neighborhood in which the majority of households qualify as low- to moderate-income.

Program Year 2016 CDBG funds also are budgeted for the first phase of the comprehensive rehabilitation of the Saenger Theatre, which is located in a designated slum and blighted area in East Biloxi in which a majority of households qualify as low- to moderate-income. The first phase involves completion of the environmental assessment, preparation of a detailed rehabilitation plan and critically-needed exterior repairs. As funds become available, the City will comprehensively rehabilitate the Saenger to support the building's continued use as a venue for community meetings, school performances, educational programs and a wide variety of other community performances and productions.

In the Public Services category, 2016 CDBG funds are budgeted for programs to address the following unmet community needs: expanded access to quality, affordable early childcare services for eligible families, including children who are victims of domestic violence; expanded access to public transportation services for the disabled and income-qualified elderly; expanded recreational opportunities for the disabled; and improving housing affordability to assist homeless veterans and families with children through tenant-based security deposit assistance.

Through the investment of 2016 CDBG funds as budgeted, the City will improve the standard of living and quality of life for low- to moderate-income residents through enhanced public safety; expanded access to educational, recreational and cultural activities and programs; affordable access to public transportation services for the disabled and qualified elderly; and assistance to homeless veterans and families with children through improving housing affordability with tenant-based security deposit assistance.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Input through its citizen participation process; awareness of CDBG regulations and policies;

and attention to scheduling to insure timely implementation of projects guide identification of CDBG goals and projects. As identified in its Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the goal for use of its CDBG resources is primarily to meet the unmet needs of its low- to moderate-income residents and those with special needs to improve their standard of living.

Throughout each program year, the City of Biloxi monitors its performance in terms of spending CDBG funds and meeting program goals through the expenditure of said funds. The City annually assesses its performance as detailed in its CAPER and conducts a public hearing to share information with the public about its progress in completing CDBG-funded activities and achieving program goals to primarily benefit low- to moderate-income residents.

By monitoring expenditures throughout implementation of each activity, the staff is able to insure timeliness of expenditures and to administer each CDBG-funded activity for maximum public benefit and cost-efficiency while complying with HUD regulations, procedures and policies.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City of Biloxi encouraged citizen participation throughout development of the 2016 One-Year Action Plan. As thoroughly identified and detailed in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, specific measures are taken to provide opportunities for citizens, particularly those of low- to moderate-income, to participate in establishing priorities and identifying activities to be funded. To encourage citizen participation specifically into development of the 2016 Action Plan, the City did the following:

- Published a Notice of Availability of Information Regarding the City of Biloxi's 2016 One-Year Action Plan;
- Published a Notice of Public Hearing for the 2016 One-Year Action Plan;
- Mailed letters to supportive service agencies, civic organizations and neighborhood associations to encourage attendance at the public hearing and to make them aware of the availability of information regarding the 2016 One-Year Action Plan;
- Posted notices, in English, Spanish and Vietnamese, regarding the public hearing and availability of information about the 2016 One-Year Action Plan on the City's website, as well as at City Hall, the four branches of the Biloxi Public Library and delivered notices to various social service agencies that assist and/or represent nonEnglish-speaking residents, including Catholic Community and Social Services, El Pueblo, and Boat People USA;
- Conducted a public hearing to provide citizens with an opportunity to comment orally and in writing about the housing and non-housing community development needs of the City and

about the proposed use of CDBG funds during the 2016 Program Year;

- Published a Notice of Availability of a Draft of the 2016 One-Year Action Plan for a 30-day comment period; and
- Posted notices and made the Draft 2016 One-Year Action Plan available for public review at City Hall, the Biloxi Public Libraries, the Biloxi Housing Authority, and on the City's website.

Summary of Citizens Comments

A public hearing to discuss the City of Biloxi's 2016 One-Year Action Plan was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Biloxi Community Development Department Auditorium. Minutes from the meeting, as well as copies of the attendance roster, agenda, CDBG Fact Sheet, the official notice published in the local newspaper to advertise the hearing, and written comments received are attached to this document. One written comment was submitted that encouraged support for the Women in Construction Program that provides affordable training to expand women's employment opportunities. All oral and written comments were considered by the City.

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.

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All oral comments were considered by the City. One written comments was formally submitted at the public hearing, but none were submitted during the subsequent 30-day comment period. The written comment that encouraged support for the Women in Construction Program that provides affordable training to expand women's employment opportunities was considered by the City. To address some of the unmet community needs of low- to moderate-income residents as identified during development of Biloxi's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2016 Action Plan, limited CDBG resources were budgeted to improve the standard of living and quality of life for as detailed in the attached minutes, through enhanced public safety; expanded access to educational, recreational and cultural activities and programs; affordable access to public transportation services for the disabled and qualified elderly; and assistance to homeless veterans and families with children through improving housing affordability with tenant-based security deposit assistance.

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

One written comment was formally submitted during the public hearing; no written comments were submitted during the 30-day comment period. All oral comments, as detailed in the attached public hearing minutes, and the written comment presented during the public hearing were considered by the City in developing the 2016 Action Plan. The City budgeted its limited CDBG resources to benefit low- to moderate-income residents, regardless of whether they are male or female, through a broad range of projects.

7. Summary

Biloxi's 2016 Action Plan allocates CDBG funding to address some of the unmet community needs to improve the quality of life of its residents, primarily those who reside in low- to moderate-income households.

The City does not receive HOME, ESG or HOPWA allocations to address needs funded through these programs. Because it does not currently operate an emergency shelter, the City is not eligible to apply for 2016 ESG funds through the State. The City will continue to work with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition and other local nonprofit agencies that serve Biloxi's low- to moderate-income residents and the homeless, by supporting their applications for federal and state assistance when the programs proposed to be funded are consistent with Biloxi's current Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The Mayor reserves the right to designate qualified subrecipients to assist in the City's on-going efforts to address unmet community needs through specific, HUD-eligible public service activities, subject to the approval of the Biloxi City Council and in compliance with HUD's annual budget limits on public service activities.

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	BILOXI	Engineering Department, Federal Programs

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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

1. Introduction

The City enjoys a good working relationship with local and regional nonprofit agencies and service organizations that work collaboratively to provide services and programs to address residents' unmet needs. The City actively participates as a member of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and maintains ongoing communication with the Biloxi Housing Authority, Back Bay Mission, Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, the Mississippi Center for Justice, Moore Community House, the Biloxi Public School District, Steps Coalition and others to share public information, consult about residents' needs and service delivery.

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))

During Program Year 2016, the City will continue to work with and support the ongoing efforts of the many social service organizations and public agencies that provide social services, including housing assistance programs, to residents of Biloxi. These include the Biloxi Housing Authority, Salvation Army, South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, LIFE, Open Doors Homeless Coalition, Catholic Community and Social Services, Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, Back Bay Mission, Moore Community House, Visions of Hope, Gulf Coast Rescue Mission, the Mississippi Center for Justice and several others.

The City of Biloxi is an active participant in the Gulf Coast Continuum of Care (administered by the Open Doors Homeless Coalition), a multi-county, multi-agency effort to address the full continuum of care for the homeless. The City will continue to participate and will actively support efforts of the CoC to obtain HUD and other funding to broaden the spectrum of services available to the homeless and increase and improve current levels of services.

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

The City of Biloxi is an active participant in the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care, a multi-county, multi-agency effort to address the full continuum of care for the homeless on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The City will continue to participate and will actively support efforts to obtain HUD and other funding to broaden the spectrum of services available to the homeless and increase and improve current levels of services. Specifically during Program Year 2016, the City will continue to support efforts of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition to assess and address the needs of the chronically homeless, especially veterans and families with children, and to obtain grant funding to assist those on the verge of becoming homeless.

In PY2016, Biloxi has budgeted \$20,000 in CDBG funds for a public service program to directly assist in ongoing efforts to address homelessness by providing tenant-based security deposit assistance, with priority given to homeless families with children, veterans and persons at risk of 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 has a good working relationship with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, the Mississippi Coast's designated Continuum of Care. The City provides input about the needs of the community to support the efforts of the Continuum of Care, including projects and activities assisted with ESG funds. The City does not receive or administer any ESG funds and is not eligible to apply for 2016 ESG funds through the State of Mississippi as it does not currently operate an emergency shelter.

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	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Biloxi Housing Authority</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>PHA</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Public Housing Needs Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs Lead-based Paint Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City has an ongoing working relationship with the Biloxi Housing Authority and communicates via telephone and email with the staff on a regular basis. The BHA was contacted by a mailed letter to attend the 2016 Action Plan Public Hearing and to provide oral or written comments regarding proposed activities and use of funds.</p>
2	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy</p>

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The CoC was invited by mail to attend the 2016 Action Plan Public Hearing and provide input orally or in writing. The City regularly attends the CoC meetings and participates in the Point of Time annual counts to maintain current information about local homelessness. Working together, the CoC, Biloxi and other nonprofits effectively ended veterans homelessness in Biloxi during 2015. The City and CoC are working together to develop a tenant-based public service program to provide security deposit assistance to help prevent and/or address homelessness, especially for the chronically homeless, families with children and veterans, through the investment of 2016 CDBG funds.</p>
<p>3 Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>BACK BAY MISSION</p>
<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing</p>
<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City contacted Back Bay Mission by phone and mail to encourage their input into development of the 2016 Action Plan and to encourage attendance at the public hearing. The City provides Back Bay Mission with general funds to support its housing rehabilitation program for the elderly and disabled.</p>

4	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>GULF COAST WOMEN'S CENTER FOR NONVIOLENCE</p> <p>Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p> <p>The City encouraged attendance of the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence at the 2016 Action Plan public hearing by mail, email and phone conversation. The City is working with the Center to expand early childhood education services for qualified victims of domestic violence with 2016 CDBG funds.</p>
5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Moore Community House</p> <p>Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development</p>

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City encouraged Moore Community House's attendance at the 2016 Action Plan public hearing by mail, email and phone conversation. The City and MCC are working together to expand access to an affordable, quality early childhood education and daycare program offered to income-eligible families. 2016 CDBG funds are budgeted to support expansion of the existing program.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City is not aware of any agency types that it did not consult with; several social service organizations attended the 2016 Action Plan public hearing, which was widely advertised, to provide input.

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	Open Doors Homeless Coalition	The City's goals are similar in seeking to address the causes of homelessness to prevent homelessness. The City and CoC are working together during PY2016 to provide a security deposit assistance program to assist veterans and families with children to access affordable housing to prevent homelessness.
Biloxi Comprehensive Plan	City of Biloxi	Several goals and activities overlap that were identified by considerable citizen input during development of the Biloxi 2009 Comprehensive Plan. These include providing water, sewer and storm water system services to all residents, meeting affordable housing needs for all residents and expanding effective delivery of public services to improve residents' quality of life.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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Sheet, the official notice published in the local newspaper to advertise the hearing, and written comments received are attached to this document.

