

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan is a five-year planning document that reviews the previous plan's housing, infrastructure, and public service initiatives to determine their effectiveness while outlining the five-year housing and community development goals and priorities for the Village of Oak Park. The Consolidated Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Village to receive a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The primary goal of the Consolidated Plan is to provide a structure for addressing affordable housing, public services, and infrastructure in Oak Park. These initiatives include providing safe, and decent, affordable housing options, promoting economic opportunities, and improving residents' overall quality of life. The plan is a collaborative effort between the Village, residents, and various stakeholders, such as community organizations and businesses. The Consolidated Plan is composed of the following parts:

- **Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)**—This outlines the process for involving residents and stakeholders in the development and implementation of the plan. The CPP highlights the dates, methods, and mediums, as well as how the engagements were conducted. It also contains a summary of the interaction, and the conclusions reached.
- **The Needs Assessment** thoroughly examines affordable housing, economic development, and community development needs. It provides a detailed analysis of the current state of affordable housing in the Village, including rental and homeownership options, and the availability of affordable housing units. It also examines factors such as vacancy rates, affordability levels, and accessibility to transportation and amenities, ensuring a solid foundation for the plan.
- **The Market Analysis** delves deeper into these issues by examining key housing market trends and conditions within the Village. The assessment includes reviewing demographic data, such as population growth and household income, and assessing housing supply and demand.
- **The Strategic Plan** outlines a five-year timeline for implementation, with annual evaluations to track progress and adjust as needed. The strategic plan objectively measures the feasibility of attaining five-year milestones but retains the flexibility to adjust for any changes in market conditions or unforeseen challenges.

Introduction continued

To address this challenge, the Strategic Plan outlines several goals and objectives related to increasing the supply of affordable housing in the Village. The plan includes identifying potential sites for new construction or rehabilitation projects and exploring partnerships with developers and non-profit organizations to leverage resources and funding. The data obtained from the previous section is used to inform these goals and objectives.

- **The Annual Action Plan (AAP)** is a more detailed and focused document that outlines the actions to be taken in the upcoming year to achieve the goals and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan. This includes identifying funding sources, timelines, and responsible parties for each action item. The AAP is reviewed and updated annually to ensure progress is being made towards achieving the overall vision of the Strategic Plan.

Ongoing monitoring and evaluation are crucial to successful implementation. Regular data collection and analysis will enable and inform any necessary adjustments, ensuring that resources are used effectively and efficiently to achieve desired outcomes. Annual evaluations of the goals are measured by the CAPERs (Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report), a comprehensive report on the progress made in implementing the strategic plan's annual objectives.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The Needs Assessment determined that despite several actions to meet the growing need for affordable housing, the need continues to outpace those efforts. The Village has greenlit several projects to address this need. Future CDBG investments will support these efforts. The Village adopted a Strategic Vision for Housing in spring 2024 that outlined the following strategies to address a wide array of housing issues.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The Village of Oak Park's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan originally identified five primary goals: Public Service, Public Facility Improvement, Economic Development/Administration, Infrastructure, and Homelessness Assistance. Over the past five years, the Village has successfully met or exceeded its objectives in Public Service, Public Facility Improvement, and Infrastructure, demonstrating a strong commitment to enhancing community resources and accessibility.

However, challenges arose in meeting the Economic Development and Homelessness Assistance goals, prompting a substantial amendment to the plan. In 2022, the Village decided to de-obligate from the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, which was aligned with the Economic Development goal. This decision was driven by barriers within the community, including reporting requirements and the nature of interest-bearing loans, which deterred local businesses and organizations from participating.

The Homelessness Assistance goal was re-evaluated and incorporated into the Public Service category. The Village has not received Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding since the beginning of the 2020-2024 period, limiting the resources available to support a stand-alone homelessness assistance initiative. Instead, efforts to assist unhoused residents have been integrated into broader public service programs, ensuring continued support through existing frameworks and partnerships within the community.

The substantial amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan reflects these necessary adjustments, aligning resources and priorities with the evolving needs of the community. As the Village moves forward with the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, lessons learned from the past five years will inform a more adaptable and targeted approach to achieving community development goals.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The Citizen Participation Plan was four-fold:

- The online survey was available from September 2024 to January 2025. It was advertised through social media, community newsletters, direct solicitation through non-profit partners, and flyers posted around the Village. This allowed for easy access to the survey and sharing with stakeholders, clients of organizations, and local taxing bodies. Surveys were also available at Oak Park Public Library, Township, and Park District facilities.
- Focus groups were held to gain insights into concerns regarding affordable housing. The workshops took place October 9 and 10, 2024 and February 27, 2025. The workshops, open to stakeholders and held at the Village Hall, discussed homelessness, affordable housing, and public service. The stakeholders gave specific and practical recommendations, which were documented and considered in developing the Annual Action Plan.
- The first public hearing was held on October 10, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Village Hall Board Room. This critical event allowed residents to voice their opinions and concerns about affordability and proposed initiatives, demonstrating the Village's commitment to incorporating public input.

5. Summary of public comments

The Public Comment Period allowed community members to review and provide feedback on policy. Some key issues discussed during the public comment period included:

- Public input revealed widespread concerns about the Village’s ability to adequately address housing affordability and homelessness. Community members highlighted the urgent need to expand resources toward affordable housing initiatives and emphasized the importance of involving marginalized groups directly in the decision-making process. Suggestions included increasing oversight of housing developments to ensure affordability and creating partnerships with local organizations to maximize support for unhoused residents. These discussions underscored the need for a holistic approach, combining public service programs with innovative housing strategies to address systemic challenges effectively.
- These findings from citizen participation were instrumental in shaping the Village’s strategies for the upcoming Consolidated Plan. The feedback underscored the necessity of prioritizing affordable housing, homelessness assistance, and equitable access to public services. Stakeholders emphasized that the challenges faced by low-and moderate-income residents require robust policy measures and innovative solutions to effectively address systemic inequalities. The recommendations have laid a groundwork for the Village to enhance collaboration with nonprofit organizations and strengthen oversight mechanisms for housing initiatives. This inclusive approach ensures that the voices of marginalized communities are not only heard but actively integrated into the decision-making process, fostering a community-driven path forward.

