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CITY OF URBANA and URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – FY 2009-2010

Introduction

SPECIAL NOTE: The FY 2009-2010 Draft Annual Action Plan was prepared based on direction from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assume that the Federal Entitlement and Formula Allocations for FY 2009-2010 will be at least the same as for FY 2008-2009. The budgeted amounts may change upon notification of the FY 2009-2010 actual allocated grant amounts from HUD.

FY 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan:

The Urbana HOME Consortium and the City of Urbana Annual Action Plan for FY 2009-2010 identifies activities that are planned to be implemented by the City of Urbana and the members of the Urbana HOME Consortium during the period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

This Annual Action Plan budgets the use of two federal housing entitlement funds, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The Annual Action Plan for FY 2009-2010 has been developed to further five-year strategies identified in the *Urbana HOME Consortium and City of Urbana Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2005-2009*. The Annual Action Plan identifies activities that will be undertaken by the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium during the fourth year of the five-year Consolidated Plan period.

The CDBG portion of the Annual Action Plan identifies the planned uses of CDBG entitlement funds by the City of Urbana for FY 2009-2010.

The HOME portion of the Annual Action Plan identifies uses of HOME funds by members of the Urbana HOME Consortium. The members of the Urbana Consortium (a.k.a. the Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium) are the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, and Champaign County.

The Annual Action Plan was on file and made available for public review and comment during the period beginning February 23, 2009 and ending March 24, 2009. On March 24, 2009 the City of Urbana will hold a public hearing to obtain comments regarding the draft Annual Action Plan. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Complex, 400 South Vine Street. All comments received at the hearing, as well as other written comments submitted during the public review period, are included in the Annual Action Plan.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The FY 2009-2010 Urbana HOME Consortium and the City of Urbana Annual Action Plan identifies housing and community development activities to be implemented during the fourth year of the five-year Consolidated Plan period. The Annual Action Plan identifies activities to be undertaken by the City of Urbana with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds during the year beginning July 1, 2009, as well as activities to be undertaken by the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Champaign County with HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds during the same year.

The Annual Action Plan has been prepared by the City of Urbana in its dual capacity as CDBG entitlement recipient and lead entity of the Urbana HOME Consortium. *The Urbana City Council Committee of the Whole will be scheduled to review the Annual Action Plan at its April 13, 2009 meeting. The Committee will forward the AAP for Council approval on April 20, 2009.* Prior to approving the Annual Action Plan, the City of Urbana *will have* obtained concurrence from the City of Champaign and Champaign County regarding the use of HOME funds by the Consortium members.

Activities in this Annual Action Plan address strategies identified in the five-year Consolidated Plan 2005-2009.

Through its **CDBG program** the City of Urbana proposes to:

- Conserve housing stock through rehabilitation.
- Provide improvements necessary to remove barriers to accessibility to persons with disabilities and alleviate hazardous conditions that pose a threat to health and safety of residents (Access/Emergency Grants).
- Provide funds for home maintenance repair for elderly or persons with disabilities at any age, for very-low income households (Senior Repair Grants).
- Provide technical assistance and funding to redevelop Lakeside Terrace, formerly a public housing complex, into a new, affordable, rental housing development.
- Provide funding to Disabled Citizens Foundations to assist with renovations of their Scovill Group Home in Urbana.
- Provide funding to A Woman's Fund for renovations to two client bathrooms.
- Provide funding, which augments the City's general revenue fund, for street and sidewalk and streetlight improvements in targeted neighborhoods.
- Support public service programs and other activities targeted toward very low-income Urbana residents.
- Sponsor special neighborhood cleanup activities in the target areas.
- Provide assistance to homeless families through the City's Transitional Housing Program.
- Contribute funds toward the development of infrastructure on the Kerr Avenue affordable and sustainable housing project (Carry-over).

Through the **HOME program**, the Urbana HOME Consortium members developed the following projects:

- Provide operating funds to the Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDO).
- Contribute toward projects providing homeownership of newly constructed energy efficient homes for low- and moderate-income families (Homestead Corporation).
- Contribute toward a program that provides super-energy efficient homeownership opportunities to low-income households (Ecological Construction Laboratories).
- Rehabilitate owner-occupied housing in Champaign, Urbana, and in unincorporated areas of Champaign County.
- Contribute funds for the process of planning and designing affordable, sustainable housing on City-owned property.
- Contribute toward programs that will provide homeownership units for low- and very-low income households (Habitat for Humanity - allocated in FY 06-07).
- Provide downpayment assistance to income-qualified first-time homebuyers in Champaign, Urbana, and in unincorporated areas of Champaign County. *(NOTE it is unclear at the time of this Draft Plan if ADDI funding will be allocated for this program).*

The Annual Action Plan was developed by the City of Urbana in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan, which is included as part of the Consolidated Plan. The Urbana Community Development Commission sponsored public hearings to obtain input prior to and during plan preparation. In order to encourage public participation by the broadest audience possible, the City held public hearings and solicited citizen input at various times and locations throughout the City.

Past Performance

Based on input received during public hearings, Community Development Commission meetings and City Council meetings, infrastructure projects implemented during the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Planning period, such as the Scottswood Drainage Project, Webber Street lighting project, and Harvey Street Improvement Project, will have helped to provide a more suitable and safe living environment. The infrastructure reconstruction and installation projects in this Annual Action Plan will also address suitable and safe living environment objectives.

The demand for assistance through the Emergency and Senior Repair programs fluctuates year-to-year. The City maintains a waiting list for Whole House Rehabilitation as the demand remains high due to limited funding availability. Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation programs have a positive impact for participants and help stabilize properties, and programs addressing neighborhood conditions are becoming more successful at improving the overall appearance of the target neighborhoods (based on an informal windshield survey).

The Neighborhood Newsletter is mailed three times each year to provide residents of the target neighborhoods notification of the available programs for assistance and to address

these conditions. The City also keeps residents informed through public notices in the local newspaper, and through information provided on the City website and public access television channel. Increasing utility and maintenance costs as well as other rising housing costs place a burden on the lower income households. The City's Emergency and Senior Repair programs provide much-needed funds that mitigate the immediate and deferred maintenance issues for those who otherwise would not be able to afford such repairs. This is an essential element of helping to stabilize the target neighborhoods.

In FY 2008-2009, since the inception of the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan the City and Consortium Programs have assisted residents as follows:

		Number Assisted	
	<i>Program Name</i>	<i>FY 2008-2009\</i>	<i>2005-2009</i>
		<i>(Previous AAP</i>	<i>Con Plan</i>
		<i>Period)</i>	<i>Period</i>
City of Urbana HOME & CDBG	Urbana Emergency Grant/Access Grant	16	73
	Urbana Whole House Rehabilitation	5	18
	Urbana Senior Repair Service	20	86
	Urbana GLO Program	2	8
	Urbana Public Facilities Improvements	388	1665
	Urbana Public Services		
	Transitional Housing Program	4 families	14 families
	Consolidated Social Service Funding	281	2378
	Neighborhood Cleanup <i>(does not include Spring 09)</i>	242	1528
HOME - City of Champaign & Champaign County	CHDO – Consortium Homeownership Programs	4	14
	American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)	3	44
	Champaign - Full Home Rehabilitation	6	37
	Champaign - New Rental Housing Units (Douglass Sq)	0	4
	Consortium TBRA (Urbana and Champaign County)	6	9
	CHDO Rental Rehabilitation – Urban League	0	6
	Champaign – Rental Rehabilitation	0	0
	Champaign – Lot Acquisition	1	10
	Champaign – Downpayment (Taylor Thomas)	0	6

The City instituted a Rental Registration Program in 2007 to address rental property conditions. The program is enforced on a citywide basis to ensure that all rental units are in compliance with the current property maintenance codes. This program will help to stabilize neighborhoods through inspection of rental units to ensure safe housing, that complies with City codes, for the tenants. In the past year, city inspectors have inspected approximately 1818 dwelling units in six geographical areas of Urbana, which is an increase of 318 inspections completed in the previous year. The program goal is for all of the 8739 registered rental units in the City to be systematically inspected at least every five years to ensure compliance with the current Property Maintenance Code standards.

In late 2007 and early 2008, City of Urbana staff conducted a survey in the target neighborhoods to identify blighted secondary structures and vacant, deteriorated buildings that need to be repaired or demolished. As with the past year, in FY 2009-2010 Code Enforcement staff will continue work with owners to encourage mitigation of the blighted conditions. Property owners are also informed of the availability of City of Urbana programs for income-qualified owner-occupants that will offset the cost of abatement.

The City will work to identify other new programs to improve property values and neighborhood appearance; however, federal funding limitations will affect the extent to which new programs can be carried out.

Objectives and Outcomes

A summary of the Consolidated Plan Objectives and Outcomes is provided below and contains Objectives (with associated Goals as listed in Appendix IV of the FY 2005-2009 City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan) and the anticipated Outcomes from implementing the strategies associated with the Consolidated Plan goals.

The following Objectives and Outcomes summary serves as the framework for an outcome-based performance measure system for the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium to monitor its progress toward meeting goals of the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan. Each project identified in this Annual Action Plan provides the applicable Objectives and Outcomes. The anticipated results are provided as "Outcome Indicators."

OBJECTIVE 1: PROVIDE A SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT

- GOAL 1:** *Preserve and improve supply of affordable housing as a community resource.*
- GOAL 3:** *Address barriers to obtaining affordable housing*
- GOAL 6:** *Provide Support for existing agencies delivering services to homeless individuals and families and encourage expansion of local services to meet community homeless needs.*
- GOAL 7:** *Support efforts to reduce the exposure of young children to lead-based paint hazards in their homes*
- GOAL 8:** *Support infrastructure improvements in Urbana's Community Development Target Area*
- GOAL 9:** *Preserve and support Urbana's neighborhoods as vibrant places to live.*

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Strategies	<p>Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to health care in the community for low-income residents. <i>(A Woman's Fund, Center For Women in Transition, C-U Center for Independent Living, all Public Facilities Projects)</i></p> <p>Create a Suitable Living Environment for owner-occupied households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median by improving infrastructure in the targeted neighborhood. <i>(projects include Harvey Street Improvement and Kerr Ave Infrastructure)</i></p> <p>Create a Suitable Living Environment by improving the appearance of the targeted areas by reducing blight. <i>(Neighborhood Cleanup)</i></p>
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Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Strategies

Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities. (*Emergency Grant, Access Grant, and Get the Lead Out Match Programs*)

Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and housing accessible to persons with disabilities. All recipients of assistance must have household incomes at or below 50% of the area median. (*Senior Repair Service*)

Create Suitable Living Environment by providing assistance to property owners in the target area having household incomes at or below 50% MFI by removing dilapidated structures from owner-occupied property. (*Clearance of Slum & Blighted Conditions*)

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Strategies

Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents. (*Consolidated Social Service Projects*)

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of creating suitable living environments

Strategy

Support the existing network of local homeless services. (*Continuum of Care*)

OBJECTIVE 2: PROVIDE DECENT HOUSING

GOAL 2: *Provide decent affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households*

GOAL 4: *Work with HACCC to improve conditions for residents of public housing.*

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing

Strategies

Provide Decent Housing by increasing capacity of Community Development Housing Organizations to identify and implement programs that will provide affordable housing opportunities to recipients at or below 60% of area median income for rental and at or below 80% of the area median for homeownership). (*CHDO Home ownership/rental programs*)

Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median (*Property Acquisition*)

Provide Decent Housing by providing an opportunity for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median to become homeowners (*CHDO affordable housing projects*)

Strategies

Provide Decent Housing by constructing new mixed-income housing tax credit development that would include at least thirty units for residents whose household incomes were at or below 60% MFI. (*Lakeside Redevelopment Project now Crystal View Townhomes*)

Provide Decent Housing by providing an opportunity for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median to become homeowners. *(ADDI Program)*

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Strategies

Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing *(Transitional Housing Program; Supportive Housing Program – Homeless Families in Transition)*

Provide Decent Housing by identifying programs that will provide affordable housing opportunities to income qualified recipients (at or below 60% of area median for rental and at or below 80% of the area median for homeownership). *(City Redevelopment Programs)*

Outcome: Sustainability for purpose of providing decent affordable housing

Strategies

Provide Decent Housing by addressing conditions that are a result of deferred maintenance through rehabilitation of homes of recipients from three income categories, at or below 30% MFI, 31-50% MFI and 51-80% MFI. Program is intended to improve the quality of the housing stock by bringing units into compliance with applicable code requirements, eliminating lead based paint hazards, and improving exterior appearance. *(Whole House Rehabilitation Program)*

OBJECTIVE 3: Expand Economic Opportunities

GOAL 5: *Support community efforts to provide services and training for low- and moderate-income residents.*

GOAL 6: *Provide Support for existing agencies delivering services to homeless individuals and families and encourage the expansion of local services to meet community homeless needs.*

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of creating economic opportunities

Strategies

Support expansion of job-training programs for low-income individuals by area social service agencies, and encourage them to conduct a review of all available programs to determine if they meet current need. *(Consolidated Social Service Projects)*

Encourage appropriate area social service agencies to expand recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities and alternatives for very low-income youth and young adults *(Consolidated Social Service Projects)*

Support area providers such as the Senior Services Division of Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and Family Service of Champaign County in their efforts to provide supportive services to low-income elderly persons residing in Urbana *(Consolidated Social Service Projects)*

NARRATIVE

The Urbana HOME Consortium and the City of Urbana Annual Action Plan for FY 2009-2010 identifies activities to be implemented by the City of Urbana and members of the Urbana HOME Consortium during the period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. The Annual Action Plan budgets the use of two federal housing entitlement funds: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME). The CDBG portion of the Annual Action Plan identifies uses of CDBG entitlement funds by the City of Urbana. The HOME portion of the plan identifies uses of HOME funds by members of the Urbana HOME Consortium.