Goal Setting

Based on citizen input and consultation with local housing and social service agencies, the City identified Program Year 2016 CDBG-funded activities and programs.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish & Vietnamese</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Eleven people, in addition to staff, attended the public hearing.</p>	<p>The minutes of the public hearing and a copy of written comments submitted are attached to this document.</p>	<p>Not applicable; all comments were considered.</p>	

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	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish & Vietnamese</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Cannot determine (public hearing notices also were published and posted).</p>	<p>One written comment was received.</p>	<p>Not applicable; all comments were considered.</p>	
3	Flyers were posted throughout the City.	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Not known because other forms of advertising were used to encourage citizen input at the public hearing and through written comments.</p>	<p>Attached to this document</p>	<p>Not applicable; all comments were considered.</p>	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

HUD allocated \$417,843 to the City of Biloxi for PY2016. The City anticipates generating \$175,456 in program income during the 2016 Program Year, increasing estimated available 2016 CDBG funds to \$593,299. These funds are budgeted to improve low- to moderate-income residents' standard of living and quality of life through various activities and programs identified as high priorities during the citizen participation process.

Priority Table

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	417,843	175,456	0	593,299	1,759,609	The City's 2016 CDBG allocation is a \$520 increase over its PY2015 allocation. For the purpose of its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the City based its planning for the 2016 period based on the assumption that funding will remain at the current level. The City identified during development of the Action Plan that any decrease/increase in 2016 allocation would be directed to the Saenger Theatre plan for rehabilitation and exterior repairs project.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

matching requirements will be satisfied

The City has budgeted a portion of its PY2016 CDBG funds for preparation of a plan to guide the comprehensive rehabilitation of the City-owned Saenger Theatre and to make exterior repairs. The building is located in a designated slum and blighted area in East Biloxi in which primarily low- to moderate-income citizens reside. Investment of PY2016 CDBG funds into preparation of this plan will leverage additional resources from private, state and local sources necessary to implement exterior and interior rehabilitation activities so that this community resource may continue to serve the needs of the community and to stimulate redevelopment in a designated slum and blighted area. The City has submitted a 2016 application to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to assist in funding the first phase of this project, which includes the environmental assessment, comprehensive rehabilitation plan development and critically-needed exterior repairs to secure the building.

PY2016 CDBG funds budgeted for public service programs to expand affordable early childhood education programs will leverage additional private, state and local funds to support efforts of low- to moderate-income families to maintain employment and/or pursue a degree or certification while providing quality education to their children.

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

The fire truck to be purchased with Program Year 2016 CDBG funds will be housed in a City-owned fire station located in a primarily low- to moderate-income area in Central Biloxi to address the community's priority need for improved public safety through increased fire protection. The Saenger Theatre is a City-owned building on City-owned property that serves as a community resource, providing a venue for public meetings, educational and cultural programs and performances, and other public activities in a designated slum and blighted area in East Biloxi. Through the comprehensive rehabilitation of this building, the principally low- to moderate-income area will benefit from increased community and economic activity, which will stimulate redevelopment and increase property values, encourage business growth and expanded employment opportunities.

Discussion

The City of Biloxi budgeted its limited 2016 CDBG resources to improve the standard of living and quality of life for all its citizens, but primarily to benefit its low- to moderate-income residents with unmet community needs. The City will continue to seek additional federal, state and private resources to leverage its annual CDBG allocation from HUD.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Safety Enhancement	2015	2016	Non-Housing Community Development	Central Biloxi/Lee Chinn Fire Station ladder truck acquisition	Fire Station/Equipment	CDBG: \$354,841	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income non Housing Benefit: 674 Persons Assisted
2	Public Safety and Welfare	2015	2016	Non-Housing Community Development	East Biloxi designated slum and blighted, low/mod area		CDBG: \$95,458	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income non Housing Benefit: 685 Persons Assisted
3	Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	citywide		CDBG: \$68,000	

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	<p>Goal Name Public Safety Enhancement</p> <p>Goal Description The City has allocated \$354,841 in 2016 CDBG funds to make the final of three lease payments on a fire truck to be stationed at the Lee Chinn Fire Station, which is located in a Central Biloxi project area comprised of 68.5% low- to moderate-income households.</p>
2	<p>Goal Name Public Safety and Welfare</p> <p>Goal Description Note: IDIS software would not allow the City to insert a Strategic Plan Goal of "Public Facilities and Improvements" in its 2016 Action Plan, which is why the Saenger Theatre Rehabilitation Plan and Exterior Repairs Project is being described under the "Public Safety and Welfare" heading.</p> <p>The City will prepare a comprehensive plan to rehabilitate the Saenger Theatre and to make critically-needed exterior repairs to secure the City-owned building, which is located in a designated slum and blighted area where primarily low- to moderate income persons reside. By stabilizing the building and initiating the comprehensive rehabilitation of the Saenger, the City will insure the building continues to serve as a community resource in support of educational and cultural activities and programs. The project also will improve the quality of life for those living in this 66.4% low- to moderate-income area by stimulating business redevelopment and expanding employment opportunities.</p>

3	Goal Name	Public Services
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<p>Goal Description</p>	<p>The City will invest PY2016 CDBG funds to support Public Service Programs to address high priority, unmet needs, described below. IDIS software would not allow each activity to be entered as a separate public service project (a copy of the IDIS error message was printed and is on file with the Federal Programs Office). NOTE: These are new public service activities of the City, so no historic data is available upon which to base estimates of the number of beneficiaries. The IDIS software would not allow this fact to be inserted into the "Goal Outcome Indicator" column.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) \$25,000 for Moore Community House's affordable early childhood learning program for children six weeks to three years old, eligible as a limited clientele presumption of benefit public service activity. The program provides citywide benefit to qualified low- to moderate-income residents who also must comply with participation requirements for each parent to: be employed or qualified as "in school" to break the cycle of poverty; participate as a volunteer to teach parenting skills; and comply with federal requirements for 2 annual home visits. The CDBG investment will leverage other private, state and local investments. 2) \$10,000 to support an early childhood education and development program at the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, eligible as a limited clientele presumption of benefit public service activity. Income data will be maintained; the program will be limited to those sheltered at or receiving direct services through the Center. This investment of CDBG funds will leverage other private, state and local funds. 3) \$10,000 is budgeted to purchase Coast Transit Authority bus passes for income-qualified elderly and very elderly residents and disabled adults. Documentation of age/income will be maintained. Passes will be provided only to qualified residents of Biloxi for existing City routes and will be available on a "first come-first served" basis. 4) \$3,000 for acquisition of a beach wheelchair to expand recreational opportunities for disabled citizens in Biloxi. The wheelchair will be available to qualifying residents at the Biloxi Visitors Center, located directly north of the beach. 5) \$20,000 to assist homeless families with children and veterans in securing affordable housing through tenant-based security deposit grants. The Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care will identify eligible persons to be assisted through this public service and will work with other area housing agencies to secure affordable housing. <p>Each of the public service activities identified for assistance with PY2016 CDBG funds involves the continued collaboration between the City and local nonprofit agencies to improve coordination of programs and services, maximize use of limited resources, and comply with federal, state and local requirements.</p>
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Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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

The City has not budgeted CDBG or other funds to provide affordable housing during Program Year 2016 as it does not receive HOME, ESG or HOPWA funding.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This section provides specific information about Program Year 2016 projects to be funded through Biloxi's CDBG Entitlement Program. In addition to funding a portion of CDBG Program staff costs, publication fees and legal services through its Program Administration activity, this category includes funding to implement the fair housing educational outreach recommendations in Biloxi's current Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, which includes publishing information and conducting a variety of workshops in partnership with the Biloxi Housing Authority, the Mississippi Center for Justice, the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence and the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care among others.

#	Project Name
1	Fire Station/Equipment
2	Rehabilitation Plan and Exterior Repairs to Saenger Theatre
3	Moore Community House Affordable Early Childhood Development Daycare
4	Disability Beach Wheelchair Purchase
5	Senior and Disabled Passenger CTA Bus Passes
6	Early Childhood Development Program at the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence
7	Tenant-Based Security Deposit Program

Table 8 – Project Information

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

To meet underserved and unmet community needs identified during development of the 2016 Action Plan and the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the City has allocated \$68,000 in PY2016 CDBG funds for public service activities. This level of support for public service activities funding is in compliance with HUD's public service category cap.

Allocation of funds to the two public facilities projects also was based on public input and anticipated benefit.

Projects

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Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Fire Station/Equipment
	Target Area	Central Biloxi/Lee Chinn Fire Station ladder truck acquisition
	Goals Supported	Public Safety Enhancement
	Needs Addressed	Fire Station/Equipment
	Funding	CDBG: \$354,841
	Description	Third and final lease payment for acquisition of a ladder truck to be stationed in a fire station located in a Central Biloxi area comprised of primarily low- to moderate-income households.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 674 residents will benefit from this project, of whom 66% reside in low- to moderate-income households.
	Location Description	The new ladder truck will be located at the Lee Chinn Fire Station in Central Biloxi, as identified on the attached project map.
	Planned Activities	During Program Year 2016, the City will make the third and final lease payment for acquisition of this fire protection equipment.
	Project Name	Rehabilitation Plan and Exterior Repairs to Saenger Theatre

2	Target Area	East Biloxi slum and blighted area in low/mod neighborhood
	Goals Supported	Public Safety and Welfare
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$95,458
	Description	CDBG entitlement funds in the amount of \$94,938 are allocated for exterior repairs of the Saenger Theatre, which will include an environmental assessment. This community resource is located in a designated slum and blighted area of downtown, which is in East Biloxi. The area is comprised of primarily low- to moderate-income households; of the 685 residents, 66.4% reside in low- to moderate-income households.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 685 area residents will benefit from the proposed activities, of whom 66.4% live in low- to moderate-income households. This area also has a concentration of minority residents, as depicted on the attached map. NOTE: IDIS did not allow the City to insert the priority need to be addressed through this activity.
	Location Description	The Saenger Theatre is located in a designated slum and blighted area in downtown Biloxi. It is located at 170 Reynoir Street.
	Planned Activities	A comprehensive rehabilitation plan and exterior repairs of the Saenger Theatre are critically-need to stabilize this City-owned building, which serves as a community resource in a slum and blighted area. Following completion of the environmental assessment, the City will contract for preparation of the plan and specific exterior repairs identified in a recent damage analysis performed by a qualified architect.
3	Project Name	Moore Community House Affordable Early Childhood Development Daycare
	Target Area	citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services

Needs Addressed	Expanded access to affordable, quality early childhood education and development programs
Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
Description	This public service activity will expand local availability of an affordable, education-oriented childcare program that primarily benefits qualified low- to moderate-income residents. The program is limited to children six weeks to three years old.
Target Date	12/31/2016
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At this time, it is not known how many families will benefit from the proposed activities. Only qualified families who meet household income requirements will be able to participate.
Location Description	This activity provides citywide benefit. Moore Community House is located in East Biloxi at 684 Walker Street.
Planned Activities	This public service activity will support expansion of an existing quality, affordable early childhood education and development program for children 6 weeks to 3 years old. NOTE: this is a new public service activity so there is no information upon which to base a projection of beneficiaries.
4 Project Name	Disability Beach Wheelchair Purchase
Target Area	citywide
Goals Supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	Recreational opportunities for the disabled
Funding	CDBG: \$3,000
Description	The City is budgeting \$3000 for purchase of a beach wheelchair to improve disabled adults' quality of life through expanded recreational opportunities. The wheelchair will be available for "check out" at the Biloxi Visitors Center, which is located north of the Front Beach of Biloxi and a City-owned fishing pier.