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

N/A

7. Summary

Housing cost is the primary housing challenge for the Village’s low-and moderate-income residents. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, housing is affordable if it costs no more than 30% of a household’s income. However, many low-and moderate-income residents in the Village spend well above this percentage on housing.

The lack of affordable housing options in the Village is a multifaceted issue that requires comprehensive solutions. However, the Village is steadfast in addressing this issue and providing more affordable housing options for its residents. The already established initiatives include practical strategies to increase the availability of affordable housing, giving hope for a brighter future.

The Process

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	OAK PARK	
CDBG Administrator		Neighborhood Services/Village of Oak Park
HOME Administrator		
ESG Administrator		NA

Table 1– Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Village of Oak Park's Neighborhood Services Department administers the CDBG program through the Community Services Division. Under this Division, the Village receives an annual allocation to fund a wide range of community development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, infrastructure, and improved public services and housing.

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(l) and 91.315(l)

1. Introduction

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

The Village of Oak Park has implemented various initiatives to foster collaboration among these key stakeholders. One significant effort is the establishment of regular forums and meetings where representatives from public housing agencies, private housing developers, health services, and mental health organizations can engage in dialogue and share resources. These gatherings streamline the processes and address any gaps in services that may arise.

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

The Village has collaborated with local nonprofits and the Continuum of Care to combat homelessness on all fronts. Local agencies, such as the Veterans Administration, assist homeless veterans and have established a program for rapid rehousing. Housing Forward is also a resource partnered with the Village to provide housing assistance to the displaced community.

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

The Village of Oak Park does not participate in the ESG, Emergency Solutions funding program.

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

Table 2– Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Oak Park
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis

<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>A virtual meeting took place on September 23 to discuss zoning reform to develop Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in Oak Park. ADUs are secondary housing units that can be added to single-family lots, providing additional rental opportunities for homeowners and affordable housing options for renters. The goal of this consultation was to gather community input on potential zoning changes that could increase the production of ADUs in Oak Park and address the issue of housing affordability. These units include coach houses, stand-alone buildings, converted basements, and attics. A comprehensive plan should be developed to guide all other smaller corridor or business district plans. The plan should be a thorough and more formalized economic development and vitality strategy. It should also be monitored to ensure that all businesses and general economic metrics are being completed. Initiatives are being developed to address zoning impediments. The vitality of businesses and the economy's growth should entail identifying potential growth opportunities, including incentives or resources for small enterprises, such as the "White Glove" service. This service provides premium customer care, encompassing assistance with leases and referral necessities for new companies. The Village of Oak Park Public Works Department spoke about the need for sidewalks and gutters. They emphasized the importance of maintaining roadways and drainage systems. They discussed their efforts to repair potholes, clear debris from storm drains, and ensure proper grading for adequate water runoff. In addition to these areas, the Public Works division highlighted the need to maintain streetlights and traffic signals regularly. This ensures safe driving conditions and enhances pedestrian safety at night. However, with all the responsibilities and tasks that Public Works takes on, there is also a focus on sustainability and being environmentally conscious. Public Works would appreciate the funds available under CDBG guidelines. Still, they also want to ensure that these</p>
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		<p>funds are being utilized mindfully, focusing on long-term benefits for the community. And despite the need for additional funding the grant funds would be used wisely, prioritizing projects that are not only essential for immediate repairs but also have a long-term impact on the community's public services. Consulted with the Village of Oak Park Police Department and was informed that the number of homeless individuals in the area has increased. This aligns with the data analysis on this subject. The law enforcement representative mentioned that the Police have encountered a few homeless encampments. They estimate that there are as many as 50 to 60 chronically homeless individuals residing in Oak Park. Law enforcement prefers that social services address the issue of homelessness rather than treating it as a law enforcement problem.</p>
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Forward
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulted with Housing Forward about how their organization benefits the area. They went into detail about their operations, providing temporary lodging and various services. To help homeless individuals and families find more permanent housing, they discussed the Rise Center, which is a partnership that they have with Cook County Health and Hospitals System. Cook County Health oversees the Rise Center, a medical respite program for homeless individuals or families needing medical attention. They also discussed zoning laws and how they affect the placement of shelters and affordable housing in the area. Housing Forward emphasized the importance of understanding zoning laws and working with local government officials to ensure their organization can continue providing support.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Oak Park Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Oak Park Housing Authority administers the public housing program and the housing choice voucher program that provides housing placements in more than 30 buildings and over 600 units. One of their mission focuses is maintaining buildings where 20 percent of its units are occupied by individuals who are 50% AMI or less. The remaining units are leased at market rate, which means these units are allocated to individuals and families that are 60% to 80% AMI. With the voucher program, the goal is to allow the recipients to find and lease housing of their choice while the program provides financial assistance. In addition to administering these programs, Oak Park Housing Authority also offers various services and programs that aim to improve the lives of residents who are elderly, veterans, or have disabilities.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Oak Park Township
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Township operates as the sister agency of the Village of Oak Park, primarily dedicated to delivering community social support and human services. Furthermore, it assists individuals with limited mobility and elderly residents. The caseworkers associated with aging services offer invaluable support to seniors, helping them with health insurance and retirement benefits and facilitating housing arrangements. Additionally, they manage caregiver support programs for individuals caring for family members with physical or mental disabilities that necessitate assistance. When clients require long-term care, the Township aids them in applying for Medicaid and provides essential counseling services. Moreover, it maintains a referral program to connect individuals with legal aid, particularly when facing legal challenges related to their care or housing. They are also assisting the growing Hispanic population to acclimate to the community through their bilingual caseworkers, who can help with various needs. The Hispanic population is experiencing rent gouging, often forced to leave their homes when they can no longer afford the increased rent.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Neighborhood Bridge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization Neighborhood Organization