The Annual Action Plan for FY 2009-2010 has been developed to further five-year strategies identified in the *Urbana HOME Consortium and City of Urbana Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2005-2009*. The Annual Action Plan identifies activities to be undertaken during the fourth year of the Consolidated Plan five-year planning period. The following information is provided in response to Section 91.220 of the Consolidated Plan regulations (published January 5, 1995).

Form Application

See Standard Forms HUD-424.

Resources

The Annual Action Plan describes activities to be undertaken by the City of Urbana with CDBG funds and by Urbana HOME Consortium members with HOME funds. The City of Urbana expects to receive \$460,655 in FY 2009-2010 CDBG entitlement funds. These funds will be combined with an estimated \$34,000 in program income and an estimated \$100,000 in reprogrammed funds carried over from FY 2007-2008 to create a total estimated CDBG program budget of \$ 594,655. Also included in the CDBG budget will be is \$ 241,318 (current estimated amount to be carried over into FY 2009-2010) for obligated projects from previous years. The total amount of obligated carryover and CDBG funding for FY 2009-2010 is estimated at \$ 835,973.

Leveraging is one of three primary objectives used by the City to determine how CDBG funds are to be used in Urbana (the other two objectives are impact on community and collaboration with other agencies). The following CDBG-funded activities involve leveraging of other public and private funds:

- CDBG funds for infrastructure improvement activities within the targeted area will leverage other city resources and, in one case, federal funds for the project.
- All CDBG subrecipients have pledged non-CDBG funds as leverage for delivery of their CDBG-funded activities: A Woman's Fund has pledged twenty five percent (25%) towards renovation of two client bathrooms, and Disabled Citizens Foundation has pledged sixty-four percent (64%) towards renovations of their Scovill Group Home.

- The Urbana HOME Consortium expects to receive \$1,010,254 in FY 2009-2010 HOME funds. These funds are combined with \$ 168,679 in Local Match funds. Anticipated total revenue for from Program Income, estimated to be \$ 28,125 is added to the HOME and Local Match funds for a total estimated HOME budget of \$ 1,258,890 for FY 2009-2010. The budget total includes projected FY 2009-2010 ADDI funds, ADDI carry-over, and projected administrative carryover. Funds remaining as of July 1, 2009 from uncompleted projects from previous years will be carried over to be expended in the next year.
- Although funding the ADDI Program was slated to conclude after the FY 2008-2009, the Urbana HOME Consortium may also receive \$ 9,506 in FY 2009-2010 funds from the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI).

As with the CDBG program, many HOME-assisted activities involve leveraging non-HOME funds.

- HOME funds allocated to the Ecological Construction Laboratory for development of a energy efficient owner occupied homes will be leveraged by volunteer participation, material donations, monetary donation, and downpayment assistance.
- HOME funds allocated to the Homestead Corporation for its Douglass Park and Affordable Homeownership Programs will be leveraged by downpayment assistance provided through other agencies.

The HOME Program match requirement for Consortium Members will be satisfied through a number of eligible sources, including, but not exclusively, allocation of local government funds, utilization of Carryover Match Contributions from prior years, and other non-federal funds. Community Housing Development Organizations will use non-Federal funds such as Illinois Affordable Housing Trust funds, funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago and private loans to meet their HOME match requirements.

Activities to be Undertaken

See Listing of Proposed Projects (*CDBG...page 25 and HOME Program...page 36*)

Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

Numerous activities proposed in the Annual Action Plan are designed to address needs of homeless persons and persons with special needs. The City of Urbana CDBG budget includes the following:

- \$ 52,108 to support the City's Transitional Housing Program for homeless families with children. This program has been operating for sixteen years and will remain stable for the upcoming year.

Geographic Distribution

Since 1985, the City of Urbana has targeted its Community Development Block Grant funds to improve conditions in its Community Development Target Area, which consists of Census Tracts 53, 54, and 55 in north and east central Urbana. For the Five-Year Program Years associated with the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, the Community Development Target Area expanded to include Block Group 1 of Census Tract 56. A graphic (map) depicting the expanded boundary of Community Development Target Area is attached as Appendix III. The areas of Minority Concentration are Census Tracts 51:1, 53:2, 53:3 and 53:5. This information is provided graphically in the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan as Map 4, in the map section of the plan.

The following table identifies the City of Urbana Census Tracts and Block Groups contained in the expanded Target Area and the percentage of low/moderate income persons within each Block Group. These areas correlate with the Community Development Target Area map in Appendix III.

Urbana Community Development Target Area		
CENSUS TRACT	BLOCK GROUP	LOW MOD INCOME%
53	1	64.1%
53	2	87.4%
53	3	81.0%
53	5	76.7%
54	4	79.3%
54	5	68.7%
54	6	51.5%
55	1	91.9%
55	3	69.5%
55	4	39.4%
55	5	48.1%
55	6	61.0%
56	1	58.7%

Urbana HOME Consortium funds are divided geographically through an intergovernmental agreement among the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Champaign County. Within the boundaries of each entity, HOME funds are generally used to support affordable housing activities jurisdiction-wide without further geographic targeting.

Citizen Participation

The Annual Action Plan was developed by the City of Urbana in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan included as part of the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan. The Urbana Community Development Commission sponsored public hearings to obtain input prior to and during plan preparation. In order to encourage public participation by the broadest audience possible, the City held public hearings and solicited citizen input at various times and locations throughout the City, as follows:

Date	Format	Target Audience	Location	Morn.	Eve.
12/08/08	Open Meeting	Social Service Agencies	Urbana City Building	✓	✓
1/05/09	Neighborhood Meeting	Neighborhood Residents/all Urbana citizens	Prairie Elementary School		✓
1/06/09	Public Hearing	Social Service Agencies	Urbana City Building	✓	
1/06/09	Neighborhood Meeting	Neighborhood Residents/all Urbana citizens	Urbana City Building		✓
1/07/09	Neighborhood Meeting	Neighborhood Residents/all Urbana citizens	Washington Early Childhood School Library		✓
1/08/09	Neighborhood Meeting	Neighborhood Residents/all Urbana citizens	King Elementary School*		✓
2/23/09-3/24/09	Public Review & Comment	Urbana Citizens & all interested parties	Urbana Public Library	(Business Hrs)	
			City Clerk's Office	✓	✓
			Community Development Services Office	✓	
3/24/09	Public Hearing	Urbana Citizens & all interested parties	Urbana City Building		✓

*This meeting was scheduled immediately prior to the monthly meeting of one of our Neighborhood Groups. This increased the convenience for the group and the participation for the meeting.

Comments Received –Citizen Participation

Comments received in January 2009 regarding the Annual Action Plan are in support of the City continuing support of Consolidated Social Service Programs, and the funding for Public Facility and Infrastructure improvements. Meeting minutes and attendance sheets are included as Appendix IV to this Action Plan.

In order to broaden public participation in the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan process, the City provided notice of neighborhood meetings and public hearings as follows:

- Included all meeting information in a newsletter which is sent to all residents of the City's target area
- Provided public notice by advertising in a local, widely-read newspaper
- Provided announcements via a City operated public access television channel which is available to residents of the broader community (City of Urbana, City of Champaign and Champaign County)
- Provided public notice on City Website

Developing Institutional Structures

Urbana staff is an acknowledged resource for information on housing and service agencies. Staff takes dozens of calls each week and makes referrals to appropriate housing and service agencies. These efforts will continue in the coming year, with an emphasis on increasing communication between agencies and updating information. The City will continue to utilize available Internet website applications to aid in this effort.

Although the City of Urbana and the Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) are separate government agencies, as prescribed by state law, the City will work with the HACC to provide input and assistance regarding the HACC's Annual Agency Plan. The seven-member HACC Board of Commissioners consists of two commissioners appointed by each of the Cities of Urbana and Champaign, an appointee that rotates between the two cities called a "floating" appointee, a commissioner appointed by the Champaign County Board and a commissioner appointed from among residents of the HACC properties.

The City of Urbana receives a draft Annual Agency Plan from the HACC for review and comment. The HACC will request that the City provide certification that the Agency Plan is consistent with the Urbana Home Consortium Consolidated Plan. The process includes City review of proposed capital improvement, demolition, and disposition projects that are planned in the near future. The City will work with the HACC's Developer over the next year to implement the redevelopment of the Lakeside Terrace housing complex. CDBG and HOME program funds previously allocated to this project have been carried over to the 2009-2010 AAP to assist with the redevelopment of Lakeside Terrace.

Monitoring

The City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium will utilize monitoring standards and procedures provided in existing publications and guidebooks. Specifically, *HUD-2030-CPD Monitoring HOME Program Performance* and *CDBG Basics* prepared by TONYA, Inc. will be utilized. A key consideration in the monitoring activities will be to ensure compliance with program requirements, including the timeliness of expenditures.

The Urbana Grants Management Division staff, the Urbana Community Development Commission, and the Urbana City Council will monitor progress toward meeting Consolidated Plan goals and objectives. The Community Development Commission is appointed by the Mayor and the City Council to provide recommendations and oversight regarding the City's Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Consortium, and other housing-related programs. The Commission meets on a monthly basis (scheduled for the fourth Tuesday) at the Urbana City Building Complex to review staff progress toward housing goals. The Commission recommends the annual CDBG and HOME applications to the Urbana City Council, and reviews requests for other housing-related funds.

The Grants Management Division of the City of Urbana's Community Development Services Department is responsible for monitoring programs implemented with HOME and Community Development Block Grant funding to ensure compliance with all regulations associated with HOME and CDBG grant funding.

Local building codes apply to properties assisted through the City's housing rehabilitation programs. Certified inspectors from the City's Building Safety Division enforce compliance with local building codes. Assisted properties are inspected for code violations by Building Safety staff in the initial phase of the rehabilitation process. In addition, a risk assessment inspection is completed by trained and certified staff to identify potential hazards associated with lead-based paint. After the contract is executed and during project construction progress, rehab staff performs inspections periodically to ensure proper completion of the work. Payouts to contractors are issued only after both the rehab staff and owner approve the work quality. Building Safety Division performs a final inspection of all the work associated with building codes and issues a Certificate of Occupancy that indicates all work is complete in accordance with local code. No final payment is issued to the contractor until the Certificate of Occupancy is approved and the property has been tested to ensure lead-paint hazard clearance.

The City of Champaign and Champaign County will similarly monitor their HOME funded programs. Work processes and checklists are in place to ensure compliance with HOME program requirements related to housing code concerns. Subrecipients will be monitored at least once a year. Programmatic expectations regarding monitoring will be detailed in all subrecipient agreements.

The Grants Management Division will submit performance reports to the appropriate funding agencies in accordance with program guidelines.

Lead Based Paint

The City will continue to address lead based paint hazard requirements. In order to be current with developing standards, City staff continues to attend workshops, review and revise the rehabilitation manual, and coordinate with contractors and environmental regulatory agencies.

The Grants Management Division of the City will continue to ensure compliance with Title X lead based paint regulations. The Grants Management Division staff is committed to meeting these obligations and will do so in the most cost-effective methods available. The following list describes the measures to address lead based paint hazards the City intends to pursue in FY 2009-2010:

- Continue to work with the City of Champaign and Champaign County to address best practices in meeting lead-based paint requirements. This will include, but not be limited to, attending HUD sponsored lead based paint training workshops and related HUD efforts to provide lead based paint hazard training.
- Continue coordination with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Division of Environmental Health, and the Champaign County Public Health District.
- Continue its participation in the Illinois Department of Public Health's *Get The Lead Out (GLO)* program. As part of Phase Five of this program, the City received an award of \$91,104 in GLO program funding. These funds, in combination with CDBG funds, will be used to address lead based paint hazards in eight (8) households over a three year period (2008-2010).
- Continue to sponsor educational and training events for local government, contractors, public health officials, and other concerned parties on lead-based paint concerns.
- Continue efforts to coordinate activities in meeting HUD and IDPH lead based paint requirements with the Building Safety Division of the City of Urbana, Community Development Services Department.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

Housing activities to be undertaken in FY 2009-2010 are selected based on the needs of the community, as reflected in the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan and input received from citizens during public hearings and neighborhood meetings.