	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is not possible to estimate the number of disabled beneficiaries from this project; it is a new activity so there is no historic data upon which to base an estimate of usage.
	Location Description	The beach wheelchair will provide citywide benefit and will be available for "check out" at the Biloxi Visitors Center across from the beach.
	Planned Activities	Acquisition of a beach wheelchair to benefit disabled adults will be accomplished through this project. With input from various public agencies and private organizations, the City will identify and purchase equipment that is easy to maneuver and will benefit the largest number of people in terms of their height, weight and disability.
5	Project Name	Senior and Disabled Passenger CTA Bus Passes
	Target Area	citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Through this activity, the City will work with Coast Area Transit (CTA) to provide free public transportation on CTA buses on existing routes in Biloxi. Participants must register to document eligibility, including Biloxi residency requirements. The passes for qualifying participants will be available on a first-come, first-served basis during the program year until the \$10,000 cap is reached.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Disabled adults and senior citizens who register and qualify for participation in the program will benefit, but it is not possible to estimate the number of beneficiaries as this is a new activity. No historic data is available upon which to base an estimate.

Location Description	This activity provides citywide benefit to qualifying disabled adults and senior citizens on existing public bus routes.
Planned Activities	The City will work with CTA to market this activity, which will run from January to December 2016. Program registration forms will document eligibility compliance, which includes verification of Biloxi residency.
6 Project Name	Early Childhood Development Program at the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence
Target Area	citywide
Goals Supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	Affordable public transportation services for the elderly and disabled
Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
Description	This activity will support an early childcare education program, which will be limited to those sheltered at or receiving services from the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence located in Biloxi.
Target Date	12/31/2016
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	As this is a new activity, it is not possible to estimate the number of families who will benefit from this public service. Qualifying participants will be families of battered spouses who usually are homeless.
Location Description	This activity provides citywide benefit. Because of the nature of services provided by the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, the address of the facility at which the program will be conducted is not public information.
Planned Activities	The City has allocated \$10,000 to support expansion of an early childhood education and development program at the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence. Program participation will be limited to those families sheltered at or receiving services from the Center; income documentation will be required to identify the number of low- to moderate-income families who benefit.
Project Name	Tenant-Based Security Deposit Program

7	Target Area	citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Expanded access to affordable, quality early childhood education and development programs
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Working with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care, the City will provide up to \$20,000 during PY2016 to support local efforts to prevent homelessness of veterans and families with children by providing funds for required security deposits so that they may better afford rental housing in Biloxi.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	As this is a new activity and there is no historical data upon which to base an estimate, it is not possible to provide an estimated number of families that will benefit. This program is targeted to prevent and address homelessness of veterans and families with children by providing security deposit grants to make housing in Biloxi more affordable and thus more accessible.
	Location Description	This project provides citywide benefit to veterans and families with children in Biloxi who may be facing homelessness or who are homeless.
	Planned Activities	The City and the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care will administer this activity, including development of eligibility forms to document beneficiary information. The program will be available during PY2016 or until such time as the \$20,000 cap is reached.

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 City does not allocate funds by geographic priorities, as detailed in its Five-Year Consolidated Plan. While most activities to be undertaken during Program Year 2016 will benefit residents on a citywide basis, two will principally serve low-to moderate-income residents in specific project areas, selected in response to community input. Maps are attached that identify the low-to moderate-income areas in the City, minority concentration areas and the location of 2016 Program Year activities.

Each of the public service activities will provide citywide benefit. These activities will be funded with a total of \$68,000 in PY2016 CDBG funds, in compliance with HUD's public service cap. The activities include providing up to \$10,000 for CTA Bus Passes for disabled and eligible elderly residents; provision of \$20,000 for tenant-based housing assistance to improve affordability through security deposit grants (priority given to homeless families with children and homeless veterans); \$35,000 for expansion of early childhood development and education programs for qualified, eligible families; and \$3,000 for the purchase of a beach wheelchair to expand recreational opportunities for disabled residents.

The third and final payment of the leased fire truck stationed at the Lee Chinn Fire Station and exterior repairs of the Saenger Theatre are both CDBG-funded Public Facilities projects that will serve specific areas of the City in which principally low- to moderate-income citizens reside.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Central Biloxi Drainage Improvements Project	
Petit Bois Drainage Improvements Project	
Central Biloxi Infrastructure Improvements Project (Greater Biloxi Subdivision area)	
Hiller Park Recreational Enhancement Project	
Central Biloxi/Lee Chinn Fire Station ladder truck acquisition	60
East Biloxi/Howard Avenue Streetscape Improvements	
East Biloxi/Division Street Neighborhood Facility	
Central Biloxi/Pass Road and Hiller Park Area Sidewalk and Street Improvements Project	
East Biloxi/Division Street	
Central Biloxi/Pass Road	

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
East Biloxi Police Substation and Meeting Room	

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City does not allocate funds by geographic priorities, as detailed in its Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The City's goal for use of limited CDBG resources is to improve the health, safety and welfare of its low- to moderate-income residents through investment of funds in activities that maximize public benefits and that leverage the investment of other private, local, state and federal funding. The first of two public facilities projects funded with PY2016 resources will improve public safety in a primarily low- to moderate-income area in Central Biloxi through acquisition of a fire truck and the second project will improve residents' quality of life in a primarily low- to moderate-income area in East Biloxi through preparation of a plan for the comprehensive rehabilitation of the Saenger Theatre and making critically-needed exterior repairs to secure the building so that it may continue to serve as a community resource for public meetings, educational and cultural programs, public performances and productions. It is located in a designated slum and blighted area.

Discussion

In its Administration budget category, PY2016 CDBG funds are budgeted to implement recommendations in its fair housing educational outreach plan, adopted as part of the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. Implementation of the outreach plan will benefit all residents of the City by informing the public of its rights under the Fair Housing Act and educating lenders, realtors, landlords and others of their responsibilities under the Act.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Biloxi does not receive HOME, ESG or HOPWA funding. However, during PY2016, the City has budgeted \$20,000 of PY2016 CDBG funds for a Public Service activity to assist veterans and families with children in avoiding homelessness through provision of tenant-based housing assistance in the form of security deposit grants to improve housing affordability in Biloxi. The City will work with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and other social service agencies to identify qualified, eligible participants to benefit from this affordable housing activity. Since this is a new activity, no information is available upon which to base an estimate of the number of citizens who will benefit from this activity.

The City also anticipates budgeting general funds to continue supporting Back Bay Mission's housing rehabilitation program that benefits elderly and disabled, income-qualified residents.

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

Table 11 - 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 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City of Biloxi will continue to support the grant applications of area nonprofit service organizations and public agencies for expanded resources to meet the housing needs of its citizens, including applications for funding that will lower housing cost burdens on low- and moderate-income families to help them access affordable housing. The City will continue to support the pursuit of federal, state and private housing funding by area nonprofit service organizations and public agencies for housing services and programs that comply with the goals and objectives of the Biloxi Five-Year

Consolidated Plan through programs such as: HOME, ESG, HOPWA, Weatherization, LIHEAP, Public Housing, VA, FEMA rental and mortgage assistance.

As an active member of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC, the City will continue to work during PY2016 to effectively coordinate local and regional systems, resources and services to meet the housing needs of the homeless, and to improve the affordability of and/or access to housing for those with special needs and those with low- to moderate-incomes.

The City will continue to support efforts of agencies, such as the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence and South MS Aids Task Force, to secure increased funding from federal and state sources to provide rental and mortgage assistance payments for those in crisis.

The City will continue to support efforts of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition to secure grant funding through the "Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program" to assist families on the verge of becoming homeless with counseling services, financial assistance and long-term solutions.

The City also will work with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition and its member agencies to implement a PY2016 CDBG public service program to assist qualified, income-eligible near-homeless and homeless families with children and veterans with tenant-based housing security deposit grants to improve the affordability of housing.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Biloxi Housing Authority (BHA) owns and manages 13 public housing complexes in the City, which comprise a combined total of 908 public housing units; BHA reported that there were approximately 4,265 applicants on the waiting list for public housing. While there is an apparent need for additional public housing, there also is a great local need for housing specifically designated for low-income elderly citizens. BHA reported that zero units were deemed to be below standard, while most developments were reported to be in good condition.

In addition to managing the 13 BHA public housing sites, BHA administers a total of 881 public housing and VASH vouchers, which includes 496 project-based, 103 tenant-based and 107 VASH vouchers. The Mississippi Region VIII Housing Authority also provides Section 8 rental assistance through Section 8 certificates and vouchers to hundreds of Biloxi residents. According to the regional public housing agency, there are approximately 275 families on the waiting list for Section 8 vouchers.

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

Although the Biloxi 2016 Action Plan does not designate funding for public housing, the City of Biloxi will continue to work with and support the Biloxi Housing Authority and the Mississippi Region VIII Housing Authority through the following actions:

- Continue to support the efforts of the Regional Housing Authority to eliminate obsolete public housing.
- Support the Biloxi Housing Authority's efforts to secure funds for additional assisted housing.
- Support the Biloxi Housing Authority's efforts to secure funds for additional assisted housing designated for elderly citizens.
- Support the Biloxi Housing Authority's efforts to improve the living environment at all assisted housing sites.
- Partner with the public housing agencies to provide fair housing educational outreach information and workshops.