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	"Neighborhood Bridge " is a nonprofit organization serving Oak Park. Its mission is to assist and support those in need within the community, regardless of their religious affiliation. Neighborhood Bridge offers resources, such as financial assistance for housing and utilities, job search support, educational programs, and essential household items to those in need. These services aim to help individuals and families become self-sufficient and break out of cycles of poverty.

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	The Alliance to End Homelessness, Suburban Cook County is the lead agency within the local Continuum of Care. The Alliance is an advocacy group that represents homeless persons and eliminate homelessness. They aim to influence legislation that will provide more resources for addressing homelessness, including funding for permanent supportive housing, emergency shelter programs, and prevention initiatives.
Strategic Vision for Housing in Oak Park	Community Development Services of Oak Park	The plan was alluded to during the development stages as a source of guidance on specific efforts that CDBG could be used to further.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Economic Vitality Strategic Plan	Village of Oak Park	The Village of Oak Park's Economic Vitality Strategic Plan, developed with Camoin Associates, aims to guide the Village's economic strategy through a holistic approach that considers small business growth, business attraction and retention, housing, and regional partnerships. This aligns with the Village's Consolidated Plan, which focuses on neighborhood revitalization, expanding economic opportunities, and improving access to community services for low- and moderate-income individuals.

Table 3– Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

The other adjacent units of general local government consulted during the consolidated development were Cook County and the City of Chicago.

Narrative

PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

The preparation process of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan incorporated several actions that encouraged input and feedback from the community, including surveys, public hearings, and focus groups. This collaborative approach ensured that the plans reflected the needs and concerns of all stakeholders, including those directly impacted by housing policies.

The online survey, which received 70 responses, centered around residents' identities, housing experiences. It also aimed to understand residents' priorities and challenges in obtaining affordable housing. This data provided a valuable understanding of the current state of housing in the Village and helped inform the development of solutions.

The one-on-one stakeholder engagement allowed specialists and representatives of different sectors to share their perspectives on housing issues and provide recommendations for policy changes. During the process, the stakeholders answered questions about housing and offered their approaches, allowing for a deeper understanding of the housing challenges faced by various groups.

The Village of Oak Park hosted workshops and public forums to gather specific input and generalized concerns of residents and stakeholders. These events provided opportunities for open discussion and dialogue about affordable housing, homelessness, and digital access.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
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1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Affordable Housing- In PersonOctober 10, 202413 in attendance	<p>Residents voiced their concerns about housing affordability and accessibility of information. They thought bureaucracy and red tape prevented them from converting property to affordable rental units. Several residents were vexed over obtaining proper licenses to augment their rental properties or even their homes into multi-family units.</p> <p>Other residents wanted the Village to have more oversight of their rental properties. They wanted the Village to get more involved in</p>	All comments were accepted	
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				developing a register of property owners and managers in the area. This would enable the Village to track rental units better and ensure that they meet basic safety standards.		

2	Public Meeting	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Affordable housing advocates</p> <p>Property Managers</p> <p>Realtors</p> <p>Zoning</p> <p>Open to All Residents</p>	<p>Citizen Committee Meeting-In Person</p> <p>October 10, 2024</p> <p>20 in attendance</p>	<p>Attendees discussed the cost of housing units in the Village of Oak Park. They had several open discussions about housing development and how it affects housing affordability in the area. Some attendees suggested implementing rent control measures to prevent skyrocketing rental prices, while others argued that this could discourage property owners from investing in their properties. There was discussion about the long-term effects of rising prices and</p>	All comments were accepted	
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				how they could lead to the displacement of low-income residents. Many attendees expressed concern for the community and the need for more affordable housing options. Other attendees discussed reducing taxes to reduce costs at the expense of the community's aesthetic. It was stressed that a balance must be struck between the need for affordable housing and maintaining the community's character.		

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3	Public Meeting	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Stakeholdersâ€Ž persons who are Internet advocates affordable housing</p>	Digital Access Workshop-In PersonOctober 10, 202415 in attendance	The consultant informed the attendees of the need for broadband internet and the risks that the lack of reliable internet can bring. In addition, the consultant suggested implementing digital training programs and partnering with local organizations to provide technology resources to underserved communities.	All comments were accepted	

4	Public Meeting	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Affordable housing advocates</p> <p>Homeless Advocates</p> <p>Child welfare advocates</p> <p>Veterans Administration</p>	<p>Citizen Committee Meeting-In Person</p> <p>October 9, 2024</p> <p>47 in attendance</p>	<p>Advocates and stakeholders concerned about the number of homeless in the area attended the meeting. They were also concerned about mental health and substance abuse among homeless individuals and discussed potential solutions, such as providing more support services and resources for those in need. Attendees also discussed the importance of addressing the root causes of homelessness and working towards long-term solutions. The topic of sustainability was also raised,</p>	All comments were accepted	
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				<p>with attendees discussing ways to make the Village of Oak Park raise questions about resource allocation and additional funding for sustainable initiatives. Some suggested implementing rent control and voucher programs to support low-income residents in accessing sustainable and eco-friendly housing options. Eco-friendly affordable housing issues were voiced; however, others argued that the focus should be on addressing the high cost of housing in general rather than specifically</p>		
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				targeting eco-friendly options. It was also mentioned that providing incentives for property owners to implement sustainable practices could be a more effective approach. The various avenues that drive homelessness, such as job loss, domestic violence, mental health issues, substance abuse, predatory renting tactics, and various other reasons, contribute to the lack of housing affordability.		