Rehabilitation

The City will provide housing rehabilitation assistance to low- and moderate-income residents of the Target Area in order to address deferred maintenance and stabilize property values. The City will also provide assistance to income-qualified residents to

address health and safety hazards in their homes. Access Grant funds will be used to retrofit homes of income-qualified persons with disabilities and senior residents to remove barriers and allow for a more accessible home environment. Funding will be provided to eligible senior citizens through the Senior Repair Service to help defray costs of minor repairs that would otherwise become deferred maintenance.

Homeownership

The American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) program will continue to provide downpayment assistance to increase homeownership. The City will be working with local non-profit Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDO) to continue to develop affordable, energy efficient homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents. The City and CHDOs will work to augment City funds for homeownership by seeking grant funding from the Illinois Housing Development Authority, the Federal Home Loan Bank and other sources. Any funds acquired through such grants will be used to offset the costs of developing affordable housing.

Needs of Public Housing

Over the last four years, City of Urbana staff has spent a significant amount of time and resources related to public housing improvements and anticipate a greater level of involvement in FY 2009-2010. City staff attends the regular meetings of the board of directors of the Housing Authority of Champaign County. Staff works with the Housing Authority to provide input, and foster coordination and cooperation between the two entities.

The Housing Authority completed the demolition of the 99-unit Lakeside Terrace public housing apartment complex in program year 2006 as part of the preparation for the new construction of affordable rental housing units on the site. The Illinois Housing Development Authority approved the application of Crystal View L.L.C. for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits needed to finance the redevelopment project in March 2008. The 70-unit mixed-income affordable housing project will be undertaken by Brinshore Development, L.L.C. in limited partnership with Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana, one of the Consortium's certified Community Housing Development Organizations. City staff will work with the Housing Authority staff and their development partners in order to effectively implement this redevelopment project.

As part of its Crystal View Townhomes Project (Lakeside Redevelopment), the City will continue to provide technical assistance to the Housing Authority and has allocated CDBG funds and HOME funds to the project over multiple fiscal years. The Urbana City Council has pledged to work with the Housing Authority to identify opportunities to provide replacement housing units to low-income residents, in addition to the proposed affordable units as a result of redeveloping Lakeside Terrace.

In addition to working with the Housing Authority, outreach has been targeted directly to public housing residents and Section 8 voucher holders. Section 8 voucher holders have

become homeowners with the assistance of City and Housing Authority programs over the last year. The Consortium will continue to work with both the Housing Authority and the voucher holders to improve the housing conditions and opportunities for these residents.

Addressing Barriers to Affordable Housing

The cost of housing within the Consortium is not significantly affected by public policies. The City of Champaign, the City of Urbana, and Champaign County have policies on taxation, land use, zoning, building codes, fees, etc., which are conventional and similar to other downstate Illinois and Midwest communities. Housing costs are influenced by the large number of transient tenants and homebuyers who are attending the University of Illinois. This high demand for housing has resulted in increased housing costs, especially in the rental housing market.

Additionally, the national housing market has affected housing costs throughout the entire Consortium area. With high demand for large single family homes on the fringes of the cities, there is very little affordable housing being built within the Consortium Area.

In response to the above-mentioned market influences that affect the entire Consortium, the City of Urbana has enacted the following actions to reduce any remaining barriers to affordable housing:

- The Urbana City Council periodically reviews its land development code and zoning ordinance to identify development guidelines that may unnecessarily restrict or add to housing development costs.
- The City of Urbana has not implemented incentives to develop, maintain or improve housing that have created barriers to affordable housing.
- The City of Urbana has adopted a Human Rights Ordinance that does not allow housing discrimination based on the person's source of income. This has aided persons who are provided with housing assistance to more easily identify housing opportunities.
- The City of Urbana has also prepared and adopted an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. This analysis did not identify any public policies that create barriers to affordable housing.
- The City of Urbana Community Development Services Department, when considering changes in housing related policies, will consider the potential impact any policy changes might have in creating barriers to affordable housing.
- The City will continue to seek and support educational and training opportunities, which focus on eliminating barriers to affordable housing.
- The City will support tenant advocacy and education efforts by agencies such as the C-U Tenant Union.

- In conjunction with other local governments and community entities, a validated testing program to document possible discrimination against parties to real estate transactions will be developed and conducted.
- Continue to implement strategies included in the City of Urbana Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice 2003-2004.

Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME)

The Urbana HOME Consortium invests all HOME funds as described in §92.205(b).

Resale/Recapture Provisions

Recapture Option - Homeownership (Direct Buyer Assistance).

For HOME-assisted, homeownership units, wherein HOME funds are utilized to provide direct assistance to the homebuyer, the Urbana HOME Consortium members may utilize one of two net sales proceeds formulas to recapture HOME funds in the event that affordability requirements are not met for the full term of the affordability period due to a sale of the property or foreclosure.

If the net proceeds resulting from the sale or foreclosure of a HOME assisted property are not sufficient to recapture the full amount of the HOME investment and enable the homeowner to recover the amount of the homeowner's downpayment and any capital improvements investment made by the owner since purchase, the Participating Jurisdiction will share the net proceeds. The net proceeds are the sale price minus loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and closing costs.

The net sales proceeds may be divided proportionately as set forth in one of the following mathematical formulas:

$$\frac{\text{HOME Investment}}{\text{HOME investment} + \text{Homeowner investment}} \times \text{Net Proceeds} = \text{Recaptured HOME Funds}$$

$$\frac{\text{Homeowner Investment}}{\text{HOME investment} + \text{Homeowner investment}} \times \text{Net Proceeds} = \text{Amount to homeowner}$$

Note: The City of Urbana, Urbana HOME Consortium members, and designated Community Housing Development Organizations agree that, to the extent allowable by law, to secure the HOME funds, a mortgage and promissory note shall be executed for any HOME funded homeownership property and shall be recorded against the title to the property. The mortgage and promissory note shall include the prescribed net sales proceeds provision for the recapture of HOME funds as stated above.

Resale Option – Other HOME Assisted Projects:

For other HOME assisted projects, to ensure compliance with the prescribed affordability period requirements, a resale restriction will be utilized. The resale restriction shall be in effect for the duration of the prescribed affordability period based on the amount of HOME

assistance provided and will transfer to any future owners of the assisted property should the property be sold before the expiration of the affordability period.

The City of Urbana, Urbana HOME Consortium members, and designated Community Housing Development Organizations agree that, to the extent allowable by law, a mortgage, and promissory note, and a land-use restriction agreement shall be prepared, executed and recorded against the title to the property for all other projects assisted with HOME funds as required.

The mortgage, note, and land-use restriction agreement shall include a provision restricting subsequent sales of any house to a family having income at or below 80 percent of area median family income for the period of affordability, which is determined in the HOME regulations as a function of HOME funds invested in said housing property. The mortgage, note, and land-use restriction shall be recorded against the title to the property. For rental projects, the mortgage, promissory note and land-use restriction agreement shall include rent and occupancy restrictions depending upon the amount of HOME funds invested per unit.

Refinancing a HOME Funded Project

Refinancing of a project may occur only if specifically authorized in an Annual Action Plan approved by the Urbana City Council, and then only if conditions of the refinancing are clearly stated in the Plan. To be eligible for refinancing a project must meet the following conditions:

- Refinancing cannot be the primary purpose of the HOME investment. Refinancing is only appropriate when HOME funds are loaned to rehabilitate the property for which refinancing is being requested and then only when necessary to permit or ensure continued affordability. To demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary activity for which HOME funds have been expended in connection with the property, at least \$5,000 per unit average in HOME funds must have been provided for rehabilitation of the property.
- The project sponsor requesting HOME funds for debt refinancing must demonstrate, and the City must confirm, that disinvestment in the property has not occurred, long-term needs of the project can be met through the refinancing, and servicing the targeted population over an extended affordability period is feasible.
- Refinancing may be approved either to maintain current affordable units or to create additional affordable units.
- Properties for which refinancing is approved may be located anywhere within the Urbana corporate limits.
- Properties for which refinancing is approved are subject to an affordability period of at least 5 years starting on the date the refinancing is closed.

- HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multiple-family loans made or insured by any other federal program, including but not limited to, the Community Development Block Grant Program.

AMERICAN DREAM DOWNPAYMENT INITIATIVE

The American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) was signed into law on December 16, 2003. In September 2004, the Urbana HOME Consortium launched a local ADDI program.

Purpose

Funds will be used to increase the homeownership rate within the geographic area of the Urbana HOME Consortium, especially among lower income and minority households, and to revitalize and stabilize communities. Funding will help first-time homebuyers with the biggest hurdle to homeownership: downpayment and closing costs. Rehabilitation carried out in conjunction with the assisted home purchase may also be considered.

Type of Assistance, Use of Funds and Eligible Expenses

ADDI will provide downpayment and closing costs to eligible individuals. The amount of ADDI assistance provided will not exceed the lesser of \$10,000 or five percent of the purchase price of the home.

Eligible Customers

To be eligible for ADDI assistance, individuals must be first-time homebuyers interested in purchasing single-family housing. A first-time homebuyer is defined as an individual and his or her spouse who have not owned a home during the three-year period prior to the purchase of a home with ADDI assistance. ADDI funds may be used to purchase one- to four-unit family housing, condominium units, cooperative units, or manufactured housing. Additionally, individuals who qualify for ADDI assistance must have annual household incomes that do not exceed 80% of area median income.

Plan for Conducting Targeted Outreach

The Urbana HOME Consortium will continue to make efforts to conduct targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public and manufactured housing and other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purpose of ensuring that ADDI funds are used to provide downpayment assistance for such residents, tenants and families. Efforts may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Placing of brochures, posters and other informational material in the offices, facilities of such housing opportunities and other social service agencies frequented by the families assisted by public housing agencies;
- Provide information about programs to social service agencies that provide services to families assisted by public housing agencies;
- Place information on local public access television stations;

- Place information on appropriate websites.
- Mail packets of information to persons who inquire about programs via telephone and/or internet contact.

Activities to Ensure the Suitability of Families Receiving ADDI Assistance to Undertake and Maintain Homeownership

The Urbana HOME Consortium will require that recipients of ADDI Assistance complete a homebuyer class that will be offered by lenders who are members of the Community Investment Group on a regular basis in the Urbana-Champaign community.

Efforts will be also made to incorporate additional information and instruction on home maintenance within the specific home that the participant is purchasing.

Other Actions 91.220

The City of Urbana has utilized its allocation of CDGB and HOME funds to: foster decent housing, address lead based paint, and reduce the number of persons below poverty level, and has provided assistance in coordinating housing and service agencies. These funded activities are noted within the previous listing and budget for FY 2009-2010 projects.

Following is a listing of other proposed activities by the City of Urbana to address HUD regulations 91.220(f).

Fostering Decent Housing

In 2007, construction was completed on Prairie Winds, a 92-unit Senior Retirement Center. There are 13 studio apartments and 79 one-bedroom apartments in the project. The Supportive Living Program allows Prairie Winds to offer all the apartments to Medicaid eligible and private pay persons over the age of 65. The apartments are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. The Medicaid program allows residents to move in private pay and, if needed, then convert to Medicaid without having to change apartments or be forced to move due to lack of funds. Medicaid does not require Prairie Winds to have a certain number of residents, or specific apartments, because all 92 apartments may be occupied by Medicaid residents.

The City will continue to work closely with the Community Reinvestment Group (CRG) in identifying and supporting efforts to increase homeownership. The City will work with the CRG to sponsor its ninth Annual Housing Fair during FY 2009-2010. Advertising and outreach will be stepped up in an effort to continue the increase in attendance to this popular annual event.

Discharge Policy

The City of Urbana, as a participant in the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care, has established a policy for discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care, or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge resulting in homelessness for such persons.

HOMELESS Prevention

Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

The City participates in the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care group in a cooperative effort to maximize the resources of the local municipalities (Urbana, Champaign, Champaign County and Rantoul) and the local agencies that provide assistance to the homeless and special needs population.

The activities proposed in the Annual Action Plan that are designed to address needs of homeless persons with special needs include:

- The City of Urbana CDBG budget provides \$52,108 to support the City's Transitional Housing Program for homeless families with children. This program has been operating for sixteen years.
- The City will work with local agencies that provide services to the homeless through the Continuum of Care to assist with grant applications and help facilitate interagency cooperation in addressing and preventing chronic homelessness in the community. The Continuum regularly reviews and evaluates the needs of the community for homeless and homeless prevention.
- The City may provide support to emergency and transitional shelters through the Consolidated Social Service Pool funding allocations. Obstacles to providing services to the homeless include a reduction of state and federal funding accessible to the agencies who work directly with the homeless population.
- Urbana will also continue to operate a HUD-funded Supportive Housing Program. While non-profit agencies deliver services, City staff currently administers the program and aids in structuring strategic initiatives that enhance program opportunities.
- Effective July 1, 2006, the City of Urbana transferred the Shelter Plus Care grant programs to the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC). The programs were transferred due to a reduction in City of Urbana staff capacity as a result of employee retirement. The CCRPC has sufficient staff to effectively administer the program. This transfer of the grant and associated responsibilities was approved by HUD. The services remain the same, and the CCRPC continues to work with non-profits to deliver services of the program.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

This section is ***Not Applicable***, as the City of Urbana does not receive ESG funding.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Antipoverty Strategy

Reducing the number of persons below poverty level

Urbana and Cunningham Township will provide an estimated \$300,000 to social service agencies. Most of funded projects are designed to assist lower-income households and persons below the poverty level.