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

The City will continue to work with the Biloxi Housing Authority and encourage BHA residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership through the public outreach campaign to educate Biloxi residents about their rights under the Fair Housing Act through workshops offered at various locations in 2016.

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

Not applicable to the Biloxi Housing Authority.

Discussion

BHA reports that zero units are deemed to be below standard, and all of the developments were reported to be in good condition.

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

Introduction

The City of Biloxi's strategy for addressing homelessness during the 2016 Program Year largely will focus on supporting the ongoing efforts of the following organizations that currently serve the homeless and those threatened with homelessness: the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care, South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, LIFE, Catholic Community and Social Services, Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Back Bay Mission, Gulf Coast Rescue Mission, the Biloxi Housing Authority, the Veterans Administration and others.

The City of Biloxi is an active participant in the Gulf Coast Continuum of Care, a multi-county, multi-agency effort to address the full continuum of care for the homeless. The City will continue to participate and will actively support efforts to obtain HUD and other funding to broaden the spectrum of services available to the homeless and increase and improve current levels of services. In addition, the City will continue to support efforts of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC to assess and address the needs of homeless persons and to obtain grant funding to assist those on the verge of becoming homeless.

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 works with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC and other social service agencies serving the homeless with shelter, food, clothing, etc. and will continue to work with the CoC to establish methods for assessing the needs of the homeless. The CoC interviews homeless persons in Biloxi in an attempt to identify their immediate and long-term needs to determine what can be done to comprehensively meet those needs so that self-sufficiency and economic independence in a permanent housing environment can be attained.

During PY2016, the City will not receive funding through HOME, ESG or HOPWA, but will participate in on-going efforts to reduce homelessness through the allocation of \$20,000 in PY2016 CDBG funds for a tenant-based housing assistance public service activity that will provide security deposit grants to qualified, eligible near-homeless and homeless families with children and veterans to assist in making housing more affordable.

The City also is working with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition and other dedicated local nonprofits to effectively end chronic homelessness in Biloxi by the end of the year and to effectively end

homelessness among families and youth by 2020.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will continue to support efforts of agencies to secure increased funding from HUD and other agencies to provide rental and mortgage assistance payments for those in crisis. The City is not eligible to apply for ESG funds through the State of Mississippi under 2016 rules as it does not currently operate an emergency shelter.

The City will continue to support efforts of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC to secure grant funding through the "Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program" to assist families on the verge of becoming homeless with counseling services, financial assistance and long-term solutions.

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 need for expanded or additional emergency shelter facilities and supportive services has been established from data supplied to the City by agencies such as the Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC, South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, Back Bay Mission, and the Mississippi Center for Justice. Strategies for addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families include the following actions:

\$20,000 in PY2016 CDBG funds are budgeted by the City to assist near homeless and homeless families with children and veterans (as first priority) in securing housing through the provision of security deposit grants to make local housing more affordable. This public service activity will be a collaborative effort between the City and local housing-supportive service agencies to identify qualified, eligible participants and to document beneficiaries for HUD compliance purposes.

The City will support applications from agencies currently providing emergency shelter and supportive housing to the homeless. Agencies such as the Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC, Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, Women's Resource and Empowerment Center (a subsidiary of the Center for Environmental and Economic Justice), Gulf Coast Rescue Mission and others will be supported by the

City in their efforts to expand the capacity of such programs.

The City will support agencies serving Biloxi residents that seek funding opportunities to establish a transitional housing program with facilities and supportive services.

The City will continue to support the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force's efforts to obtain ESG, HOPWA and other funding to meet the growing unmet needs of homeless persons with HIV/AIDS and their families.

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 will support applications for federal and state funding to assist housing and supportive service providers in obtaining funds for the continuation and expansion of services and facilities that help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially the extremely low-income and those who are being discharged from public institutions and systems of care or receiving assistance from agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education and youth needs.

The City also will support agencies and applications for funding to continue and expand programs and facilities to meet the needs of mentally, developmentally and physically disabled persons. Agencies such as the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, South Mississippi Regional Center, LIFE, Gulf Coast Mental Health and the Mental Health Association of Mississippi will continue to be supported.

Discussion

The City will continue to support agencies such as the Mississippi Region VIII Housing Authority, Biloxi Housing Authority and Catholic Community and Social Services in their efforts to obtain more housing and housing assistance for the elderly through programs such as Public Housing Development Grants, Section 8 Certificates and Vouchers, HUD Section 201 and 811 Housing, and Tax Credits.

The City will support applications for funding to assist agencies such as the Catholic Community and Social Services and American Red Cross with programs to assist the elderly with reducing utility costs and paying utility bills through Weatherization and LIHEAP. Programs such as Meals on Wheels, which delivers meals to homebound elderly, Coastal Family Health Center and other home health programs will be supported in their efforts to assist the elderly and frail elderly.

The City will support agencies and applications for funding to continue and expand programs and facilities to meet the needs of mentally, developmentally and physically disabled persons. Agencies such as the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, South Mississippi Regional Center, LIFE, Gulf Coast Mental Health and the Mental Health Association of Mississippi will continue to be supported.

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

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

Introduction

During development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the need for affordable permanent housing and affordable rental housing was identified by community leaders and citizens as one of the greatest challenges facing the City of Biloxi. To foster and maintain affordable housing and remove barriers to affordable housing, the City will do the following during the 2016 Program Year:

- Continue to work with and support efforts of the Biloxi Housing Authority to expand public housing and improve existing public housing;
- Continue to support grant applications of local nonprofit agencies for local rehabilitation loan and grant programs;
- Continue to support grant applications of local nonprofit agencies for emergency shelter services and programs;
- Continue to support efforts of various agencies to obtain HOME funding to broaden much-needed opportunities for homebuyer education and assistance for homeownership and
- Work to implement the City's public education outreach plan to educate the public about the responsibilities of lenders, realtors, developers, landlords and others to provide access to all citizens in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as to inform the public about their rights under the law.

that comply with the goals of the Biloxi Five-Year Consolidated Plan

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

Biloxi's Comprehensive Land Development Ordinance, which includes subdivision regulations, provides for zero lot line developments and includes other land use provisions that encourage construction of affordable housing developments. An analysis of the Official Zoning Map of Biloxi reveals that a range of residential activities are permitted city wide so that affordable multi-family residential apartments and homes of all types and prices are not clustered in a single geographic area.

In the FY2016 Municipal Budget, property taxes as part of the effort to support land affordability; water and sewer rates and various user fees also were not increased to keep the cost of living affordable in Biloxi, especially to those on fixed incomes.

The City's Community Court helps maintain property values throughout the City through code enforcement activities that support public health and safety as well as promote basic maintenance of structures and preclude illegal dumping. This comprehensive, citywide code enforcement effort helps

maintain property values for all home owners and regulates rehabilitation to safeguard the safety of renters and home buyers.

The City annually provides general funds to a local nonprofit agency to provide homebuyer education programs and mortgage preparation assistance to first-time homebuyers.

Discussion

During 2016, a portion of CDBG program administration funds will assist with implementing the fair housing educational outreach plan as part of its ongoing effort to remove and ameliorate barriers to fair house. This includes publishing information in local housing publications and conducting workshops in partnership with the Biloxi Housing Authority, the Mississippi Center for Justice, the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence and the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care to educate the public about rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

To meet other unmet community needs identified during development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the 2016 Action Plan, the City budgeted the following CDBG funds for public service activities. The total of \$68,000 for these PY2016 public service activities complies with HUD's public service category cap.

Affordable Early Childhood Education and Development Program \$25,000

To expand access to affordable, quality early childhood education and development for children six weeks to three years old), \$25,000 is budgeted to expand an existing program provided by Moore Community House that has a track record of success administering federally- and state-funded public programs for the benefit of Biloxi residents; use of CDBG funds for this activity will leverage additional private, state and local funds to support this activity. The program will be available to qualified low- to moderate-income residents of Biloxi who also must comply with program participation requirements.

Disability Beach Wheelchair \$3,000

A beach wheelchair will be purchased with PY2016 CDBG funds to be "checked out" by eligible residents at the Biloxi Visitors Center. This activity meets HUD's *Limited Clientele* presumption of benefit to adults meeting the census' definition of severely disabled adults that will be supported with required income documentation to verify low/mod benefit compliance for children with disabilities.

Senior and Disabled Passenger CTA Bus Passes (for 12-month period) \$10,000

To help meet the transportation needs of the elderly and disabled, the City will work with the Coast Transit Authority to purchase bus passes for qualifying participants. The bus pass is limited to service on existing routes in Biloxi and will be available on a "first come-first served" basis until the cap is reached.

Early Childhood Education and Development Program for Abused Children \$10,000

The Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence is licensed to provide an early childhood education and development program, which is limited to families that are sheltered at or receiving services from the center. PY2016 CDBG funding in the amount of \$10,000 will help fund expansion of the program and will leverage other private, state and local resources. The activity meets HUD's *Limited Clientele* presumption of benefit for abused children, homeless persons and battered spouses, but will be supported with required income documentation to verify low/mod benefit compliance.

Tenant-Based Affordable Housing Assistance through Security Deposits \$20,000

The Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC is certified by HUD to administer federally-funded homeless and housing programs. The FY2016 CDBG funds will provide security deposit grants to help eligible homeless families with children and veterans (first priority) comply with "move-in" requirements for affordable housing in Biloxi; the City's CDBG funds will provide security deposit assistance on a "first come-first served" basis until the \$20,000 cap is reached. The activity meets HUD's *Limited Clientele* presumption of benefit for homeless persons, which will be supported with required income documentation to verify low/mod benefit compliance.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City and local service providers will address the housing and supportive service needs of special groups that are underserved as follows:

The City will support applications for federal and state funding to assist housing and supportive service providers in obtaining funds for continuation and expansion of services and facilities. The City will continue to support agencies such as the Mississippi Region VIII Housing Authority, Biloxi Housing Authority, the Open Doors Homeless Coalition CoC, Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, South MS AIDS Task Force and Catholic Community and Social Services in their efforts to obtain more housing and housing assistance for the underserved through various housing programs.

The City will support applications for funding to assist agencies such as the Catholic Community and Social Services and American Red Cross with programs to assist the elderly with reducing utility costs and paying utility bills through Weatherization and LIHEAP. Programs such as Meals on Wheels, which delivers meals to homebound elderly, Coastal Family Health Center and other home health programs will be supported in their efforts to assist the elderly and frail elderly.

The City will support agencies and applications for funding to continue and expand programs and facilities to meet the needs of mentally, developmentally and physically disabled persons. Agencies such as the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, South Mississippi Regional Center, LIFE, Gulf Coast Mental Health and the Mental Health Association of Mississippi will continue to be supported.