5	Internet Outreach	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Homeless Advocates</p>	<p>Stakeholders and Faith Based Services - In Person12 in attendance</p>	<p>In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of rent asylum seekers, displaced families, and homeless individuals in the Village of Oak Park and its surrounding areas. The churches provide volunteer services by utilizing their facilities as temporary shelters or hosting centers for needy individuals. This arrangement affords them a secure and comfortable environment and supplies necessities and support throughout their transition period. Furthermore, they assist individuals in</p>	All comments were accepted	
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				locating housing by aiding them in completing applications and identifying property managers and private housing providers who accept housing vouchers or offer affordable rental options.		

6	Internet Outreach	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Green Initiatives and Environmental activist Sustainability Workshop</p>	Stakeholders and Green Initiatives -In Person January 27, 202510 in attendance	<p>Engaged in consultations with stakeholders to deliberate on green initiatives and environmentally sustainable business practices. The stakeholders proposed the development of an inventory cataloging the greenhouse gas emissions of each high-output business within Oak Park. They believed that such an inventory would facilitate the identification of companies poised to benefit from green initiatives and environmentally friendly practices. The stakeholders' recommendation to</p>	All comments were accepted.	
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				<p>establish an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions underscores the significance of data-driven decision-making in implementing green initiatives. By clearly understanding which enterprises exhibit the highest emissions, resources and efforts can be systematically directed toward these companies to substantially mitigate overall greenhouse gas emissions in Oak Park. Furthermore, they indicated that operational expenses could be diminished by adopting</p>		
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				innovative, eco-friendly technologies. However, it was also ascertained that the total expenditure required to finance these initiatives might be substantial and could, regrettably, be transferred to consumers or occupants.		
7	Online Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	Residents of Village of Oak Park- OnlineSeptember 145 responses	The survey revealed that the Village of Oak Park residents voiced their opinions anonymously about the cost of housing.	All comments were accepted	

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8	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Table 4– Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

The Needs Assessment is essential to the grantee process, as it helps identify a project's specific needs and requirements. Grantees can clearly define their project's objectives and scope by conducting a thorough Needs Assessment. The Needs Assessment requires grantees to collect and analyze quantitative data such as demographics, existing programs and services, community resources, relevant statistics constraints, and cultural differences, and qualitative data such as stakeholder feedback, community surveys, focus groups, and interviews.

The importance of Needs Assessments in project management cannot be overstated. The assessment helps identify gaps between available and necessary resources. Additionally, conducting a Needs Assessment can help identify potential risks and challenges that may arise during the project's execution.

The grantees also require explanations to complete the assessment, such as the reasons for housing instability and homelessness, the barriers that make it difficult for individuals or families to obtain and maintain permanent housing, and their priorities and preferences regarding housing needs.

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment - 91.405, 91.205 (c)

Introduction:

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, four main categories measure homelessness in the United States: sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals, sheltered and unsheltered homeless families with children, veterans experiencing homelessness, and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness. Each of these categories provides information about different subsets of the homeless population.

The first category measures the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals each year. Sheltered individuals are those staying in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs. In contrast, unsheltered individuals are those living on the streets or in places not meant for human habitation. This data is essential as it estimates the overall homeless population in a given area.

The second category measures the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless families with children. This data is crucial as it highlights the unique challenges faced by families experiencing homelessness, such as finding safe and stable housing for their children. It also sheds light on the impact of family homelessness on children's education, health, and well-being.

The third category focuses specifically on veterans experiencing homelessness. This data is essential as it recognizes the sacrifices made by those who have served our country and are now facing homelessness. It also helps identify gaps in services or support for this vulnerable population.

Lastly, the fourth category measures the number of unaccompanied youths experiencing homelessness. This includes minors and young adults alone without a parent or guardian. This data is critical as it highlights the unique challenges faced by youth experiencing homelessness, such as lack of support and resources and the increased risk of exploitation and victimization.

Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	420	2	1,753	1,262	737	112
Persons in Households with Only Children	2	0	70	36	35	21
Persons in Households with Only Adults	366	112	3,575	1,103	595	113
Chronically Homeless Individuals	122	47	543	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	29	7	249	31	157	94
Unaccompanied Child	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	6	1	33	0	9	0

Table 5- Homeless Needs Assessment

Alternate Data Source Name:

2024 Suburban Cook County Homeless Count

Data Source Comments:

Indicate if the homeless population is: Has No Rural Homeless

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

- Based on national statistics, chronically homeless individuals make up a small percentage of the overall homeless population but tend to have longer periods of homelessness compared to other groups. It is estimated that roughly 15% of all individuals experiencing homelessness fall into this category.
- In Oak Park, while there is no specific data available for the number of chronically homeless individuals entering and leaving homelessness each year, the Oak Park Homeless Coalition estimates that roughly 25-30% of all homeless individuals in the community can be considered chronically homeless.
- Veterans make up a significant portion of the chronically homeless population, with roughly 11% of all veterans experiencing homelessness identified as chronically homeless. This is due to a combination of factors such as mental health issues, substance abuse disorders, and lack of support systems.
- Homelessness among families with children is another concerning issue in Oak Park. It is estimated that roughly 12% of all individuals experiencing homelessness are part of a family unit. Factors such as job loss, domestic violence, and lack of affordable housing contribute to this issue.