City staff provides technical assistance to other non-profit organizations whose mission is to assist persons below the poverty level.

City staff also serves on a number of voluntary boards and commissions, including the Champaign County Community Services Board, and the Joint Housing Effort, whose missions are to assist in reducing the numbers of persons below poverty level.

In the upcoming year, it is anticipated that the continuing trend of new commercial development and commercial redevelopment in the City will provide additional job opportunities, which could help reduce the number of persons below poverty level. The City of Urbana is involved in (non-CDBG) economic development activities through which job opportunities have been and continue to be developed in the community. In the past two years, job opportunities have been created by the addition of a major retail store, opened in October 2008, and a discount food store on the east side of Urbana. Including new smaller businesses located throughout the City, by the end of 2008 an estimated 339 jobs will have been added through the City's commercial and economic development activities. The City is still working with a major building materials supplier who, in 2006, purchased land in the area where it will begin developing a retail store sometime in 2009-2010. It is possible that the recent economic downturn may affect the timing of the development of this new project. The City's Comprehensive Plan calls for the use of Tax Increment Financing to promote new development and redevelopment opportunities in the downtown area.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (from CPMP tool)

Priority Non-Housing Community Development Needs

The City of Urbana's community development needs and priorities are based on the needs of the community, as reflected in the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan and input received from citizens during public hearings and neighborhood meetings.

Basis for Assigning the Priority Given to Each Category of Priority Needs

The basis for assigning priority to community development needs is a function of:

- Perceived need in the community.
- Available funding.

- Special circumstances that provide for strategic opportunities.
- Relationship to the City's community development goals and Comprehensive Plan.

Specific Goals and Strategies

As indicated in the FY 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, CDBG funds can be contributed for the following projects identified in the City's Capital Improvement Plan:

Project	Funding	Timeframe
Harvey Street and sidewalks	\$235,000	2006-08
Illinois Street (Cottage Grove-Glover)	\$200,000	2007
Mathews (Church - Ellis)	\$75,000	2008
Park (Lincoln - Coler)	\$45,000	2009
Bradley (Lincoln - Coler)	\$310,000	2010
Division (Oakland - Thompson)	\$275,000	2012

These projects are eligible for CDBG funding, as the location of each of the projects meets HUD regulations that at least 51% of the persons benefiting from the project must be below 80% of the community's median family income.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

The City of Urbana, in cooperation with the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care and its member agencies, periodically conducts surveys throughout the community in order to gauge the needs of the special needs population. A Community-Wide Needs Assessment was completed in 2004.

In 2007, a 92-unit Supportive Living Facility called Prairie Winds opened in Urbana. The project consists of 13 studio apartments and 79 one-bedroom apartments. The Supportive Living Program allows Prairie Winds to offer all the apartments to both Medicaid eligible and private pay persons over the age of 65. The apartments are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Medicaid allows for persons who move into private pay to convert to Medicaid, without having to change apartments or to exit the building because of lack of funds. All 92 apartments can be occupied by Medicaid residents.

Consolidated Social Service Funding may be set aside for program activities yet to be determined which would benefit low-income residents of the CD Target Area. The Community Development Commission annually provides input to the Urbana City Council regarding priorities to be considered regarding public service funding under the CDBG.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

This section is *Not Applicable*, as the City of Urbana does not receive HOPWA funding.

**CITY OF URBANA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

FY 2009-2010

A summary listing of *Goals, Strategies, and Activities* is attached for reference as Appendix II. The applicable Goal, Strategy, and Activity is included for each Project listed below.

The following terms and abbreviations are used throughout the Annual Action Plan:

Citation = FEDERAL CITATION FOR AUTHORIZATION

Environmental = ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS

A summary listing of Specific Housing and Community Development Objectives is attached for reference.

Resources-Federal:

2009-2010 Grant	\$ 460,655
Program Income (previous year)	\$ 34,000
<u>Unobligated Carryover (estimate)</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

TOTAL FEDERAL RESOURCES (FY 2009-2010) \$ 594,655

ADMINISTRATION

General Administration Activities

Personnel - Administrative	\$ 76,641
Other Administrative Expenses	\$ 22,290
Goal 1, Strategy 1	
Citation - [24 CFR 570.206(a)]	
Environmental – EXEMPT	

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE (CDBG only) \$ 98,931 (20% Cap)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

1. Program Delivery

Personnel	\$ 76,500
Citation - [24 CFR 570.202(b)(9)]	
Environmental - EXEMPT	

2. Case Preparation

	\$ 4,000
Title work and front-end expenses associated with affordable housing initiatives.	
Citation - [24 CFR 570.202(b)(9)]	
Environmental - EXEMPT	

TOTAL PROGRAM DELIVERY EXPENSE \$ 80,500

I. NEW FUNDING ACTIVITIES

A. HOUSING REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES

1. Emergency Grant, Access Grant, and Get the Lead Out Match Programs (FY 09-10)

Funds will be contributed toward three programs:

1. Providing repairs necessary to alleviate hazardous conditions, which pose a threat to the health and safety of a homeowner. Homeowners earning less than 50% of the Median Family Income for Champaign County are eligible for the Emergency Grant Program.
2. General improvements necessary to remove barriers to accessibility by persons with disabilities. The Access Grant Program is available for renters or homeowners who earn less than 80% of Median Family Income.
3. Matching funds for the Illinois Department of Public Health Get the Lead Out Program, which will fund efforts to address lead based paint hazards in eligible housing units.

All programs are available citywide. All work activities will be accomplished through contract arrangements.

\$80,000

Goal 1, Strategy 1; Goal 3, Strategy 3; Goal 7, Strategy 2

Citation - [24 CFR 570.202(a)(1)], [24 CFR 570.202(b)(10) & (11)]

Environmental - CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicators: Number of owner-occupied households assisted with incomes at or below 50% MFI. Number of households (persons with disabilities) assisted with incomes at or below 80%.

2. Urbana Senior Repair Service (FY 09-10)

Funds will be contributed to a citywide home maintenance repair program for very low-income homeowners 62 years old or older and for very low-income homeowners with disabilities (any age). Household income must be less than 50% of the Median Family Income as established annually by HUD.

\$20,000

Goal 1, Strategy 1

Citation - [24 CFR 570.202(a)(1) & (b)(10)]

Environmental - CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing, and housing accessible to persons with disabilities. All recipients of assistance must have household incomes below 50% of the area median.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicators: Number of rehabilitated owner-occupied units with household incomes at or below 50% MFI.

3. Property Acquisition in Support of New Construction and Relocation/Clearance/Disposition Activities (FY 09-10)

Funds will be allocated for the purchase and maintenance of properties and structures primarily in Census Tracts 53, 54, 55, and 56 Block Group 1. Projects and utilization of the properties may include the following:

- Donation to non-profit housing developers to build affordable housing.
- City sponsored rehabilitation and re-sale to qualified homebuyers.
- Donation to other organizations to support CDBG-eligible programs.

Funds may also be used for the purchase of homes previously assisted with Urbana CDBG or HOME Consortium funds subject to possible foreclosure or related events that jeopardize the project benefit to low/moderate income persons. Lots will be cleared of substandard structures or debris as needed. The Federal Uniform Relocation Act will govern any necessary relocation activities. Properties may also be acquired and cleared for blight abatement purposes only. City-owned properties will be properly maintained while they are the responsibility of the City.

\$ 100,000

Goal 2, Strategy 1; Goal 9, Strategy 4

Citation - [24 CFR 570.201(a)(b)(d)(f)(1)(ii)&(i)]

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of rehabilitated owner-occupied units with household incomes at or below 80% MFI. Number of parcels donated to CHDOs and non-profits for affordable housing development.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS

1. A Woman's Fund (FY 09-10)

Funds will be used towards the complete renovation of two client bathrooms in order to make them more accessible to clients of all abilities, at the shelter operated by A Woman's Place, located at 1304 East Main Street, Urbana.

\$19,012.00 (Community Development Commission recommendation)

Goal 6, Strategy 4

Citation – [24 CFR 570.201(c)]

Environmental – CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by providing access to services and counseling for homeless domestic violence victims with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing.

Outcomes: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Number of persons who will benefit from this project, with increased access to this shelter (estimated: 329).

2. Disabled Citizens Foundation (FY 09-10)

Funds will be used in support of renovations for the DSC Scovill Group Home, located at 2504 Scovill Circle, Urbana. The Scovill Home is a licensed, eight-bed group home and is currently home to five (5) residents, all of whom receive services through Developmental Services Center. This building is approximately 37 years old and needs renovation to maintain the highest level of functionality. This project would enable adults with developmental disabilities who reside there access to an updated living environment and the opportunity for the highest level of independence in the least restrictive environment, in addition to providing sustainability for the Urbana neighborhood where the home is located.

\$32,821.00 (Community Development Commission recommendation)

Goal 6, Strategy 4

Citation – [24 CFR 570.201(c)]

Environmental – CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by providing access to services and housing for persons with developmental disabilities.

Outcomes: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Number of persons who will benefit from this project, with increased access to this housing facility (estimated: 5).

3. Neighborhood Sidewalks

Funds are proposed to be used to construct new sidewalks or reconstruct existing sidewalks in target area neighborhoods.

\$43,000

Goal 8, Strategy 1

Citation - [24 CFR 92.205(a)(1)]

Environmental – ASSESSMENT

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing infrastructure access to owner-occupied households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcomes: Accessibility for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment

Outcome Indicators: Number of households in targeted area with incomes at or below 80% MFI with improved access to public infrastructure.

4. CT 53 Streetlight Reconstruction

Funds are being reserved for a future project that will reconstruct the streetlights in part of Census Tract 53 one of the City's Target areas.

\$47,783

Goal 8, Strategy 1

Citation - [24 CFR 92.205(a)(1)]

Environmental – ASSESSMENT

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing infrastructure access to owner-occupied households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcomes: Accessibility for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment

Outcome Indicators: Number of households in targeted area with incomes at or below 80% MFI with improved access to public infrastructure.

C. Public Service Activities

1. Transitional Housing for Homeless Families With Children (FY 09-10)

Funds will be contributed to the City of Urbana's transitional housing program. Three to Five dwellings will be available for homeless families with children. Rent receipts will be another source of revenue. Properties acquired by the City through a federal funding source will be properly mowed and cleaned according to city ordinance as long as they are the responsibility of the City.

\$33,000 (personnel)

\$19,108 (programming)

\$52,108

Goal 6, Strategy 2

Citation - [24 CFR 570.201(b)&(e)]

Environmental - EXEMPT

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing housing and access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of households assisted to prevent homelessness.

2. Public Service Activities under Consolidated Social Service Funding Program (FY 09-10)

The balance of available funding at 15% of the current entitlement will be allocated for program activities yet to be determined which would benefit low-income residents of the CD Target Area. The Community Development Commission has designated the priorities to be considered by the Urbana City Council for public service funding under the CDBG.

\$12,500

Goal 5, Strategy 3; Goal 5, Strategy 4; Goal 5, Strategy 5; Goal 5, Strategy 7; Goal 6, Strategy 1; Goal 6, Strategy 2

Citation - [24 CFR 570.201(e)]

Environmental - EXEMPT

*Specific programs to be determined - Social Service Funding Process.

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Number of persons assisted with new or improved access to a public service.

3. Neighborhood Cleanup (FY 09-10)

One-day, neighborhood clean-up activities will be held in Fall 2009 and Spring, 2010, in the Community Development Target Area. Activities will include disposal of junk, debris, and recyclable metal. The program will be co-sponsored by the Urbana Public Works Department.

\$15,500 (\$8,000 CDBG, \$7,500 NIF)

Goal 8, Strategy 1

Citation - [24 CFR 570.201(e)]

Environmental - EXEMPT

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by improving the appearance of the targeted areas by reducing blight.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Number of households provided with a new or improved service (estimated: 500).

II. CARRYOVER ACTIVITIES (Projected)

Following is an *estimate* of CDBG funding that will be carried over to the FY 2009-2010 in order to complete projects and activities previously budgeted.

A. HOUSING ACTIVITIES

1. Clearance of Slum and Blighted Conditions (FY 06-07)

Funds will be used for clearance of secondary buildings and structures that create health and safety concerns.

\$5,000 (reduced)

Goal 9, Strategy 4

Citation – [24CFR 570.201(a)(1) & (b)(10)]

Environmental - CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by providing assistance to property owners in the target area having household incomes at or below 50% MFI in removing dilapidated structures from their owner-occupied property.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicators: Number of blighted structures removed.

2. Property Acquisition in Support of New Construction and Relocation/Clearance/Disposition Activities (FY 08-09)

Funds will be allocated for the purchase and maintenance of properties and structures primarily in Census Tracts 53, 54, 55, and 56 Block Group 1. Projects and utilization of the properties may include the following:

- Donation to non-profit housing developers to build affordable housing.
- City sponsored rehabilitation and re-sale to qualified homebuyers.
- Donation to other organizations to support CDBG-eligible programs.