The City will continue to support efforts to sustain and expand programs and facilities to address the needs of persons who have alcohol or drug addictions. Agencies such as the Coastal Family Health Center, South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, Salvation Army, Gulf Coast Rescue Mission and others will be supported in their efforts to develop new facilities to house and counsel persons addicted to drugs or alcohol.

The City will continue its support of the South Mississippi AIDS Task Force and will endorse the agency's efforts to develop housing capabilities for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The City will support efforts to expand the agency's capacity to house and provide an expanded comprehensive

approach for assisting persons with HIV/AIDS and their families with food, housing assistance,

medicines, transportation, home health care and other related services.

The City will endorse and support efforts to establish a health facility specifically devoted to health care for persons with HIV/AIDS and will endorse and actively support efforts to develop broad educational programs focused on AIDS prevention.

The City will continue to support agencies and applications for funding agencies providing a full array of services that support the low- and moderate-income population and help persons to avoid homelessness. The following programs, among others, will be supported as well as applications for funding: American Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, Loaves & Fishes and Back Bay Mission.

The City will support agency efforts to assist public housing residents in making the transition to independent living. Agencies such as the Mississippi Region VIII Housing Authority, Biloxi Housing Authority, Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Clubs, Moore Community House and Interfaith Hospitality Network will be supported in efforts to provide public housing residents with opportunities to seek gainful employment and economic self-sufficiency. Programs such as resident initiatives, economic development training, homeownership, comprehensive day care programs, and youth programs will be encouraged and supported.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

To foster and maintain affordable housing and remove barriers to affordable housing, the City will do the following during the 2016 Program Year:

Continue to work with and support efforts of the Biloxi Housing Authority to expand public housing and improve existing public housing.

Continue to support applications for local rehabilitation loan and grant programs.

Continue to support efforts of various agencies to obtain HOME funding to broaden much-needed opportunities for homebuyer education and assistance for homeownership.

In Program Year 2016, the City also will partner with local nonprofit agencies such as the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care, the Biloxi Housing Authority, the Mississippi Center for Justice and others to implement an educational outreach program to promote compliance with the Fair Housing Act and to support the rights of those protected by the Act. The City will continue to implement its Fair Housing Plan in an ongoing effort to affirmatively advance fair housing and eliminate discrimination.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

During the 2016 Program Year, the City will continue to educate the public about lead-based paint hazards, including information about testing and abatement, if necessary, in accordance with EPA requirements.

The City's code enforcement efforts require housing structures being substantially rehabilitated or repaired be upgraded to code standards to eliminate or reduce the likelihood of lead-based paint exposure.

The Biloxi Housing Authority will continue to require abatement of lead-based hazards prior to public housing rehabilitation or renovation.

The Mississippi Region VIII Housing Authority will abate any lead-based paint reported in its LRPB units with funds from its Comprehensive Grant Program. The Regional Housing Authority will continue its inspection program requiring owners of housing units inspected for Section 8 eligibility scrape and repaint any surface areas where paint is chipping or peeling. The agency will continue its lead-based paint hazard education program by providing informational literature to Section 8 families with children less than six years of age.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

In addition to capitalizing on redevelopment opportunities and encouraging economic growth, the City will continue to do the following during Program Year 2016 to help reduce the number of poverty-level families:

Invest PY2016 CDBG resources for a tenant-based housing assistance program to assist in making Biloxi housing more affordable through security deposit grants to qualified homeless families with children and veterans;

Continue to support programs of the Biloxi Housing Authority to provide employment training opportunities to public housing residents and support the establishment of afterschool care programs, which will allow parents a chance to seek and maintain gainful employment while children are cared for by qualified agencies;

Invest PY2016 CDBG resources to expand two affordable, quality early childhood education and development programs for children in qualified, income-eligible families to support parents' efforts to secure and maintain jobs or complete their education or training;

Continue to support the establishment of local job training programs that focus on jobs for Biloxi residents;

Continue its commitment to maintain existing infrastructure, including but not limited to water and sewer lines and streets, to serve business and industry and will continue implementing its capital projects program to upgrade and improve infrastructure to accommodate, encourage and induce diverse economic development;

Continue street improvements at major thoroughfares to insure that traffic congestion does not adversely impact economic development efforts;

Continue to use federal and state resources to position Biloxi so that development and redevelopment opportunities will be available, such as the investment of PY2016 CDBG funds to secure the Saenger Theatre, which is located in a designated slum and blighted area. Rehabilitation of this community resource will stimulate redevelopment of the area creating employment opportunities in an area in which primarily low- to moderate-income people live;

Continue its policy of encouraging investment and creation of jobs and will, to the maximum extent feasible, encourage investors to employ local residents.

Continue to work with and support local agencies to expand affordable housing options.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care assists the City in maintaining an effective coordinated system of housing and related services to meet the needs of all Biloxi citizens and the City of Biloxi plans to continue working as an active member of the CoC during PY2016. By participating with Open Doors and its 50+ other members, the City maintains good communication and share critical information with public and private housing and social service agencies that form the local institutional structure.

Adherence to the Biloxi Citizen Participation Plan will assist the City in its efforts to strengthen the institutional structure within the jurisdiction as it requires public notice regarding planned and proposed CDBG-funded activities. In addition to posting and publishing notices regarding the City's CDBG Entitlement Program, the City mails invitations to meetings and public hearings to local public and private housing and social service agencies to encourage their participation and input.

During PY2016, the City of Biloxi will take a pro-active role in implementing its Consolidated Plan and its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice's public education outreach plan. Social service agencies and housing providers will work to insure that application for HUD programs affected by the

Consolidated Plan are consistent with the Plan.

The City will support coordinated efforts of the social service agencies in addressing the full continuum of care for the homeless and those with special needs.

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

In an effort to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies during 2016, the City will continue to participate as an active member of the regional CoC and to adhere to its Citizen Participation Plan, which requires publication and distribution of information regarding the CDBG entitlement program. The City will continue to share information about federal, state and local funding opportunities with local agencies and organizations that provide housing and social service assistance to Biloxi residents. The City also will conduct an annual mailout to local agencies and organizations to encourage their participation in development and implementation of each CDBG Action Plan in an effort to strengthen the institutional structure within the jurisdiction.

The City will support coordinated efforts of the social service agencies in addressing the full continuum of care for the homeless.

Discussion

The City of Biloxi recognizes that its actions have significant bearing on economic development and private investment in the community. The City remains proactive in its efforts to encourage local economic development and redevelopment. The City has used such programs as Tax Increment Financing, the Urban Renewal Program, the CDBG Program, and others to revitalize and redevelop areas of Biloxi. This pro-development attitude has helped attract gaming venues, new business and industry and, in effect, has created thousands of new jobs thereby helping to reduce local poverty levels.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The CDBG Program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Development Act of 1974, as amended. The primary objective of Title I is the development of viable urban communities. These viable communities are achieved by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities.

The City of Biloxi is receiving a CDBG entitlement allocation of \$417,843 for its 2016 Program Year and an additional \$175,456 in program income; the vast majority of these funds will be used to benefit low- to moderate-income persons. Its PY2016 Public Service activities have been allocated a total of \$68,000 to benefit either those who meet HUD's requirements for limited clientele, presumed benefit or who qualify as low- to moderate-income.

Eligible CDBG activities must meet one of the program's three national policy objectives: benefit low- to moderate-income persons; aid in preventing or eliminating slums or blight; or address a need with a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

2016 Program Year Activities	Funding
Program Administration	\$ 75,000
Fire Truck Payment (3 of 3)	\$354,841
Saenger Theatre Rehabilitation Plan & Exterior Repairs	\$ 95,458
Public Services	<u>\$ 68,000</u>
Total	\$593,299

**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%

Discussion

The City of Biloxi's 2016 CDBG Action Plan covers a one-year program period, from January 1 - December 31, 2016. The City estimates that 100% of 2016 CDBG funds will be invested in activities to benefit those who qualify as low- to moderate-income.

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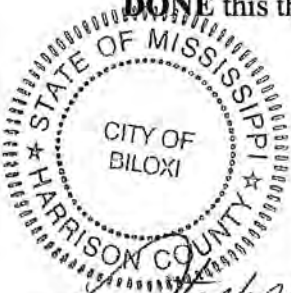
COUNTY OF HARRISON

CITY OF BILOXI

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Stephanie P. Rosetti, Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Council, of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution Number 160-16 is a true copy of the original Resolution, which will be placed on the record of the Council Minutes of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, of a duly held meeting on the 5th day of April, 2016, and that the original Resolution appears on record in the Clerk of the Council's Office from which this copy is taken and compared.

DONE this the 8th day of April, 2016.



Stephanie P. Rosetti

Resolution No. 160-16

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SF-424 AND HUD CERTIFICATIONS FOR THE HUD-REQUIRED 2016 ACTION PLAN FOR USE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF BILOXI THROUGH THE CDBG ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Biloxi, Mississippi is an "Entitlement City" under the terms of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, the regulations of the CDBG program require the preparation and adoption of a Five Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and a One Year Action Plan, which serves as the annual application for CDBG Entitlement funds allocation; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared the Five Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development 2015-2019 and the One Year Action Plan component for the 2016 CDBG Program Year in accordance with rules and regulations governing the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, said One Year Action Plan for the 2016 CDBG Program Year includes, among other things, the anticipated use of the City's anticipated 2016 Program Year CDBG Entitlement of \$417,323, and Program Income estimated to be available of \$175,456; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 One Year Action Plan have been prepared in accordance with HUD requirements which include, among other things, interagency consultation, a public hearing, and a 30-day comment and review period for the Draft One Year Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2015, the Biloxi City Council passed Resolution No. 575-15, authorizing the Mayor to submit said 2016 One Year Action Plan to HUD for review and approval pending final grant award by HUD; and

Res. No. 160-16

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2016, HUD informed the City of Biloxi of its FY 2015 allocation for an increased amount totaling \$417,843.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve and execute Form SF-424 and certifications identified in "Attachment A" hereto, to reflect a \$520.00 increase in the City's allocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

Section 1: The findings, conclusions, and statements of fact contained in the preamble are adopted and ratified.

Section 2: The Mayor and/or Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign the required HUD SF-424 and certifications to submit to HUD for review and approval.

The foregoing Resolution having first been reduced to writing, was read by the Clerk and moved by Councilmember Newman, seconded by Councilmember Gines, and was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:	Lawrence	Tisdale	NAYS:	Deming
	Gines	Glavan		
	Newman	Fayard		

The President then declared the Resolution adopted this the 5th day of April, 2016.