- The LGBTQ+ community also faces disproportionate levels of homelessness compared to the general population. LGBTQ+ youth are particularly vulnerable, making up nearly 40% of all homeless youth in the area.
- Unaccompanied youth homelessness is also a pressing concern in Oak Park, with roughly 25% of all homeless individuals being under the age of 25 according to a Point in Time homeless count conducted in 2019. This highlights the need for targeted support and resources for this population.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	515	64
Black or African American	559	72
Asian	7	6
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	6
Pacific Islander	1	2
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	159	39
Not Hispanic	932	112

Alternate Data Source Name:
2020 U.S. Census Bureau

Data Source Comments:

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

In addition to these statistics, it is essential to consider the specific needs of families with children and veteran families who are experiencing homelessness. According to a report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, approximately 47% of people experiencing homelessness in the United States are part of families with children, and 9% are veterans. This highlights the urgent need for housing assistance and support services for these vulnerable populations.

Families with children experiencing homelessness often face unique challenges, such as access to education, healthcare, and stable childcare. The trauma of being homeless can also have long-lasting effects on children's well-being and development. Providing safe and stable housing for these families is crucial in breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

Similarly, veteran families facing homelessness may also need specialized support, including mental health services and employment assistance. Many veterans who experience homelessness also struggle with physical disabilities or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a result of their service. Communities need to provide resources and support tailored to the needs of these individuals to address veteran homelessness effectively.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group

According to data from the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, there were 515 sheltered and 64 unsheltered white individuals experiencing homelessness. This is followed by 559 sheltered and 72 unsheltered Black/African American individuals, showing a higher proportion of people of color experiencing homelessness.

When looking at ethnicity, there were 159 sheltered and 39 unsheltered Hispanic individuals experiencing homelessness, while for those who are not Hispanic, there were 932 sheltered and 112 unsheltered individuals.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

The non-homeless special needs population in the Village of Oak Park is diverse and encompasses a wide range of characteristics. These individuals may have physical needs, such as wheelchair or mobility aids; cognitive needs, such as intellectual disabilities or dementia; sensory, such as hearing or vision impairments; and mental health needs, such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia. Each individual may also have unique needs and challenges that require specialized support and services.

Additionally, the non-homeless special needs population in Oak Park includes individuals of all ages and backgrounds. This can consist of children with developmental disabilities, adults with chronic illnesses, and seniors with age-related disabilities.

During the intake process, homelessness service providers in Oak Park perform a thorough screening to determine the needs and eligibility of each individual. These needs are often determined through a comprehensive assessment process, which involves gathering information from the individual, their family members or caregivers, medical professionals, and other relevant parties. This assessment helps identify not only the specific disability or condition but also the level of support and resources needed to meet the individual's needs effectively.

Discussion:

If the PJ will establish a preference for a HOME TBRA activity for persons with a specific category of disabilities (e.g., persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness), describe their unmet need for housing and services needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2) (ii))

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

In the development of the Village of Oak Park's Consolidated Plan, public facilities were not identified as a priority need for subrecipient funding, as they were in the previous five-year plan. During the prior Consolidated Plan period, resources were directed toward enhancing public facilities to improve accessibility, safety, and functionality for community members. These investments addressed key community priorities at the time.

In the current planning cycle, infrastructure needs emerged as a greater priority, particularly in support of residents living in the Village's low- to moderate-income (LMI) census tracts or meeting the LMC criteria. Identified infrastructure needs include:

- **Sidewalk Improvements:** Ensuring safe, accessible pedestrian pathways throughout residential and commercial areas to enhance walkability and support community connectivity.
- **Street Maintenance and Upgrades:** Addressing road surface conditions to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety, particularly in underserved neighborhoods.
- **Water Service Enhancements:** Replacing aging water service lines, including those containing lead, to ensure safe drinking water and minimize health risks for residents.

By prioritizing these infrastructure projects, the Village aims to promote public safety, improve mobility, and provide equitable access to essential services for residents. Future evaluations may identify new public facility needs as community priorities evolve.

How were these needs determined?

These needs were determined through a comprehensive evaluation process that included multiple public meetings and workshops held throughout the assessment period both in person and virtually. These sessions engaged subrecipients, community stakeholders, and Village employees to gather input and identify priority areas for investment. Staff also reviewed the findings of the current 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

Several critical public improvements need designed to enhance public safety, promote accessibility, and support environmental sustainability were identified through a series of public meetings, workshops, and stakeholder engagement sessions involving subrecipients, community stakeholders, and Village employees. Key public improvement needs include:

- **ADA Sidewalk Improvements:** Ensuring that sidewalks are accessible and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is crucial for promoting safety and independence for individuals with disabilities and seniors. Improved sidewalks enhance mobility and provide safer pedestrian routes throughout the Village.
- **Lead Water Line Replacement:** Replacing aging lead water service lines is essential to ensuring safe drinking water and minimizing the risk of lead exposure. This initiative will protect public health and improve water quality for residents, especially those in older housing stock where lead pipes are more common.
- **Street Resurfacing and Maintenance:** The Village has identified critical needs for street resurfacing to repair deteriorating roads and improve traffic safety. Well-maintained streets reduce vehicle damage, enhance pedestrian safety, and improve overall transportation efficiency.
- **Energy Efficiency Enhancements:** Investing in energy-efficient public improvements will reduce the Village's environmental impact, lower operational costs, and contribute to sustainability goals. Improvements may include upgraded street lighting, energy-efficient municipal building enhancements, and improved infrastructure systems.

How were these needs determined?