Funds may also be used for the purchase of homes previously assisted with Urbana CDBG or HOME Consortium funds subject to possible foreclosure or related events that jeopardize the project benefit to low/moderate income persons. Lots will be cleared of substandard structures, vegetation or debris as needed. The Federal Uniform Relocation Act will govern any necessary relocation activities. Properties may also be acquired and cleared for blight abatement purposes only. City-owned properties will be properly maintained while they are the responsibility of the City.

\$ 75,000

Goal 2, Strategy 1; Goal 9, Strategy 4

Citation - [24 CFR 570.201(a)(b)(d)(f)(1)(ii)&(i)]

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of rehabilitated owner-occupied units with household incomes at or below 80% MFI. Number of parcels donated to CHDOs and non-profits for affordable housing development.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS -

The following Public Facility and Improvement projects are anticipated to be carried over to FY 2009-2010.

1. Capital Improvement Projects - Kerr Avenue Sustainable Development

Funds will to be used towards installation of infrastructure at the Kerr Avenue sustainable, affordable housing development.

\$61,318

Goal 8, Strategy 1

Citation - [24 CFR 92.205(a)(1)]

Environmental – ASSESSMENT

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing infrastructure access to owner-occupied households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcomes: Accessibility for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment

Outcome Indicators: Number of households in targeted area with incomes at or below 80% MFI with improved access to public infrastructure.

2. Crystal View Townhomes (Lakeside Terrace Redevelopment)

FY 05-06 & FY 07-08 CDBG funds totaling \$100,000 will be combined with previously budgeted Urbana HOME (FY 06-07 & FY 07-08) toward the redevelopment of affordable rental housing units at the Crystal View Townhomes. The project must be consistent with affordable housing goals as outlined in the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan, 2005 Comprehensive Plan, and 2004 Lakeside Redevelopment Plan, and comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations.

\$100,000 (CDBG)

Goal 2, Strategy 1

Citation - [24 CFR 92.205(a)(1)]

Environmental – ASSESSMENT

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by constructing new mixed-income housing that includes least thirty units for residents whose household incomes were at or below 60% MFI.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of rental units available to low-income households (at or below 60%MFI).

Projected CDBG Budget FY 2009-2010

FY 2009-2010

Federal Allocation (Grant)	\$ 460,655
Previous year Program Income	\$ 34,000
Reprogrammed from previous years	\$ 100,000
TOTAL TO ALLOCATE (ESTIMATE)	\$ 594,655
ADMINISTRATION (20%) \$ 98,931	
Personnel	\$ 76,641
Other Administration	\$ 22,290
PUBLIC SERVICE (15%) <i>Trans Hsg/NHD Cleanup/Consol Soc Serv</i>	\$72,608
Transitional Housing personnel	\$ 33,000
Transitional Housing programming	\$ 19,108
Neighborhood Cleanup (\$8,000 CDBG, \$7,500 NIF)	\$ 8,000
Consolidated Social Service Fund	\$ 12,500
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS	\$ 280,500
Housing-Related Program Delivery (subtotal \$80,500)	
Personnel	\$ 76,500
Case Preparation	\$ 4,000
Housing-Related Programs (subtotal \$200,000)	
Emergency/Access/GLO Programs	\$ 80,000
Urbana Senior Repair	\$ 20,000
Property Acquisition-Support of Affordable Housing & Neighborhood Improvement	\$ 100,000
PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$142,616
NEW - A Woman's Place	\$ 19,012
NEW - Disabled Citizens Foundation	\$ 32,821
PROPOSED - Neighborhood Sidewalks	\$43,000
PROPOSED - NEW CT 53 Streetlight Reconstruction	\$ 47,783
TOTAL - FY 09-10 New Activities	\$ 594,655
CARRYOVER PROJECTS and AMOUNT (Estimated below) \$241,318	
Clearance of Slum/Blight (secondary structure removal)	\$ 5,000
Crystal View Townhomes (05/06, 07/08)	\$ 100,000
Property Acquisition in Support of New Construction	\$ 75,000
Reserve for Capital Improvement Projects - Kerr Ave, etc. (08/09)	\$ 61,318
GRAND TOTAL CDBG PROGRAM FUNDING (FY 09-10 plus Carryover)	\$835,973

**URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

FY 2009–2010

The applicable Goal, Strategy, and Activity is included for each of the Projects listed below.

The following terms and abbreviations are used throughout the Annual Action Plan:

Citation = FEDERAL CITATION FOR AUTHORIZATION

Environmental = ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS

Resources-Federal

2009-2010 HOME Grant:	\$ 1,010,254
2009-2010 ADDI	\$ 9,506
Estimated Carry-over Funds: ADDI	\$ 24,912
Estimated Carry-over Funds: Admin	\$ 17,412
Funds available for re-programming (Program Income)	
Champaign	\$ 27,125
Urbana	\$ 1,000
Champaign County	\$ 0

Resources-Other

Local Match HOME:	\$ 168,679
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<i>TOTAL REVENUES</i>	<i>\$ 1,258,890</i>
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A. ADMINISTRATION (10% SET-ASIDE, NO MATCH REQUIREMENT)

*FY08-09 Allocation:	\$ 101,025
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Administration Activities:

Personnel
Supplies and other expenses
Citation - [24 CFR 92.206(d)]
Environmental – EXEMPT

City of Urbana	\$ 89,408
City of Champaign	\$ 8,890
Champaign County	<u>\$ 2,727</u>

<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	<i>\$ 101,025</i>
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B. COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (CHDO) RESERVE SET-ASIDE (15¹% SET-ASIDE IS REQUIRED EACH YEAR, MATCH PROVIDED BY CHDO)

FY 09-10 TOTAL Allocation Available Minimum: \$ 151,530

Funds are allocated to Affordable Housing Projects for which locally certified CHDOs will act as owner, sponsor or developer.

1. Homestead Affordable Homeownership Program (FY 09-10)

Funds will be provided to the Homestead Corporation to assist with the lot purchase, development and new construction of three (3) single family homes to be sold to income qualifying households. Funds will augment those committed in FY 08-09
\$80,000 HOME (Additional \$20,000 Match must be provided by CHDO)

Goal 2, Strategy1, Activity 1

Citation – [24CFR92.206(d)]

Environmental – Non-Exempt/Non-Categorically Excluded

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing an opportunity for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median to become homeowners.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of owner-occupied units – Three (3). Amount of funding leveraged through local match.

2. Ecological Construction Laboratory (FY 09-10)

“Super Energy Efficient Modular Single Family Home”

Funds will augment previous year funds and be provided to the Ecological Construction Laboratory to facilitate the construction of new, affordable owner-occupied housing unit in Urbana. The funds may be used for land preparation, construction activities, costs, professional services, and downpayment assistance. The unit will be designed to incorporate passive solar energy systems.

\$14,000 (Additional \$3,500 Match must be provided by CHDO)

Goal 2, Strategy1, Activity 1

Citation – [24CFR92.206(d)]

Environmental – Non-Exempt/Non-Categorically Excluded

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing an opportunity for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median to become homeowners.

¹ HUD requires that 15% of the grant funds awarded to a Participating Jurisdiction be set aside for CHDO Projects.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of owner-occupied units - One (1). Amount of funding leveraged through local match.

3. Ecological Construction Laboratory (FY 09-10)

“Super Energy Efficient Modular Duplex”

Funds will be provided to the Ecological Construction Laboratory to facilitate the construction of new, affordable owner-occupied housing units in Urbana, Champaign or unincorporated Champaign County. The funds may be used for land preparation, construction activities, costs, professional services, and downpayment assistance. The unit will be designed to incorporate passive solar energy systems.

\$90,000 (Additional \$22,500 Match must be provided by CHDO)

Goal 2, Strategy1, Activity 1

Citation – [24CFR92.206(d)]

Environmental – Non-Exempt/Non-Categorically Excluded

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing an opportunity for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median to become homeowners.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of owner-occupied units - Two (2). Amount of funding leveraged through local match.

CHDO Project Expenses:

Homestead Affordable Homeownership	\$ 80,000
E-co lab Super Energy Efficient Single Family	\$ 14,000
E-co Lab Super Energy Efficient Duplex	<u>\$ 90,000</u>
<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	<i>\$ 184,000</i>

C. COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (CHDO)
OPERATING SET-ASIDE (5% Maximum Set-Aside, No Match Requirement)

FY 09-10 Total Allocation Available Maximum: \$50,512

Funds are allocated to locally certified CHDOs for eligible operating expenses that support the capacity building efforts of the organization and that are likely to lead to its fiscal independence and stability.

Goal 2, Strategy 1, Activity 5

Citation - [24 CFR 92.208(a)]

Environmental - EXEMPT

Ecological Construction Laboratory (e-co lab) **\$25,256**

Homestead Corporation **\$25,256**

Total CHDO Operating Expense: \$50,512

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by increasing capacity of Community Development Housing Organizations to identify and implement programs that will provide affordable housing opportunities to income qualified recipients (at or below 60% of area median for rental and at or below 80% of the area median for homeownership).

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of households assisted through two Community Housing Development Organizations.

D. CITY OF CHAMPAIGN

FY 09-10 Allocation:	\$ 370,419
Program Income:	\$ 27,125
Match Funds:	<u>\$ 92,605</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$ 490,149

1. Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab

Funding will be used to continue the Full Home Improvement program. HOME funds may be combined with Federal Home Loan Bank and private loan funding to assist low-income homeowners with major home repairs. Grants and low-interest HOME loans in the amount of \$25,000 per household are intended to address code deficiencies, major renovation needs, and lead-based paint hazards.

\$375,000 (\$300,000 HOME; \$75,000 Match)

Goal 1, Strategy 1, Activity 3

Citation - [24 CFR 92.206(a)(2)]

Environmental – Assessment Required

Recapture Provision

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by addressing conditions that are a result of deferred maintenance through rehabilitation of homes of recipients from three income categories, at or below 30% MFI, 31-50% MFI and 51-80% MFI. Program is intended to improve the quality of the housing stock by bringing units into compliance with applicable code requirements, eliminating lead based paint hazards, and improving exterior appearance.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of owner-occupied households assisted at or below 30% MFI. Number of owner-occupied households assisted at 31-50% MFI. Number of owner-occupied households assisted at 51-80% MFI. Amount of funding leveraged through local match.

2. Lot Acquisition Program

Funding will be used to acquire and clear land for future redevelopment as affordable housing. Eligible costs include acquisition, demolition, and clearance of the land. Funding will be available to non-profit agencies and CHDOs, as well as the City. Properties to be acquired will be located in the City's low-income neighborhoods.

\$70,560 (\$56,448 HOME; \$14,112 Match)

Goal 2, Strategy 1, Activity 1

Citation – [24 CFR 92.206(d)]

Environmental – Non-Exempt/Non-Categorically Excluded
Resale Provision

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of parcels acquired and developed into affordable housing. Amount of funding leveraged through local match.

3. Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

Funds may be allocated to existing programs, such as the Purchase-Rehab-Downpayment or Lot Acquisition Property programs, other programs currently under development, or programs that may be proposed, that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City and City Council. Programs must comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations, including but not limited to HOME regulations.

\$44,589 (\$13,971 HOME; 27,125 Program Income; \$ 3,493 Match)

Goal 2, Strategy1, Activity 1

Citation – [24 CFR 92.206(d)]

Environmental – Non-Exempt/Non-Categorically Excluded

Resale

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by creating affordable housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of units affordable owner occupied units purchased and/or rehabbed. Amount of funding leveraged through local match

Whole House Rehabilitation	\$ 375,000
Lot Acquisition Program	\$ 70,560
Neighborhood Revitalization Program	\$ <u>44,589</u>
<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	<i>\$ 490,149</i>

E. CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

FY 09-10 Allocation:	\$ 85,014
Match Funds:	<u>\$ 21,254</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$ 106,268

1. Housing Rehabilitation

Champaign County will use its share of HOME funds to provide rehabilitation assistance to both investor-owned properties, as well as single-family owner-occupied projects. It is anticipated the primary program focus will be on single-family owner-occupied rehabilitation.

\$ 99,668 (\$79,734 HOME; \$19,934 Match)

Goal 1, Strategy 1, Activity 3

Citation - [24 CFR 92.206(a)(2)]

Environmental – Assessment Required

Recapture

2. Program Delivery

Champaign County will allocate a portion of its funds for staffing and overhead expenses related to its housing rehabilitation program.

\$ 6,600 HOME

Goal 1, Strategy 1, Activity 3

Citation - [24 CFR 92.207]

Environmental – Exempt

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by addressing conditions that are a result of deferred maintenance through rehabilitation of homes of recipients with household income at or below 80% MFI. Program is intended to improve the quality of the housing stock by bringing units into compliance with applicable code requirements, eliminating lead based paint hazards, and improving exterior appearance.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of assisted owner-occupied households with income at or below 80% MFI. Amount of funding leveraged through local match.