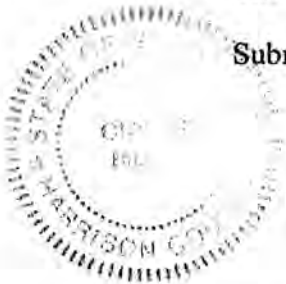
Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 8 day of April, 2016.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


CLERK OF THE COUNCIL


MAYOR





U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

February 16, 2016

The Honorable Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
Mayor of Biloxi
P.O. Box 429
Biloxi, MS 39533-0429

Dear Mayor Gilich:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low and moderate-income persons and special populations across the country. President Obama signed Public Law 114-113 on December 18, 2015, which includes FY 2016 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2016 available amounts are:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$417,843
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$ 0
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 0
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)	\$ 0

This letter highlights several important points related to these programs. First, Secretary Julián Castro is committed to making HUD the "Department of Opportunity" and has established a number of initiatives intended to achieve that goal. In 2015, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Department's establishment, and these initiatives build on HUD's mission to promote homeownership, support community development, and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. The Department is working hard with grantees on these key goals and urges you to review the entire plan at: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/hudvision>. In an era when the nation's severe shortage of affordable rental housing creates substantial housing instability—contributing to homelessness, family mobility and unequal educational attainment—I am particularly interested in working with grantees to increase affordable housing production through our CPD formula programs.

Second, HUD recommends that grantees effectively plan and implement programs that leverage these critical Federal financial resources to achieve the greatest possible return for the communities and individuals they are intended to assist.

- HUD urges grantees to consider using CDBG funds, to the extent possible, to support investments in predevelopment activities for infrastructure and public facilities activities that can provide multiple benefits for communities.
- HUD has created a Renewable Energy Toolkit specifically tailored to CPD grantees. To the extent that grantees are interested in using funds for renewable energy projects, please feel free to access that toolkit online at www.hudexchange.info.
- If you would like assistance from CPD in redesigning, prioritizing or targeting your programs,

either you or the head of the agency that administers your program may request assistance through your local CPD Director.

Third, CPD is asking grantees to renew their focus on administration and management of these programs as part of an effort to ensure effective use of the funds. Throughout 2016, CPD and HUD's Office of the Inspector General expect to issue a range of guidance that will highlight particular areas where grantees commonly stumble. I urge grantees to actively review their policies and procedures governing these programs and to strengthen management practices, particularly with regard to recordkeeping, in order to avoid problems and risk this vital funding. This focus on administration is particularly critical because the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), which is HUD's financial and data system for managing these formula programs, will no longer commit and disburse grant funds on a first-in first-out (FIFO) basis beginning with the FY 2015 grants. All FY 2015 and future grants will be committed and disbursed on a grant specific basis.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the viability and performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. Please contact your local CPD office if you or your staff has any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Harriet Tregoning
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

Version 02

***1. Type of Submission:**

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

***2. Type of Application**

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s)

*Other (Specify) _____

3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

B-16-MC-28-0001

*5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*a. Legal Name: City of Biloxi

*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

64-6000153

*c. Organizational DUNS:

Duns # 072610058

d. Address:

*Street 1: 140 Lameuse Street

Street 2: _____

*City: Biloxi

County: Harrison County

*State: Mississippi

Province: _____

*Country: U.S.A.

*Zip / Postal Code 39530

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Engineering

Division Name:

Federal Programs

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms. *First Name: Susan

Middle Name: G.

*Last Name: Pickich

Suffix: _____

Title: Federal Programs Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

Municipality

*Telephone Number: 228-435-6271

Fax Number: 228-435-6179

*Email: spickich@biloxi.ms.us

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***9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C. City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

*Other (Specify)

***10 Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grants

***12 Funding Opportunity Number:**

B-16-MC-28-0001

Title:

Community Development Block Grant

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi

***15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Community Development Block Grant Program - The City of Biloxi will fund the following activities through its CDBG Entitlement Program: Program Administration; Fire Truck/Equipment; Seanger Theatre Construction Cost for Repairs and Environmental Assessment; Moore Community House and Gulf Coast Women's Center, early Childhood Development Program; Disability Beach Wheelchair; Senoir and Disabled CTA Bus Pass Program and Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care to provide security deposits to homeless persons.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

*a. Applicant: 4th

*b. Program/Project: 4th

17. Proposed Project:

*a. Start Date: 01/01/2016

*b. End Date: 12/31/16

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

*a. Federal	417,843
*b. Applicant	
*c. State	
*d. Local	
*e. Other	
*f. Program Income	175,456
*g. TOTAL	593,299

***19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on _____
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E. O. 12372

***20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)**

Yes No

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U. S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. *First Name: Andrew
Middle Name: M.
*Last Name: Gilich
Suffix: _____

*Title: Mayor

Telephone Number: 228-435-6254

Fax Number: 228-435-6129

* Email: mayor@biloxi.ms.us

*Signature of Authorized Representative: 

*Date Signed: 4-8-16

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***Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

The following should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent of any Federal Debt.

Not Applicable

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing – The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan – It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.


Anti-Lobbying – To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction – The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan – The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 – It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature/Authorized Official

4-8-16
Date

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation – It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan – Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan – It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds – It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year 2016 (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its


jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint – Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws – It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature/Authorized Official

4-8-16
Date

Mayor
Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

City of Biloxi
CDBG PY2016 Action Plan Public Hearing Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 5:30 p.m.

The City of Biloxi's CDBG Public Hearing regarding development of the Program Year 2016 Action Plan was opened by Susan Pickich, Federal Programs Manager, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Development Department auditorium, located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in downtown Biloxi. A copy of the sign-in sheet recording those present is attached to these minutes as is the packet of handouts.

Susan Pickich introduced Grace Aaron, consultant, who is assisting with development of the 2016 Action Plan, a component of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Pickich and Aaron welcomed those present, thanked them for attending and introduced Councilmen Felix Gines, Ward 2, and Paul Tisdale, Ward 5. Gerald Blessey, City Attorney, also was introduced. Ms Aaron asked if everyone had signed in and picked up the agenda packet; she then asked those that hadn't signed in to do so before leaving to document attendance.

Indicating that the agenda followed information provided in the packet, Ms Aaron stated the three national objectives of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and reviewed the fact sheet information that further detailed the program and eligibility activities for use of funds. Ms Aaron stated that as part of the Action Plan development process, comments also were welcomed regarding the City's Citizen Participation Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Ms Pickich and Ms Aaron then reviewed the 2016 Action Plan development schedule and explained that the City encourages citizens to provide written and oral comments and recommendations for use of CDBG funds through its citizen participation process, indicating that all written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on October 26, 2015 to be considered in development of Biloxi's 2016 Action Plan. Ms Aaron pointed out the comment sheet attached in the agenda packet and pointed out how written comments may be submitted; she indicated that written comments may be submitted in any form and that the sheet provided was offered merely as assistance. Ms Aaron asked if there were any questions regarding information reviewed thus far; there were no questions.

Ms Aaron then presented an overall of how the 2016 CDBG allocation is proposed to be used, referring to the fourth page of the agenda packet and discussing each proposed activity. She stated that the following two pages of the packet identified proposed public services to be funded with CDBG funds by the City and which are subject to HUD's 15% cap on this category. The public services were identified during development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan as part of the community input process.

Ms Aaron stated that a portion of Program Administration funds are proposed to be used to fund implementation of recommendations included in the City's current Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing choice, providing targeted educational outreach to inform lender institutions, realtors, developers, landlords and others offering housing services about their responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act and educational workshops for tenants and prospective homeowners to inform them of their rights under the Fair Housing Act. The City will be partnering with the Mississippi Center for

Justice, the Biloxi Housing Authority, USM Institute for Disabilities Study and other local nonprofit agencies in a comprehensive effort to address identified fair housing impediments in Biloxi.

Vernon Mangum questioned the use of CDBG funds for the third payment on the ladder truck and stated that he thought HUD prioritized use of CDBG funds for housing activities. Ms Aaron thanked him for his comment and clarified that purchase of fire protection equipment is an eligible use of CDBG funds and that, while housing-related activities also are eligible, they are not identified in the CDBG program as a higher priority by HUD. She said HUD's HOME, HOPWA and ESG programs do prioritize funding for housing, however.

Carol Burnett, Executive Director of Moore Community House, thanked the City for proposing to allocate public service funds to expand Moore's early childhood education program during Program Year 2016 and stated that there currently are 104 children enrolled, with 120 eligible children on the waiting list.

Sugar Stallings then commented that she would like to see some of the City's CDBG funds be used to offer a stipend to children whose families are homeless to encourage them to continue their education; she suggested that the children could be required to work in a mentor-type program to earn the stipend and expand their job opportunities and experience.

Sarah Walker, Executive Director of Visions of Hope, questioned how use of CDBG funds would benefit elderly residents in East Biloxi through proposed bus fee waivers for the disabled and elderly as CTA bus routes have been cut back. Ms Aaron responded that the City would contact CTA and request information about proposed 2016 routes to clarify which areas of the City will be served as the proposed use of funds would be limited to existing routes and does not propose to fund expansion of routes.

Sandra Morrison, Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, thanked the City for proposing to use CDBG funds to assist in expanding its early childhood education program that will benefit traumatized and abused children.

Julie Kukunski, Director of Moore Community House's Women in Construction Program, indicated that women need access to more job training opportunities and that there currently is a waiting list for her program.

Ms Walker stated that displaced workers also need more job training opportunities such as assistance to improve job interview skills, appropriate clothing for interviews and the workplace, assistance with job searches and basic computer training. She said that Visions of Hope is developing a program that will meet this community need and that she anticipates it will be available soon.

Mr. Mangum then inquired about how the City prioritized its funding recommendations, asking if there was any additional public input or planning process associated with development of the Action Plan. He stated that he did not support the City's proposed use of funds to make the third payment on the leased fire truck. Ms Aaron thanked him for his comment and explained that development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the period 2015-2019 had been completed the previous year, following more than six months of community planning activities that included several community meetings, public hearings,

interviews with stakeholders, and consideration of considerable input provided through surveys completed by regional nonprofit social service agencies. She stated that the needs proposed to be addressed through the 2016 Action Plan were some of the unmet community needs that had been identified as part of this process. She encouraged Mr. Mangum to submit written comments and assured him that his oral and written comments would be considered by the City administration.