Public infrastructure needs were identified using several criteria: alignment with the statutory requirements of the CDBG program; addressing the needs of low- and moderate-income area residents; coordination and leveraging of available resources; responsiveness to expressed community needs; sustainability and long-term impact; and input from key stakeholders such as the Village of Oak Park Public Works Department, non-profit service providers, community stakeholders, and Oak Park residents. Additionally, the Village's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed to ensure alignment with broader infrastructure priorities.

Public infrastructure was ranked as a high priority through the community engagement process, the Village's Comprehensive Plan, and in response to the urgent need to address aging infrastructure that is continually deteriorating. By addressing these needs, the Village aims to create a safer, healthier, and more sustainable environment for all residents, with a particular focus on improving conditions in underserved communities.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The Village of Oak Park has a growing population and is committed to providing high-quality public services to meet the needs of its community members. The Village of Oak Park excels in delivering essential services such as public safety, water and sewer management, and waste collection. It also has several humanitarian programs to help residents in need, including emergency assistance, housing and rental assistance, and senior services.

Residents overall have positive perceptions of the Village's public services, as seen in satisfaction surveys conducted over the years.

How were these needs determined?

These needs were determined through the public engagement that was part of the consolidated planning process. These sessions engaged subrecipients, community stakeholders, and Village employees to gather input and identify priority topics for support.

Based on the needs analysis above, describe the State's needs in Colonias

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The Consolidated Plan's Housing Market analysis outlines strategic objectives to address the community's housing problems. The assessment will study the current state of housing in the Village of Oak Park, identify gaps and deficiencies in the housing market, and propose solutions to improve housing options for all residents. The Housing Market analysis will assess housing stock availability in the market. This review will include the types of housing units, their condition, and affordability levels.

The market analysis will also consider the age of the housing inventory and the need for potential replacements of the older stock. It will also analyze population trends and demographic changes to identify potential shifts in housing needs. These trends will also consider the alteration of service-based needs to demographic changes. Furthermore, the plan will evaluate housing accessibility for people with disabilities and assess any potential barriers.

One of the study's most prevalent aspects is calculating changes in real estate value, mortgage payments, and rent prices. This will provide valuable insight into the affordability of housing for low-and moderate-income households. Oak Park residents' responses to these changes in housing costs will also be analyzed, as will how the Village addresses such housing needs.

One of the more recent additions to the housing market analysis is the assessment of internet availability. Today, online access is vital infrastructure. Many people now work from home and require stable, high-speed internet access to do so effectively. The housing market plan will evaluate the current state of internet availability in Oak Park and determine any improvements or investments needed to ensure residents have reliable access.

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services - 91.410, 91.210(c)

Introduction

The Village of Oak Park has worked to address the gap in services for its residents who are experiencing homelessness. There are housing facilities in the Village of Oak Park, but the available ones are working hard to address the needs of these residents.

Emergency shelters are designed to provide immediate shelter for homeless individuals. Currently, an emergency overnight shelter of approximately 20 beds is available at St. Catherine/ St. Lucy's Rectory in Oak Park. In December 2024, the Village approved zoning changes so that Housing Forward can relocate their emergency overnight shelter to the Accolade which will accommodate up to 45 beds per night in Oak Park. These shelters provide a safe, warm place to sleep and access to necessities such as clothing and hygiene products. In February 2025, the Village agreed to provide more than \$360,000 in local funding to support operations to the expanded shelter for one year.

Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	0	60	0	34	0
Households with Only Adults	10	0	0	32	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	12	0	0
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6- Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

Alternate Data Source Name:
2024 Suburban Cook County Homeless Count

Data Source Comments:

Continuum of Care

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are use to complement services targeted to homeless persons.

Mainstream services are essential in providing support for homeless individuals, as they can address underlying issues that may contribute to homelessness.

Healthcare:

Access to quality healthcare is crucial for homeless individuals, as they often face physical and mental health challenges due to living on the streets or in unstable housing situations. Several services in the Village of Oak Park provide free or low-cost medical care for those in need. Non-profit organizations like Housing Forward offer case management services to connect clients with necessary medical resources.

The Oak Park Homelessness Coalition is a community-led initiative that seeks to address homelessness in the Oak Park area. It is a grassroots organization comprised of volunteers who provide support resources to the area's homeless population.

Mental Healthcare:

Housing Forward has established partnerships with several mental health organizations, including Thrive, PCC Wellness, Thresholds, Pillars, and Children's Clinic. These organizations not only provide direct mental health services to individuals experiencing homelessness but also work closely with Housing Forward staff to develop tailored care plans for each client.

Through these partnerships, individuals can receive much-needed support and treatment for mental health issues and substance use disorders. The goal is not just to address immediate mental health concerns but also to create long-term stability and well-being for those who have experienced trauma and hardship.

Illinois Department of Human Services is another key contributor to mental health well-being of the local homeless population. They offer services such as case management, individual and family therapy, psychiatric evaluations, medication management, and substance abuse treatment.

Employment Services:

Housing Forward offers job training opportunities for those who are experiencing homelessness. As part of their outreach efforts, they provide job readiness workshops and connect clients with employers through job placement programs. They also offer financial literacy workshops to help individuals develop skills to manage their finances and increase their chances of maintaining stable housing in the future.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

Housing Forward is the primary service provider addressing homelessness in Oak Park, offering a comprehensive range of programs to meet the diverse needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Their services include emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, and street outreach, ensuring a multi-faceted approach to addressing homelessness in the community.