Rehab	\$ 99,668
Program Delivery	<u>\$ 6,600</u>
<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	<i>\$ 106,268</i>

F. CITY OF URBANA

FY 09-10 Allocation:	\$ 219,283
Program Income (est.)	\$ 1,000
Match Funds:	<u>\$ 54,821</u>
Total Available Funds:	\$ 275,104

1. Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation

Funds will be allocated for the rehabilitation of six-seven (6-7) units, including grants and deferred-payment loans in the amount of \$25,000-\$28,000 per household that are intended to address code deficiencies, major renovation needs, relocation expenses and lead-based paint concerns.

\$175,000 (\$139,200 HOME; \$34,800 Match; \$1,000 PI)

Goal 1, Strategy 1, Activity 3

Citation - [24 CFR 92.206(a)(2)]

Environmental – Assessment Required

Recapture

Objective: Provide Decent Housing to owner occupants by addressing conditions that are a result of deferred maintenance through rehabilitation of homes of recipients from two income categories, at or below 50% MFI and between 51-80% MFI. Program is intended to improve the quality of the housing stock by bringing units into compliance with applicable code requirements, eliminating lead based paint hazards, and improving exterior appearance.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of owner-occupied households assisted at or below 50% MFI. Number of owner-occupied households assisted at 51-80% MFI. Amount of funding leveraged through local match.

2. Program Delivery

Funds will be allocated for coordination and delivery of HOME projects funded with the City of Urbana's share of HOME Consortium funds.

\$70,000 (\$56,000 HOME; \$14,000 Match)

Goal 1, Strategy 1, Activity 3

Citation - [24 CFR 92.207]

Environmental – EXEMPT

Objective: Provide Decent Housing to owner occupants by addressing conditions that are a result of deferred maintenance through rehabilitation of homes of recipients from two income categories, at or below 50% MFI and between 51-80% MFI. Program is intended to improve the quality of the housing stock by bringing units into compliance with applicable code requirements, eliminating lead based paint hazards, and improving exterior appearance.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of owner-occupied households assisted at or below 50% MFI. Number of owner-occupied households assisted at 51-80% MFI. Amount of funding leveraged through local match.

3. City Redevelopment Programs

Funds may be allocated to existing programs, such as the Purchase-Rehab-Resale or Property Acquisition programs, other programs currently under development, or programs that may be proposed, that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council and Grants Management Division. Programs must comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations, including but not limited to HOME regulations.

\$30,104 (\$24,083 HOME \$6,021 Match)

Goal 2, Strategy1, Activity 1

Citation – [24CFR92.206(d)]

Environmental – Non-Exempt/Non-Categorically Excluded

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing an opportunity for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median to become homeowners.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of owner-occupied units - One (1). Amount of funding leveraged through local match.

Rehabilitation	\$175,000
Program Delivery	\$ 70,000
City Redevelopment Funds	<u>\$ 30,104</u>
<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	<i>\$275,104</i>

G. AMERICAN DREAM DOWNPAYMENT INITIATIVE

As for the past ADDI allocations, the Urbana HOME Consortium Technical Committee proposes that the funding be pro-rated using the same allocation as the HOME funding. This would allow the members of the Consortium to pursue individual homebuyer programs or pool their respective funding if they desire.

	Grand Total
FY 09-10 Allocation:	\$ 9,506
*Carryover Funds:	\$ 24,914
Total Available:	\$ 34,420

*Carry-over amounts based on funds disbursed as of 2/20/2009.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing an opportunity for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median to become homeowners.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of households receiving direct financial assistance, down payment assistance and housing counseling.

H. Projected HOME Program Budget

	2009-2010	Comments
Program Area	Budget	
FY 09-10 HOME Funds	\$ 1,010,254	(estimated allocation)
FY 09-10 ADDI Funds	\$ 9,506	
Carryover funds - ADDI	\$ 24,914	ADDI funds available FY 04-05, FY 05-06, FY 06-07, FY 07-08
Program Income Estimate		
-Champaign	\$ 27,125	
-Urbana	\$ 1,000	
Local Match	\$ 168,769	
Carryover Admin funds Urbana	\$ 17,412	
Total Budget	\$1,258,890	
FY 09-10 Administration 10% of Grant	\$ 101,025	
City of Urbana Admin Carryover	\$ 15,000	<i>Estimate</i>
<i>Total Available</i>	\$ 116,025	
City of Urbana	\$ 104,403	<i>(\$89,403 for FY 09-10 plus \$15,000 est. carry over)</i>
City of Champaign	\$ 11,302	<i>(\$8,890 FY 09-10 plus \$2,412 est. carry over)</i>
Champaign County	\$ 2,727	
CHDO Project Funds	\$ 184,000	
Homestead Affordable Homeownership	\$ 80,000	
E-co Lab Modular Single Family	\$ 14,000	
E-co Lab Modular Duplex	\$ 90,000	
CHDO Operating (5%)	\$ 50,512	
Homestead	\$ 25,256	
e-co lab	\$ 25,256	
ADDI	\$ 34,420	
FY 09-10 ADDI Allocation	\$ 9,506	Total estimation of new allocation and carryover funds. Remaining ADDI funds are now available on a first come first serve consortium wide basis and not allocated via jurisdiction.
Previous FY carryover	\$ 24,914	
Funds Available	Subtotal Allocated Funds	\$ 268,932
	Remaining Funds for Allocation	\$989,958

		2009-2010	Comments
	Program Area	Budget	
Member Split	City of Champaign - 54.9%	\$ 370,419	Individual member allocations are determined by applying the established ratio to the FY2009-2010 Allocation, less current year set-asides.
	Champaign County - 12.6%	\$ 85,014	
	City of Urbana - 32.5%	\$ 219,283	
Champaign Budget Detail	CMI ADMINISTRATION		
	<i>Personnel & admin expenses</i>	\$ 11,302	
	CMI CITY PROJECTS		
	HOME Funds Available	\$ 370,419	Match obligation will be provided using Federal Home Loan Bank and UDAG funding
	Program Income (est)	\$ 27,125	
	Match Amount	\$ 92,605	
	Total Funds Available	\$ 490,149	
	Owner Occupied Rehab	\$ 375,000	
	Lot Acquisition Program	\$ 70,560	
	Existing Affordable Housing Programs	\$ 44,589	
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 490,149	<i>Does not include Admin</i>
County Budget Detail	CTY - ADMINISTRATION		
	<i>Personnel & admin expenses</i>	\$ 2,727	
	COUNTY PROJECTS		
	HOME Funds Available	\$ 85,014	Entire Match obligation is provided through contributions to project expenses from County general funds.
	Match Amount	\$ 21,254	
	Total Funds Available	\$ 106,268	
	Owner Occupied Housing Rehab	\$ 99,668	
	Program Delivery	\$ 6,600	
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 106,268	<i>Does not include admin</i>	
Urbana Budget Detail	URB - ADMINISTRATION		
	<i>Personnel & admin expenses</i>	\$ 104,408	
	URB CITY PROJECTS		
	HOME Funds Available	\$ 220,283	FY 09-10 allocation & Program Income
	Match Amount	\$ 54,821	
	Total Funds Available	\$275,104	FY 09-10 Allocation, Program Income and Match
	Program Delivery	\$ 70,000	<i>Match obligation \$ 14,000</i>
	Owner Occupied Housing Rehab	\$ 175,000	<i>Match obligation \$ 37,500 (after PI expended)</i>
	Kerr Avenue Redevelopment	\$ 30,104	<i>Match obligation \$ 7,276</i>
	<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 275,104	<i>Does not include Admin</i>
SUMMARY			
	Total Available Funds	\$989,958	
	Total Allocated Funds	\$989,958	
	Balance	\$0	

Appendix I:

**Project Worksheets
(Not included in DRAFT AAP)**

Appendix II:

Goals, Strategies, and Activities To Address Local Funding Priorities And Community Need

APPENDIX II

Goals, Strategies and Activities to Address Local Funding Priorities and Community Need

Goal 1: Preserve and improve supply of affordable housing as a community resource.

Strategy 1: Continue and expand city's repair and rehab programs.

Activity 1: Senior repair: Provide home repair service for approximately 175 very low-income elderly households over a five-year period to help maintain those households in their homes longer thus reducing demand for higher levels of sheltered care. In addition to home repair, the service would provide referrals to other home-care programs such as Meals on Wheels.

Activity 2: Emergency Grants: Provide emergency repair service for approximately 55 low-income residents over a five-year period to help maintain those households in their homes longer thus reducing demand for higher levels of sheltered care.

Activity 3: Whole House Rehab: Provide loans and grants for major home improvements for low-income homeowners to approximately 25 households over the next five years.

Activity 4: GLO: Provide lead hazard reduction for approximately 8 single family residences over the next five years, in coordination with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Activity 5: Purchase Rehab Resale: Purchase housing that is structurally sound but in need of major code-related renovation, and rehabilitate property for sale as affordable housing to income-qualified households.

Strategy2: Support and encourage home maintenance programs.

Activity 1: Encourage counseling and educational opportunities and resources, which teach homeownership maintenance skills.

Goal 2: Provide decent affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.

Strategy 1: Increase supply of affordable housing available to low and moderate income households.

Activity 1: Support new construction for homeownership sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits.

Activity 2: Support new construction of affordable rental units sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits.

Activity 3: Support and provide guidance for for-profit developers building new affordable renter and owner units.

Activity 4: Support construction of new affordable rental units through LIHTC, in compatible areas.

Activity 5: Encourage the development of non-profit housing development organizations eligible for CHDO status.

Strategy 2: Expand homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income households.

Activity 1: Support and encourage homeownership education programs.

Activity 2: Support the Housing Authority of Champaign County's Section 8 Homeownership program.

Activity 3: Support the Urban League of Champaign County's Lease Purchase Program.

Activity 4: Directly encourage homeownership through DP assistance programs such as the American Dream Downpayment Initiative, and programs funded with Private bond activity funds.

Goal 3: Address barriers to obtaining affordable housing.

Strategy 1: Address issues faced by certain special populations, such as seniors and individuals in need of supportive service/ substance abuse treatment.

Strategy 2: Provide assistance for affordable permanent housing for persons with targeted disabilities.

Strategy 3: Support efforts to increase accessible and visitable housing units for persons with disabilities.

Activity 1: Encourage housing developers to include visitability/accessibility measures in new construction efforts.

Activity 2: Access Grants: Provide grants for approximately 25 low-income residents over a five-year period to increase the supply of accessible and visitable housing.

Strategy 2: The Urbana Human Relations Division will promote community awareness of the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance and will provide fair housing training for landlords and tenants.

Activity 1: Education and training opportunities, which focus on eliminating barriers to affordable housing, will be encouraged.

Activity 2: Encourage the Urbana Human Relations Division, the Building Safety Division, and PACE, Inc. to join forces in an effort to acquaint developers with local codes and fair housing laws to insure that handicapped units are produced when new housing is constructed.

Activity 3: Support tenant advocacy and educational efforts by agencies such as the C-U Tenant Union.

Activity 4: In conjunction with other local governments and community entities, a validated testing program to document possible discrimination against parties to real estate transactions will be developed and conducted.

Goal 4: Work with HACC to improve conditions for residents of public housing.

Strategy 1: Promote substantial upgrading of the living environment for residents of Urbana public housing, particularly family units.

Activity 1: The City will assist in developing a plan which partners with the private sector to use private dollars to leverage HOPE VI or other Federal funds, to replace the demolished units with a combination of new on-site units, scattered-site units and Section 8 rent subsidies. At least 80% of demolished units will be replaced with permanent, subsidized housing units that will be affordable to extremely low-income families with children, irrespective of their income.

Strategy 2: Encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to increase the number of affordable housing units available to extremely low-income households. Seek additional means of subsidizing very low-income households with rental assistance.

Strategy 3: Encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to increase the earning potential of extremely low-income households.

Strategy 4: Strongly encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to rehabilitate existing units and develop new units, which would be accessible to families, which include persons with disabilities.

Strategy 5: Encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to follow a similar process and design as the Burch Village and Lakeside Terrace redevelopment projects for the demolition or redevelopment of any other Public Housing units.

Goal 5: Support community efforts to provide services and training for low- and moderate-income residents.

Strategy 1: Encourage appropriate area social service agencies to provide additional economic assistance for persons who pay out-of-pocket expenses for medical and psychological services, perhaps by developing a centralized process to contact pharmaceutical companies with requests for donations of medicines.

Strategy 2: Encourage appropriate area social service agencies to expand recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities and alternatives for very low-income youth and young adults.

Strategy 3: Support expansion of job-training programs for low-income individuals by area social service agencies, and encourage them to conduct a review of all available programs to determine if they meet current need.

Strategy 4: Support area providers such as the Senior Services Division of Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and Family Service of Champaign County in their efforts to provide supportive services to low-income elderly persons residing in Urbana.

Strategy 5: Support efforts by local service providers to area youth to increase supportive services available to at-risk youth.

Strategy 6: Encourage existing childcare facilities to expand services to late night/overnight and weekend hours.