Ms Stallings asked how public services could be offered in areas of the City that are not comprised of primarily low- to moderate-income households; Ms Pickich explained that under HUD regulations, public services may be offered on a citywide basis if they benefit a category of the population that is presumed to meet the income criteria, such as adult disabled persons, victims of domestic violence and the elderly. Ms Stallings followed up by stating that blighted homes have a negative impact on neighborhoods and she'd like to see CDBG funds used to restore neighborhoods through some type of redevelopment program. Ms Aaron introduced Biloxi's Community Development Director, Jerry Creel, who came in after introductions, and asked him to address this. Mr. Creel explained that the City doesn't have legal standing to address vacant housing that is in the process of being foreclosed upon, beyond requiring that houses be secured and maintained in compliance with the City's code enforcement process. Code enforcement does allow the City to address abandoned properties, but it is time consuming.

Ms Walker then stated that she is concerned about the impact ever-increasing utilities will have upon residents with limited income, specifically the impact of increasing electric bills from the Mississippi Power Company. Ms Aaron asked Mr. Blessey, City attorney, to respond; he stated that this is a concern shared by the community and that the City has joined others in the court challenge of Mississippi Power Company's rate increases.

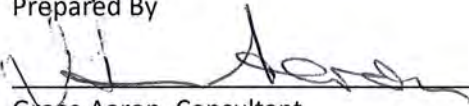
Mr. Mangum then said that the City's public hearing notice, published in the local newspaper, could be considered offensive as it identifies the City is particularly interested in input provided by low- and extremely low- income residents and residents of public housing. Several representatives of nonprofit social service agencies responded that this is standard, HUD-required language.

Ms Stallings asked how public input would be provided to the Mayor for consideration of developing the final 2016 CDBG budget and Ms Aaron explained that the minutes of the public hearing would summarize oral comments offered; the minutes and all written comments submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015 also will be copied and provided for the Mayor's consideration. Councilman Tisdale asked if the comments also would be made available to the Council prior to their consideration of the PY2016 CDBG budget; Ms Aaron indicated that all comments offered during the citizens input process will be included in the 2016 Action Plan Draft, which will be posted online as well as available for review in hard copy format at the locations identified on the public hearing agenda.

Councilman Gines then invited the public to attend a special meeting of the City Council scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 22, in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall that will include discussion of social service agency funding.

There being no further comments, Ms Pickich thanked everyone for attending and for their comments. She reminded the public about the October 26 deadline for written comment submittal and then closed the hearing.

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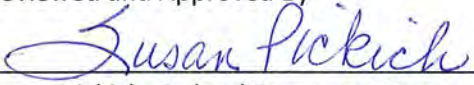


Grace Aaron, Consultant

9/20/15

Date

Reviewed and Approved By



Susan Pickich, Federal Programs Manager

9/21/15

Date

CITY OF BILOXI
 2016 CDBG ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN
 PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

5:30 PM

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Leo Li	City Council	(228) 869-1666	Ej.wfse@biloxi.ms.us
GINA McKNIGHT	GCWLFN	228 436 3809	gmknight@gwlfm.org
Sandra Newton	Gulf Coast Women's Center	228-436-3809	smorri@gcwcfm.org
Magda Helean	Catholic Social & Comm. Services	228-374-6554	mleleaux@biloxidiocese.org
Gerald Blessey	City of Biloxi	228-806-4755	blessey@me.com
SARAH WALKER	VISIONS OF HOPE	228-435-9200	sdwalker@bellsouth.net
Carol Burnett	MCH	228-669-4827	cburnett@mschildcare.org
Augm Walker JULIE KUNING	"Call to Action" MORE COMMUNITY HOUSE WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION	228-838-5591	SUGARSTALLINGRADIOSHOW.COM @gmail.com
Sam		228-207-5865	julie.womeninconstruction@gmail.com

CITY OF BILOXI
2016 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN, A COMPONENT OF THE
2015-2019 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The City of Biloxi is in the process of developing its 2016 One-Year Action Plan, a component of the 2015-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Any comments you may have concerning the housing and/or non-housing community development needs of the City of Biloxi are valued and will be considered during this process.

Name JULIE KUKUNSKI Phone 228-207-5265

Organization Represented (if applicable) MOORE COMMUNITY HOUSE
WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Address 684 WALKER ST. BILOXI, MS 39530

Comments WOMEN NEED JOB TRAINING IN ORDER TO
GET JOBS IN CAREERS THAT PAY A LIVING WAGE.
CHILD CARE MATTERS TO SUPPORT WOMEN TO GET INTO
~~GOOD~~ ^{GOOD} JOBS. TRANSPORTATION ALSO MATTERS.

To be considered in development of Biloxi's 2016 One-Year Action Plan, comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015. Written comments may be delivered or mailed to the Federal Programs Division, Biloxi Community Development Department, 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Biloxi, MS 39530 or faxed to (228) 435-6188, Attention: Federal Programs Division.

CITY OF BILOXI
2016 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
5:30 PM
AGENDA

I. Introductions and Welcome

II. Federal Program Overview & Purpose of Hearing

- a. National Objectives
- b. Compliance with 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan
- c. 2016 One-Year Action Plan Development Schedule

Public Hearing	Sept. 15, 2015 at 5:30 PM
2016 One-Year Action Plan Draft Available	Sept. 24, 2015
30-Day Public Comment Period Ends	Oct. 26, 2015 at 5 PM
City Council Approval/Adoption	Nov. 3, 2015
Submit to HUD	Nov. 12, 2015

- d. Availability of 2016 One-Year Action Plan Draft

The Draft 2016 One-Year Action Plan will be available for public review at:
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Biloxi Community Development Dept., 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Biloxi Public Library, Main and Branches
Biloxi Housing Authority
City of Biloxi website: Biloxi.ms.us

III. Anticipated 2016 Program Year CDBG Funds

a. CDBG

Anticipated 2016 Entitlement	\$417,323
Anticipated 2016 Program Income	\$175,456
Total	\$592,779

IV. Eligible Activities & Proposed 2016 Program Year Activities

V. Citizen Participation

Oral and/or written comments you have concerning the City of Biloxi's housing and/or non-housing community development needs are valued and will be considered.

VI. Conclusion

FACT SHEET
2016 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN
FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

Summary

The 2016 One-Year Action Plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that is designed to develop a coordinated and cooperative effort to identify housing, community development and supportive housing needs of the City of Biloxi. The Action Plan is based on prioritized needs and strategies for meeting those needs identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

Both the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan are designed by HUD to consolidate the planning and application requirements for four HUD Community Planning and Development formula grant programs, as follows:

1. The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
2. Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)
3. Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA)
4. Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

The three broad goals of the four HUD Community Planning and Development programs are as follows:

1. To provide decent housing;
2. To provide a suitable living environment; and
3. To expand economic opportunities.

Community Development Block Grant Program

Biloxi is an entitlement city under the rules of HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and as such, receives an annual allocation of funding, which in Program Year 2016 is anticipated to be \$417,323. Biloxi does not receive an annual allocation of funds under the HOPWA, ESG or HOME programs but must work with other agencies to compete for funding from the programs. During 2016, the City anticipates generating program income totaling \$175,456.

Availability of Information

Information concerning the Action Plan, the Consolidated Plan and the Community Development Block Grant Program can be obtained at the offices of the Department of Community Development, City of Biloxi located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Biloxi between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. and 5 o'clock P.M., Monday through Friday.

National Objectives of Community Development Block Grant Program

1. Projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A project or activity will be considered to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons if it is designed to meet identified needs of low- and moderate-income persons.
2. Projects that prevent or eliminate slums or blight.
3. Projects designed to meet needs having a particular urgency.

PROJECTS MUST MEET AT LEAST ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

Examples of Basic Eligible Activities for the CDBG Program

1. Acquisition of property for a public purpose.
2. Public facilities infrastructure improvements including water improvements, wastewater improvements, solid waste improvements, streets and storm drainage improvements, etc.
3. Urgent needs and emergency grants to address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.
4. Interim assistance requiring immediate action such as street improvements and to alleviate emergency conditions.
5. Relocation payment and assistance for permanently or temporarily displaced individuals, families, businesses and organizations, and reimbursement for loss of rental income incurred in holding housing units to be utilized by relocation of individuals and families displaced by program activities.
6. Acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of privately owned utilities.
7. Special economic development activities.

Proposed Use of CDBG Funds

Funds Expected To Be Available in Program Year 2016

CDBG Funds		
a.	2016 Entitlement	417,323.00
b.	2016 Program Income	175,456.00
c.	Estimated Available funds (previously allocated but not used)	-
TOTAL:		592,779.00

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CDBG Expenditures		
Program Administration:		
Administration: (Salary %, Legal, Environmental, Fair Housing and General CDBG Administration)	75,000.00	
Public Services:		
Moore Community House Day Care	25,000.00	
Disability: Beach Wheelchair	3,000.00	
Senior and Disabled CTA Bus Passes	10,000.00	
GCWCFNV- Early Childhood Development Program	10,000.00	
Continuum of Care-Homeless Prevention Security Deposit Program	20,000.00	68,000.00
Capital Projects:		
Fire Truck Payment (3 of 3)	\$354,841.00	
Saenger Theatre - Construction Cost for Exterior Repairs to also include an environmental assessment.	\$94,938.00	
TOTAL:	592,779.00	



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Information and documents available include but are not limited to the following:

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- Citizen Participation Plan for the Consolidated Plan; and
- A Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the City of Biloxi.