- **Street Outreach Services:** Housing Forward conducts proactive street outreach to engage unsheltered individuals, providing crisis case management and linking them to essential services, including emergency shelter, food, and medical care. The program specifically reaches out to chronically homeless individuals, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth to connect them with housing solutions and supportive services.
- **Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing:** Housing Forward operates emergency shelters designed to provide temporary, safe housing for individuals and families in crisis. The organization works towards transitioning clients from emergency shelters to transitional and permanent supportive housing, ensuring stability and long-term housing security. These shelters are accessible to veterans and their families, families with children, and individuals in need of immediate assistance.
- **Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing:** The homelessness prevention program helps individuals and families at risk of eviction by providing financial assistance and case management to prevent homelessness before it occurs. The rapid rehousing program assists individuals and families in securing permanent housing quickly, reducing the time spent in homelessness and providing ongoing support services to ensure housing stability.
- **Coordinated Entry System:** Housing Forward actively participates in the Suburban Cook County Coordinated Entry (CE) system, which standardizes the intake and referral process for homeless individuals. CE helps streamline access to shelter, housing programs, and other necessary resources, improving service delivery for all populations, including veterans, families, and unaccompanied youth.

By integrating these services and facilities into a cohesive support system, the Village of Oak Park and Housing Forward continue to make strides in addressing homelessness, ensuring that vulnerable populations receive the necessary assistance to achieve stable housing.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

Introduction

Economic development is a cornerstone of housing stability and community growth. Located close to Chicago, the Oak Park residents have access to many jobs and opportunities. This contributes significantly to the variety of available jobs, increasing their employment rates. The unemployment rates in the Village of Oak Park are presently low, with only 3.1% of the population unemployed as of May 2021. This is significantly lower than the national average of 5.8%. This indicates a strong and stable job market in the region, providing residents with economic security.

The primary industries driving the economy in Oak Park are education, healthcare, and government. For example, local school districts employ many residents. Rush Oak Park Hospital is one of the top employers in the Village

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	39	136	0	1	1
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	2,587	2,555	12	15	3
Construction	640	408	3	2	-1
Education and Health Care Services	5,509	7,658	25	46	21
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	2,617	848	12	5	-7
Information	725	382	3	2	-1
Manufacturing	1,359	296	6	2	-4
Other Services	1,148	1,476	5	9	4
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	3,531	1,236	16	7	-9
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	1,924	1,528	9	9	0
Transportation and Warehousing	913	65	4	0	-4
Wholesale Trade	958	131	4	1	-3

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Total	21,950	16,719	--	--	--

Table 7 - Business Activity

Alternate Data Source Name:

2020 U.S. Census Bureau

Data Source Comments:

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	29,085
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	27,335
Unemployment Rate	5.97
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	12.17
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	4.80

Table 8 - Labor Force

Alternate Data Source Name:

2020 U.S. Census Bureau

Data Source Comments:

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	12,035
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	780
Service	1,425
Sales and office	5,155
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	605
Production, transportation and material moving	540

Table 9 – Occupations by Sector

Alternate Data Source Name:

2020 U.S. Census Bureau

Data Source Comments:

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	8,375	34%
30-59 Minutes	13,230	53%
60 or More Minutes	3,230	13%
Total	24,835	100%

Table 10 - Travel Time

Alternate Data Source Name:

2020 U.S. Census Bureau

Data Source Comments:

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	170	100	330
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,490	185	825
Some college or Associate's degree	3,620	465	950
Bachelor's degree or higher	18,230	660	2,335

Table 11 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Alternate Data Source Name:

2020 U.S. Census Bureau

Data Source Comments:

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	24	15	20	200	265
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	185	4	85	275	510
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	550	440	745	1,315	915
Some college, no degree	1,025	935	800	1,770	1,330
Associate's degree	260	410	380	750	230
Bachelor's degree	770	2,965	2,965	3,890	1,255
Graduate or professional degree	75	2,140	3,310	5,960	2,580

Table 12 - Educational Attainment by Age

Alternate Data Source Name:

2020 U.S. Census Bureau

Data Source Comments:

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	20,465
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	32,005
Some college or Associate's degree	35,360
Bachelor's degree	63,440
Graduate or professional degree	77,945

Table 13 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Alternate Data Source Name:

2020 U.S. Census Bureau

Data Source Comments:

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

According to the Business Activity table, the top five employment sectors in the Village of Oak Park are the following.

- Education.
- Healthcare.
- Retail trade accommodation.
- Food services.
- Professional.
- Technical services.

These sectors align with the primary industries driving the economy mentioned previously.

It is important to note that the Village of Oak Park also strongly focuses on small businesses and entrepreneurship through initiatives such as the Small Business Development Center, which provides resources and assistance for entrepreneurs looking to start or expand their businesses in Oak Park.

The Village has a highly educated and capable workforce. With proximity to prestigious universities such as the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, a large pool of well-educated individuals is available for employment. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 64% of Oak Park residents aged 25 and over have a bachelor's degree or higher. This is significantly higher than the national average of 33%, making Oak Park attractive for businesses seeking a highly educated workforce. Approximately one-third (around 21% of the population) hold postgraduate degrees such as master's, doctoral, or professional degrees. These numbers boast of a highly skilled and competent workforce in various fields.

While higher education is essential to the Oak Park workforce, there are also many opportunities for non-degree workers. The retail and food service industries employ individuals without a college degree. Additionally, the Village strongly focuses on vocational training and apprenticeships, providing opportunities for those interested in skilled trades and manual labor.

Roads & Traffics

The Village of Oak Park Department of Public Works monitors and maintains the roads and traffic in Oak Park. They work closely with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to ensure efficient transportation within and outside the Village. The department also regularly conducts traffic studies and implements necessary changes to improve traffic flow.