Strategy 7: Support development of a program(s) by areas agencies to provide transitional housing services and/or foster care to teen parents of young children.

Strategy 8: Encourage current and newly created companies to hire low-income persons by providing public incentives linked directly to hiring local residents.

Strategy 9: Support agencies that provide services to victims of domestic violence.

Goal 6: Provide Support for existing agencies delivering services to homeless individuals and families and encourage the expansion of local services to meet community homeless needs.

Strategy 1: Support the existing network of local homeless services.

Activity 1: Continue to provide leadership and support of Continuum of Care.

Activity 2: Provide support to emergency and transitional shelters through Consolidated Social Service Pool fund allocations.

Strategy 2: Improve and expand the existing network of local homeless services.

Activity 1: Support and encourage local efforts to acquire additional grant funding.

Activity 2: Support accurate and comprehensive data management through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and annual surveys.

Activity 3: Encourage expansion of transitional housing for women and children.

Activity 4: Encourage development of emergency shelter services or transitional housing for homeless two-parent households with children.

Activity 5: Encourage development of transitional living facilities for adults and youth with substance abuse issues.

Activity 6: Encourage the development of a shelter facility to provide emergency services for elderly persons who are victims of domestic violence.

Strategy 3: Regularly review and evaluate the needs of the community for homeless and homeless prevention service, and encourage local agencies to match service provided to community needs.

Activity 1: Encourage and support area agencies to develop services such as Supportive Housing and Safe Havens for targeted populations such as homeless teens, teen parents, families, persons with disabilities, etc.

Strategy 4: Take steps to stabilize households at risk of homelessness.

Activity 1: Develop and support rental assistance programs, with and without supportive services for extremely low and very low income persons.

Activity 2: Support programs offering permanent housing solutions for low and extremely low income households (see Goal 1).

Activity 3: Support educational services including financial literacy, homeowner education and debt management.

Goal 7: Support efforts to reduce the exposure of young children to lead-based paint hazards in their homes.

Strategy 1: Coordinate public and private efforts to reduce lead poisoning hazards and protect young children.

Activity 1: Encourage Private Funding.

Activity 2: Expand Childhood Testing.

Activity 3: Prevention Education.

Strategy 2: Reduce lead-based paint hazards in residential housing, particularly homes occupied by young children.

Activity 1: Lead Assessment in Housing Assistance Programs.

Activity 2: Preserve and Expand Funding for Lead Hazard Reduction Activities.

Activity 3: Temporary Relocation of Occupants during Lead Hazard Work.

Activity 4: Lead Contractor Incentives.

Activity 5: Distribution of Lead Contractor List.

Goal 8: Support infrastructure improvements in Urbana's Community Development Target Area.

Strategy 1: The majority of CDBG funds will be targeted toward improvements in and services to the City's Community Development Target Area.

Strategy 2: The City shall allocate to its designated Community Development Target Area its proportionate share of City capital improvement funds for upgrading infrastructure. CDBG funds may be set-aside during one fiscal year for

infrastructure projects scheduled in another fiscal year in order to fulfill a commitment to a scheduled project.

Goal 9: Preserve and support Urbana's neighborhoods as vibrant places to live.

Strategy 1: Explore the creation of a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy for low-income Urbana neighborhoods.

Strategy 2: Clearly identify and document designated Brownfields and seek additional funding sources to alleviate same.

Strategy 3: Through its Neighborhood Organization Grant Program, the City shall support development of private non-profit organizations to deliver programs on the neighborhood level.

Activity 1: Using CDBG monies, fund a Neighborhood Organization Grant program to encourage the creation and development of local groups concerned with furthering the interests of the neighborhood. The primary purpose of this program would be to assist such groups to accomplish non-profit status by obtaining a 501(c)3 designation, thereby making them eligible for additional funding.

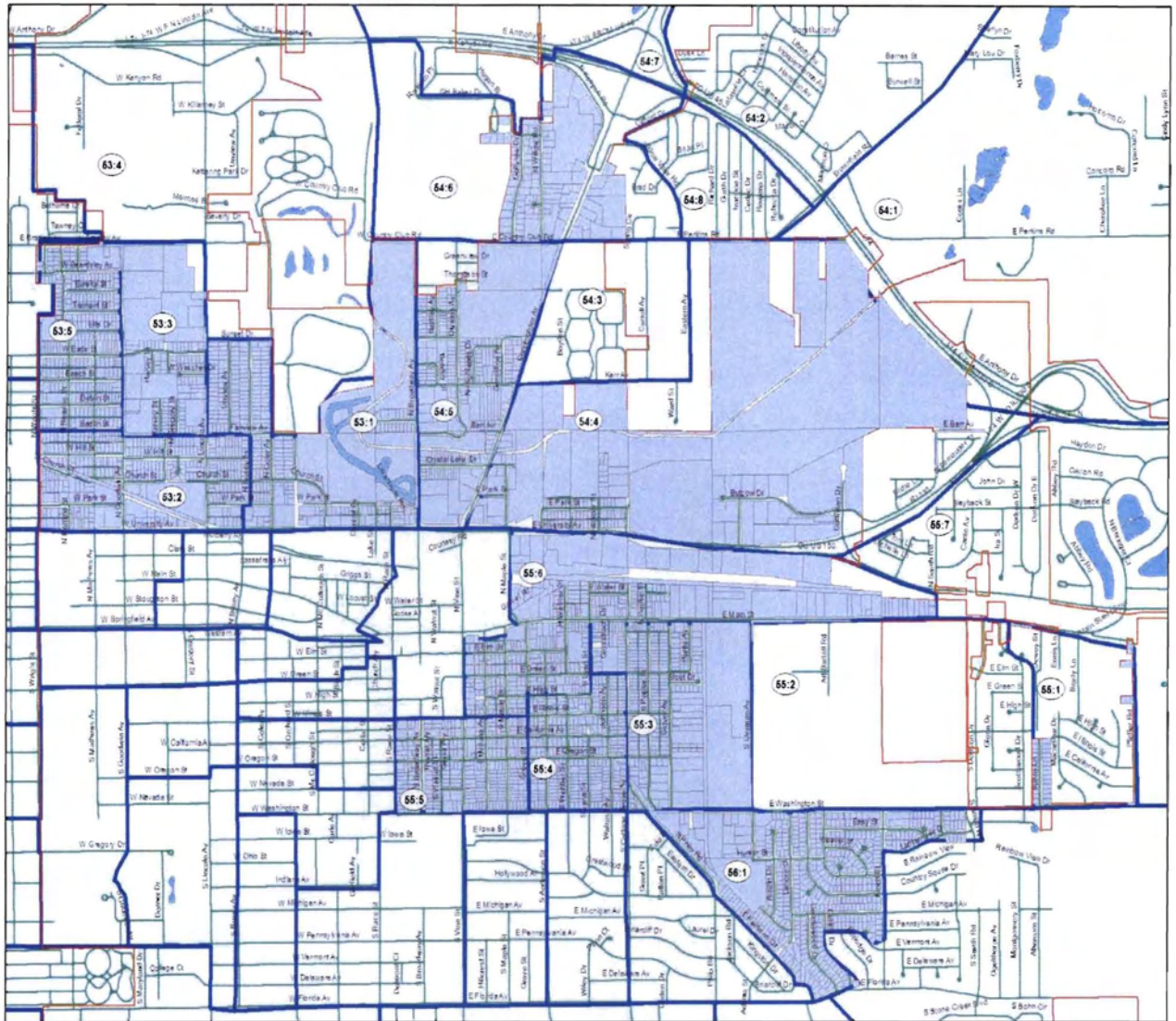
Strategy 4: Acquire and clear deteriorated housing and vacant lots for donation to non-profit home construction programs. Acquisition and clearance efforts will be focused on the King Park Neighborhood in accordance with the King Park Neighborhood Plan.

Activity 1: Using HOME/CDBG funds acquire vacant properties and deteriorated and/or substandard structures that will be cleared as necessary, for donation to a non-profit housing developer for the purpose of new construction of affordable housing. The City will properly maintain such properties until transfer of ownership occurs.


Appendix III:

Community Development Target Area Map

Community Development Target Area Effective July 1, 2005



Legend

-  Urbana Corporate Boundary
-  Roads
-  Lakes
-  CD Target Area
-  Census Block Group Boundary
-  Census Tract 55
Block Group 1

Appendix IV:

Citizen Participation and Public Input

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2009-2010
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday, January 5, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
Prairie School Library
2102 East Washington Street, Urbana**

Minutes

Present: Kelly Hartford, Connie Eldridge, Community Development Services Department, City of Urbana; Scott Rose, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC); Mary McCartney. See attached sign-in sheet.

Kelly Hartford called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Hartford, Ms. Eldridge and Mr. Rose discussed the housing rehabilitation programs that were offered by each government entity. Mr. Rose reviewed the CCRPC's Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program.

Kelly Hartford provided a brief overview of the CDBG and HOME Programs including explanation of the types of projects are eligible to receive funding under these programs. Ms. McCartney supports the City of Urbana's Housing Rehabilitation Programs. She also asked about the City of Urbana's SHEDAWAY (Secondary Structure Demolition Program).

Ms. McCartney discussed her concerns about crime in her neighborhood. She moved to the area in 1962 and raised her family here. Back then her children could play outside; now there was a shooting nearby and there are drug problems. She suggested the City of Urbana install streetlights along Rainbow View to reduce crime.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Connie Eldridge, Administrative Assistant



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING FOR THE CITY OF URBANA &
URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM
FY 2009-2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
7 PM, MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009



PRAIRIE SCHOOL LIBRARY, 2102 E. Washington St, Urbana – SIGN-IN SHEET

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Kelly Hartford	400 So. Vine St., U	328-8263	City of Urbana
Connie Eldridge	400 S. Vine St, U	384-2447	City of Urbana
Scott Rose	1776 E. Washington U	328-3313	C.C.R.P.C.
Mary McCarney	1905 Rainbow View	367-0035	home owner

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2009-2010
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 10:00 A.M.
City of Urbana Council Chambers
400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois**

Minutes

Present: Kelly Hartford, Janel Gomez and Connie Eldridge, Community Development Services Department, City of Urbana; Karen Rasmussen and Mike Benner, Greater Community Aids Project (GCAP); John Sullivan, Center for Women in Transition (CWIT); Patty Walters, Developmental Services Center (DSC); Darlene Kloepfel, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC); Durl Kruse. See attached sign-in sheet.

Kelly Hartford called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Ms. Hartford stated the purpose for this public hearing was for the not-for-profit social service agencies to provide input on the proposed Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010. Notice of this public hearing was published in The News-Gazette on December 22, 2008.

Karen Rasmussen encouraged the City of Urbana to provide the full 15% available for public service funding plus a percentage of the previous year's income. She felt that HOME funding priorities should be affordable housing and rent assistance. There was discussion about the CCRPC's Tenant Based Rent Assistance (TBRA) Program, which uses HOME funds. Ms. Kloepfel noted that next year's HOME funds would be used for housing rehabilitation rather than TBRA.

John Sullivan discussed his concerns about the current financial environment and its impact on social service agencies and clients. He felt homelessness and rent assistance should be higher priorities than second tier services, such as mental health and substance abuse.

There was discussion about increasing costs, projected grant funds from the federal government, and social service funds from the cities. Mr. Sullivan noted that in an upcoming study session the City of Champaign will cut social service funding. He preferred the City of Urbana's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public facility applications be available earlier. Patty Walters noted there are no resources available during the holidays, and Darlene Kloepfel mentioned short deadlines. There was discussion on the timing of applications and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) deadlines.

Mr. Sullivan suggested the City of Urbana's website provide key words that link to other grant opportunities, such as economic development or other City departments. There was general support for this. Ms. Hartford stated the Consolidated Social Service Fund (CSSF) grant applications would be available on line. Staff is working with the Information Services (IS) Division to create a good fillable PDF or Word application.

Referencing tight deadlines and the amount of planning needed for projects, Mr. Sullivan asked about resources or help in making a grant application "stand out." Ms. Gomez and Ms. Hartford mentioned scheduling HUD consultants and technical assistance.

Durl Kruse announced that he is running for mayor of the City of Urbana. He wanted to know how the City could provide more direct assistance to community organizations. He suggested providing grants and increasing help for those organizations. Expecting the next 24 months to be a time of economic uncertainty, Mr. Kruse stated that cities have an obligation to assist citizens and community groups. He wanted the City of Urbana to take a more proactive approach.

Ms. Hartford reviewed the CDBG Public Facilities and HOME applications. CDBG funds have a national objective to benefit low and moderate income households. The CSSF is made up of three funds: CDBG, Cunningham Township, and the City of Urbana General Fund. The City of Urbana has increased the amount of funding every year. Most agencies receive some funding, with Urbana City Council deciding which agencies receive funds and the amount.

There was discussion on cash match for certain funds. CDBG requires a 25% match.

Ms. Hartford discussed how the Cities of Urbana and Champaign jointly monitor the social service agencies' CDBG programs. Staff looks at audits and financial records to make sure federal funds are being used wisely.