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Biloxi, Community Development	676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
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West Biloxi Library	2047 Pass Road
Margaret Sherry Library	2141 Popp's Ferry Road
Woolmarket Library	8455 Woolmarket Road
Biloxi Housing Authority	330 Benachi Avenue

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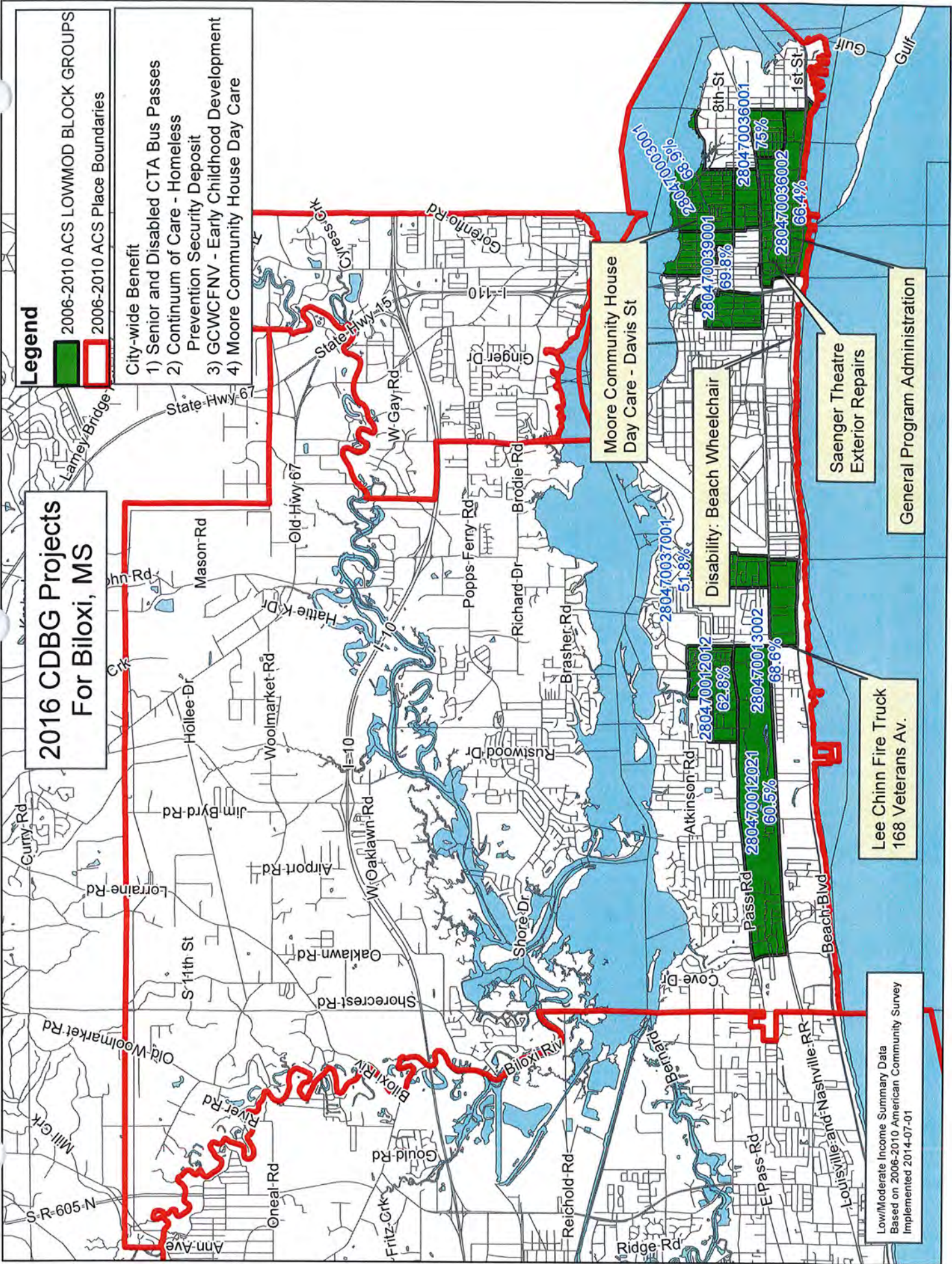
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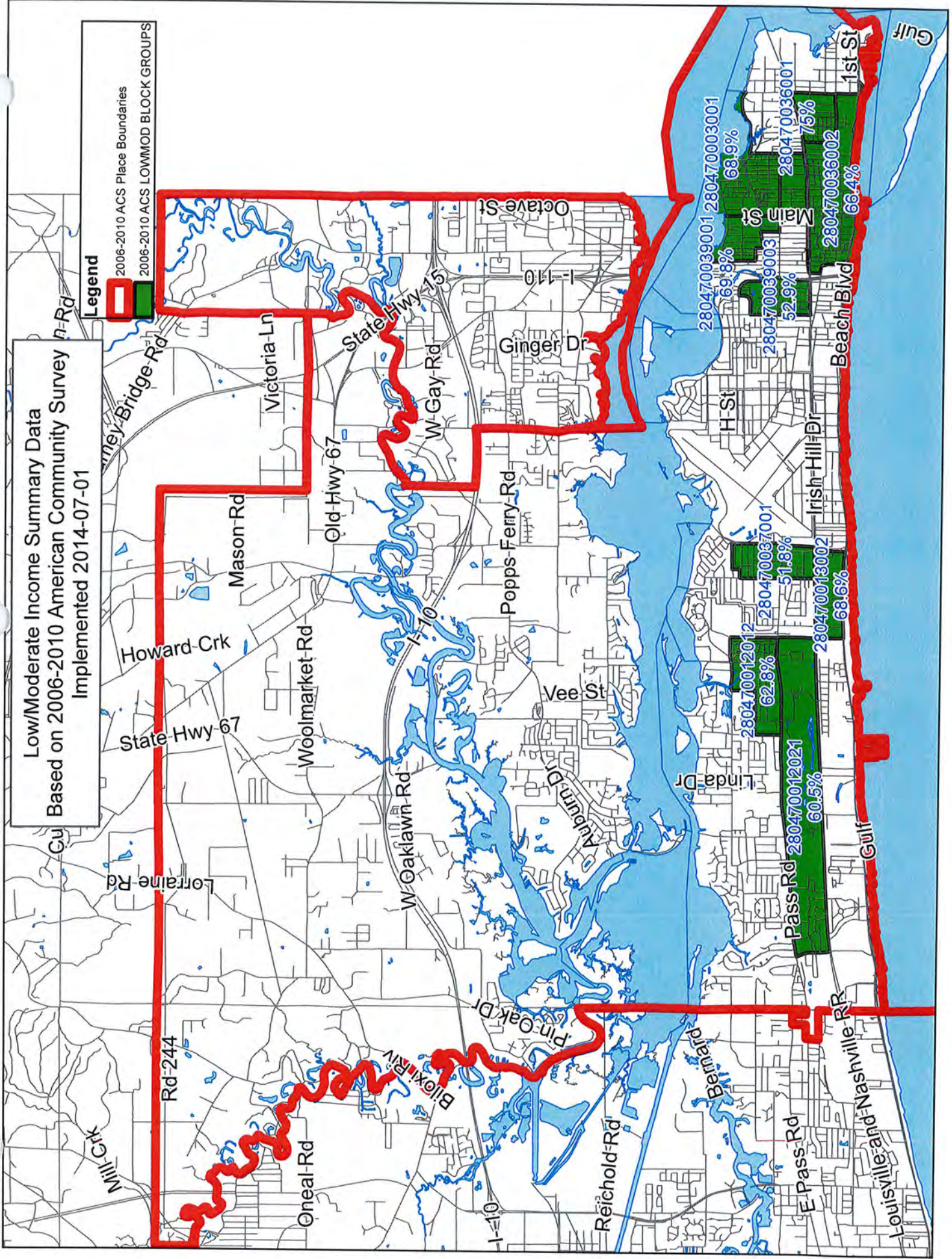
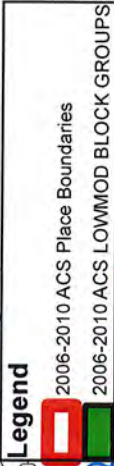
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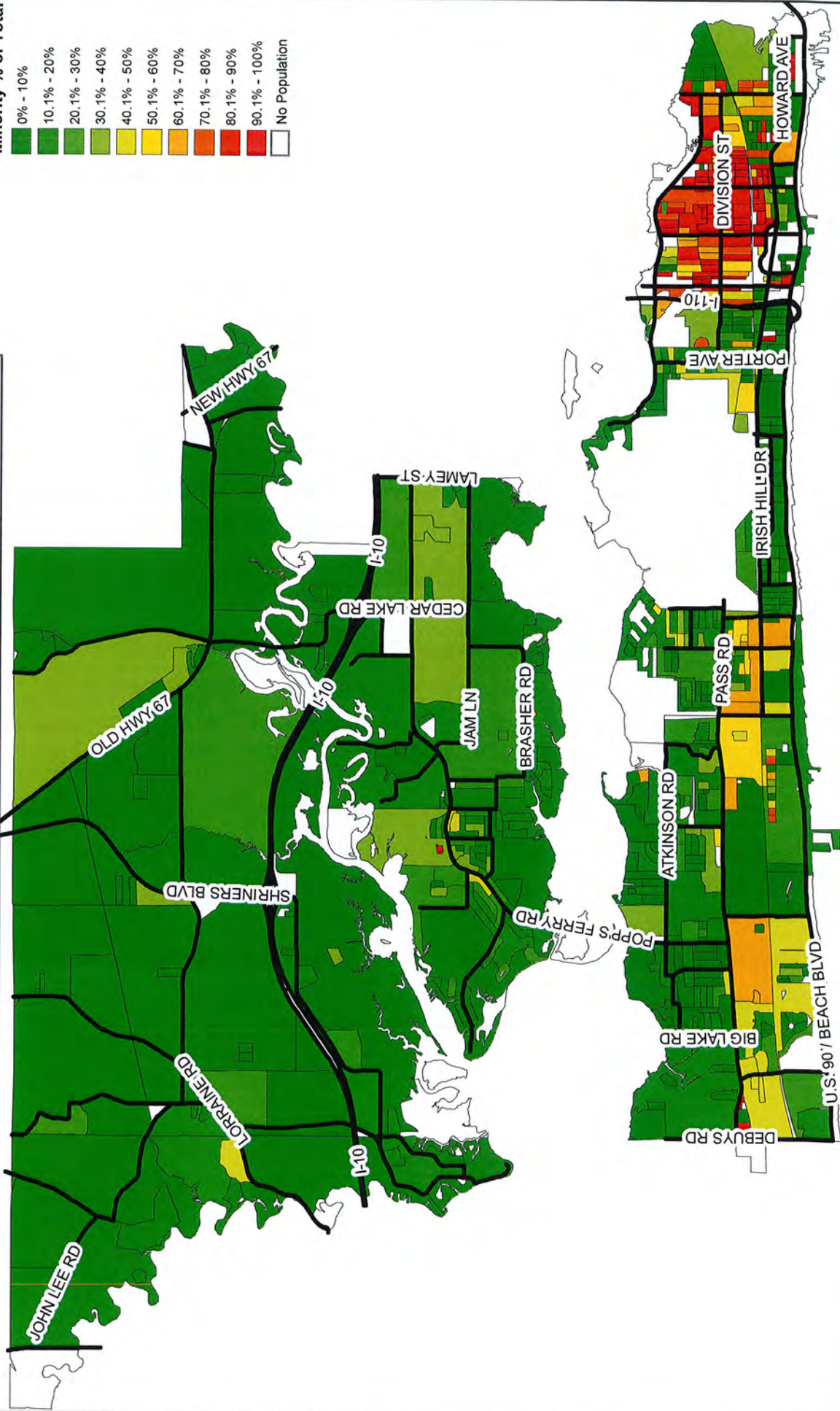


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