Mr. Sullivan thanked the City of Urbana for providing funds to social service agencies. He asked how the agencies can help the cities. Ms. Gomez described how the non-profit affordable housing agencies combine efforts through the Community Housing Collaborative to deal with affordable housing issues. Ms. Hartford supported collaborative efforts among social service agencies.

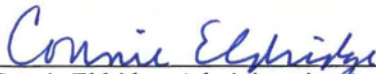
Ms. Kloeppel appreciated the City of Urbana's efforts to develop the southeast part of Urbana along Philo Road. She supported housing infill and noted that the old K-Mart site was replaced with new housing. Increased traffic helps businesses stay viable. Ms. Hartford stated that Tom Carrino, Economic Development Division Manager, focuses on business development.

Mr. Sullivan wondered if homelessness would be considered a public safety issue. Ms. Hartford will look into that.

Ms. Hartford announced that the City of Urbana would also welcome written or e-mailed comments from the social service agencies.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Connie Eldridge, Administrative Assistant



PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF URBANA &
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FY 2009-2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
10:00 AM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009



CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana – SIGN-IN SHEET

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Karen Rasmussen	P.O. Box 713, CA 20	217-351-2437	GCAP
Mike Berger	PO Box 713, 61820	217-351-2437	GCAP
John Dull	508 EAST corner ⁶¹⁸²⁰	352 7151	CWT.
Patty Walters	1304 W. Bradley Ave	356.9176	DSC
Paul Kime	2007 S. Gary ^{off}	328-2789	
Shelene Kleppel	CRPC 1716 E. Washington	328-3313	CRPC
Connie Eldridge	400 S. Vine St. U	384-2447	City of Urbana
Janel Gomez	400 S. Vine St U	384-2335	City of Urbana
Kelly Hartford	400 S Vine St. U.	328-8263	City of Urbana

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2009-2010
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
City of Urbana Council Chambers
400 S. Vine St., Urbana**

Minutes

Present: John Schneider, Janel Gomez, Community Development Services Department, Alice-Anne Kingston. See attached sign-in sheet.

John Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

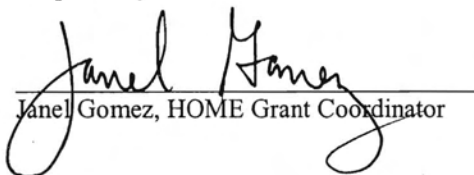
Mr. Schneider and Ms. Gomez discussed the housing rehabilitation programs are offered by The City of Urbana and The Urbana HOME Consortium, including senior programs and the Neighborhood Clean Up. .

Janel Gomez provided a brief overview of the CDBG and HOME Programs including explanation of the types of projects are eligible to receive funding under these programs. Ms. Kingston, of 402 N. Lake St. would like the city to continue to assist homeowners and renters. She commended the clean up program and would like the city to make sure to provide neighborhood access (safe, clean sidewalks) for the elderly and disabled. Ms. Kingston feels that the city should consider helping moderate income homeowners via grant programs as well as low income homeowners.

Ms. Kingston also noted that she would like the city to put out advanced notification of any neighborhood changes or construction work in neighborhoods.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted


Janel Gomez, HOME Grant Coordinator



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING FOR THE CITY OF URBANA &
 URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM
 FY 2009-2010 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
 7 PM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009
 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 Vine St, Urbana – SIGN-IN SHEET



<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Janel Gomez	400 S. Vine St. Urb	384-2335	CITY OF URBANA
Jonw Schneider	400 S Vine U	384-2447	/
A-A Kingston	402 N Lake U	384 7733	Citizen

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2009-2010
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2009 @ 7:00pm
Washington Early Childhood School Library
1102 North Broadway Avenue, Urbana**

Minutes

Present: Janel Gomez & Kelly Hartford, Grants Management Division; see attached list for names of additional attendees.

Janel Gomez called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Kelly Hartford and Janel Gomez provided a brief overview of the CDBG and HOME Programs including explanation of the types of projects are eligible to receive funding under these programs.

Cathy Eastman, 1311 North Berkley, U discussed issues/concerns/needs/questions:

1. Something needed between public hearings and Council meetings; more opportunity for continuing ideas, possibly a feedback forum on city website.
2. A mechanism for strengthening neighborhood groups; a representative from City should attend all neighborhood to get feedback.
3. A list of people in the area so that a neighborhood organization can be started, will contact Grants Management for the information.
4. City needs to determine what is important, in order to make changes and improve lives of citizens; encourage homeownership is a key.
5. City and GMD should continue to do programs already doing.
6. Concern regarding city/county area near residence: south of Country Club near Division and Thompson streets. Problems with potholes, drainage, and water pooling in street/people's yards; will attend County Board meeting to give input.
7. Interested in other neighborhood groups and what works for them.
8. Questions regarding any plans for additional roadwork on Broadway/Crystal View Townhomes; what is the Urbana Park District doing with regard to Crystal Lake Pool; Cunningham Beautification re pedestrian/sidewalk access; and Washington School improvements, as there is a hope the school will remain open.
9. Thanks for all the programs GMD has, and for notifying citizens regarding plans for neighborhood/community and the comment period. Explained process governed by HUD.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelly Hartford, Grants Coordinator



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING FOR THE CITY OF URBANA &
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7 PM, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009



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Kelly Hartford	400 S. Vine, Urbana	328-8263	city of Urbana
Cathy Eastman	1311 N. Berkeley U	367-6208	
Janel Gomez	400 S. Vine St. U	384-2335	city of Urbana

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2009-2010
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday, January 8, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
King School Library
2102 East Washington Street, Urbana**

Minutes

Present: Janel Gomez, John Schneider, and Randy Burgett, Community Development Services Department, City of Urbana; Dennis Roberts, Urbana City Council; Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing, City of Urbana; Cathy Cunningham, Bob Leach, Ernest Mosely, Helen Katz. See attached sign-in sheet.

John Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

John Schneider discussed the Annual Action Plan (AAP) Process as well as the CDBG and HOME programs offered by the City of Urbana. Randy Burgett spoke about the housing rehabilitation programs that are offered by the City of Urbana. John Schneider also discussed recent neighborhood infrastructure improvements on Harvey St.

Cathy Cunningham had a question about a home on Busey Ave. and wondered if the City of Urbana still used it as a transitional housing (TH) home. Ms. Cunningham praised the TH program and encouraged the city to continue it.

Bob Leach had a question about federal funding for grant programs, wondering if funds would be increased with the new presidential administration. John Schneider explained that the City does not expect any drastic changes in the funding amounts. Mr. Leach also commented on the usefulness of the neighborhood clean up program and hopes that the City continues to provide the service for the target neighborhoods. Mr. Leach also inquired on progress towards the last con plan's housing goals. Randy Burgett spoke about the number of units that have been assisted and rehabbed within that period are on track or exceed our con plan goals.

Ernest Mosely asked if there was grant assistance for driver repair. Randy Burgett commented that driveways are often the owner's responsibility but would check and get back with him. Dennis Roberts and John Schneider commented about upcoming capital repairs plans by the city including curb repair and driveway aprons in target neighborhoods.

Dennis Roberts asked about the grant funding process for the next fiscal year, if decisions had already been made and about the process for the next 5 yr plan. John Schneider explained the process and encouraged those with comments or concerns to contact city staff. Mr. Roberts also wondered if the city could time nuisance property inspections to coincide with the clean up and possibly assist seniors or the disabled with maintaining their properties. John Schneider commented that the city would look into the possibility.

Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing spoke about the shed away program to assist nuisance properties and the removal of dangerous or dilapidated structures.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Janel Gomez, HOME Grant Coordinator



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~~THURSDAY~~ ^{TUESDAY} 7 PM, ~~WEDNESDAY~~, JANUARY 8, 2009
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JANEL GOMEZ	400 S. VINE ST. URBANA	384-2335	CITY OF URBANA
John Schneider	400 S Vine St Urbana	384-2447	City of Urbana
Randy Baryett	400 S Vine St Urbana	384-2373	City of Urbana
Ernst Morley	1118 W Church	328-3893	UCAN
Cathy Cunningham	801 N. Coler, Urbana	239-1440	UCAN
Laurel Prussing	400 S. Vine	384-2456	Mayor
Dennis Roberts	507 E. Green St	344-0069	self
Bob Leach	910 N. BROADWAY	3449366	UCAN
Helen Katz	901 N. GREGORY	417-3781	"



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UCAN/City of Urbana Annual Joint Meeting Thursday, January 8 7pm King School library

Agenda

- I. Welcome, Introductions
- II. Announcements
- III. City of Urbana Staff Presentations & Discussion
This is our opportunity to discuss neighborhood issues and needs we want the City of Urbana to include in its action plan for 2009
- IV. Discussion about future of UCAN
 - a. Position Vacancies
 - b. UCAN calendar
 - c. UCAN Membership
 - d. Other
- V. Next Meeting/Adjourn

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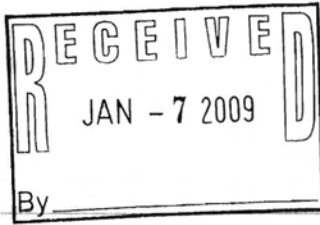


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United Citizens and Neighbors (UCAN) is a not-for-profit, grassroots neighborhood organization that represents the Crystal Lake Park neighborhood in Urbana, Illinois. UCAN was established to empower and represent neighborhood residents on issues affecting housing, public safety, the environment and quality of life in the neighborhood and is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. (from: By-Laws of United Citizens and Neighbors, adopted March, 1997)

*New Year Resolution: Become more active
in my neighborhood!*

Easy solution: Come to the next UCAN meeting on January 8 and meet your neighbors!



4 Jan 09

Dear Sir -

I would like to see a decent passageway constructed from the end of Lanore St to Fairlawn.

It is very difficult for the elderly and handicapped and women with baby stroller to traverse this area as is.

I was told by a neighbor on the cul-de-sac of Lanore that a survey of ~~survey~~ surrounding people voted no for a pathway. On that basis - Can I vote no for a sidewalk in front of my house because I don't want people going by?

Please excuse my ranting - I am 82 and handicapped and a user of the path.

Sincerely
Charles L. Haskins

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CITY OF URBANA

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URBANA, IL 61801



Hartford, Kelly

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Sent: Friday, January 09, 2009 12:45 PM
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Cc: chris1s@comcast.net; downey1@uiuc.edu; 'scott dossett'; 'Wyatt, Scott E.'; ! Roberts, Dennis Forwarder; tfitch@uillinois.edu; Tyler, Elizabeth
Subject: HEUNA Supports Brick Sidewalks
Attachments: Action Plan brick sidewalks.doc

Hi Kelly,

If you remember, I stopped in on Tues. and talked with you and Connie Eldridge about the interest Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association has in renovating the historic brick sidewalks. At your suggestion, I have attached a letter from the HEUNA Officers expressing support in upgrading the brick sidewalks for consideration in the Action Plan currently under review. I understand the deadline is today.

It was a pleasure to meet you, and I appreciate your advice. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Alice

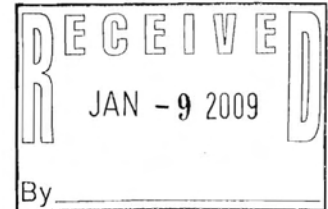
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**HISTORIC EAST URBANA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
HEUNA**

<http://www.heuna.org/>

January 9, 2009

Kelly Hartford, CDBG Coordinator
Grants Management Division
City of Urbana
Community Development Services
400 South Vine St.
Urbana IL 61801



Dear Kelly,

It was great meeting you on Tuesday, and we are taking your advice to write to you about the interest Historic East Urbana Neighborhood Association (HEUNA) has in upgrading the brick sidewalks in the Action Plan. We were unable to attend any of the neighborhood meetings to express our interest in brick sidewalks, but we have ongoing interest in improving the brick sidewalk infrastructure in Historic East Urbana and all the older neighborhoods in Urbana.

The beautiful brick sidewalks are a major feature of the neighborhood both aesthetically and historically. Funds to upgrade sidewalks have been limited in the past despite sporadic efforts to perform maintenance. In the meantime, effort to upgrade and maintain brick sidewalks have been insufficient. In order to make our community sustainable and walkable, functioning sidewalks are critical.

Of particular interest is the current plan to upgrade the sidewalks on Green Street, a major artery through East Urbana. In order to preserve the historic character of the neighborhood, we want to see the brick sidewalks upgraded on one side of the street, with the understanding that the current plans are to widen and lay concrete on the north side of Green St. from Cottage Grove to Vine. We would like to see the brick sidewalk on the south side could be preserved and upgraded in brick.

Most of the current 100 year old bricks appear to be in good shape, and it is the base that needs to be renovated. Several efforts, including a successful project sponsored by HEUNA, have proven that rebuilding the base for brick sidewalks is feasible.

On behalf of the Officers of HEUNA we request that maintaining brick sidewalks be seriously considered in the Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Chris Stohr, Chair
Scott Wyatt, Communications
Tyler Fitch, At Large

Alice Englebretsen, Vice Chair
Marianne Downey, Publicity