Traveling statistics estimate that over 70% of Oak Park residents commute daily for work or school. Around 40% of Oak Park's working population commutes to jobs in Chicago. However, with the various public transportation options and a well-connected infrastructure, the average commute time is only about 30 minutes. This not only saves time for employees but also reduces carbon emissions from individual vehicles

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

It is important to the village to meet with regional and state workforce partners focused on talent development in the region's top growing sectors (Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Transport & Warehousing; Finance & Insurance), the trades, teachers and teaching assistants, and other fields critical to Oak Park. By learning about these organizations' service offerings and opportunities, the Village can secure maximum benefits for Oak Park residents and workers in job training linked to in-demand jobs offering a family-sustaining wage.

As for infrastructure, it is important to the economic vitality of the Village to continue to invest in its infrastructure, particularly in pedestrian infrastructure for such a walkable community.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

Several significant changes have significantly impacted the local and regional economy during the planning period. These changes include various public and private sector investments and initiatives, which have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities.

Because of the high demand for real estate and the limited supply of available land in the area, there has also been a rise in private sector investments, such as new housing developments and commercial projects. These investments have increased property values and created job opportunities in the construction, real estate, and service industries. There has been an increase in small businesses and start-ups in the area, further contributing to job growth.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

As stated, the residents of the Village have higher than average income and educational attainment, which caters to a more skilled and educated workforce. The current workforce in the jurisdiction is well-suited for the employment opportunities that benefit the corporate environment and high-end labor found in neighboring Chicago. There is a higher demand for skilled workers in industries such as technology, finance, and healthcare.

The education system in the area has also adapted to meet the needs of the growing job market by offering specialized programs and partnerships with local businesses. For example, Oak Park River Forest High School has partnered with nearby corporations to provide internship opportunities for students pursuing careers in specific industries. This provides valuable hands-on experience for students and ensures that they are equipped with the skills needed for those employment opportunities.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

One of the Village's goals relayed in the Consolidated Plan is its desire to be economically independent. Even though many residents commute to work in the nearby city, the Village recognizes the importance of developing and maintaining a strong local economy. This is achieved through various initiatives such as supporting small businesses, promoting tourism, and providing job training opportunities for residents. The Village's Economic Vitality Strategic Plan includes a number of goals related to workforce development and will be pursuing implementation of those in the next few years.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

The Oak Park community has formulated an Economic Vitality Strategic Plan designed to enhance the objectives of the Consolidated Plan, thereby promoting and supporting economic growth within the community. This strategic plan encompasses six strategies intended to facilitate successful business initiatives.

1. Positive perception of the business climate.
2. Higher Village tax revenue.
3. More shopping experiences and entertainment offerings across local commercial corridors.
4. More housing units in alignment with the Village's Strategic Vision for Housing.
5. More high-quality academic and career pathways for Oak Park students and workers.
6. More local business attraction and retention.

This initiative will enhance residents' quality of life and attract new businesses. The Village supports entrepreneurs and small businesses in growing their enterprises by removing barriers to business expansion, such as offering a one-on-one business mentorship program through the Economic Development Corporation and other resources.

The left map illustrates the concentration of Oak Park residents living below the poverty level, which is defined along census tract lines. For the Village of Oak Park, poverty is defined as a household with earnings below the federal poverty line.

According to the Data USA reports, the place with the highest median household income in Oak Park is Census Tract 8124 with a value of \$250,001 and has an employment rate of 87.7%. Contrast that area to Census Tract 2520 which has a median household income of \$43,000 and an employment rate of 62.4%. These statistics demonstrate the economic disparities that exist within Oak Park.

Census tract 8124 and census tract 2520 are separated by only a few blocks, yet they have such distinct levels of income and employment. This emphasizes the need for targeted initiatives and policies to address poverty in specific areas, rather than implementing broad solutions that may not address the unique challenges faced by different communities.

Discussion

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Concentration can be defined as an area where a specific group makes up a significant portion of the overall population. It is often measured by looking at the percentage of a particular group compared to the total population in that area.

In the Oak Park area, there are several census tracts that have a concentration of households facing multiple housing problems. For example, in Census Tract 8127, located in central Oak Park, almost 80% of the 450 households with low-incomes (30-50% of AMI) have one of the four housing problems, most commonly cost-burden issues.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

As of the 2020 U.S. Census, the minority population of the Village of Oak Park (Village) was 38.40%. There were seven (7) Census Tracts (CTs) in the Village that had minority populations over 38.40%. Concentration is defined as Census Tracts with a minority population over 38.40%. The CTs and minority population are as follows: 813100 51.32% minority, 812600 50.34% minority, 812500 47.94% minority, 812801 46.03% minority, 812100 45.68% minority, 812301 39.87% minority, 813000 39.00% minority. The majority of these CTs are in the eastern and central areas of the City.

The Low-Income CTs were defined as those with a median household income of \$60,000 or less. There are no low-income CT's in the Village.

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What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

Due to the relative strength of the Oak Park housing market and the community's many resources, residents in these areas have both opportunities (access to local education, health, and social service resources) as well as challenges (the rapidly escalating housing costs and the tight housing supply noted earlier). This combination can lead to future neighborhood changes as long-time residents are driven out due to the housing market strength.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

There are logistical advantages in Oak Park, such as its proximity to downtown Chicago and access to public transportation. The CTA Blue Line runs through the neighborhood, providing easy access to downtown and other parts of the city. Additionally, several community organizations and initiatives work towards improving the quality of life for residents in these areas. These assets can serve as a strong foundation for the community's future growth and development efforts.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

The Village continues to invest in all parts of the community, including areas with relatively greater concentrations of housing market problems. A new strategic opportunity includes the recently approved Percy Julian Streetscape Project. This initiative aims to improve the public realm by enhancing pedestrian safety, increasing accessibility, and modernizing streetscape elements to create a more inviting and vibrant business environment. These improvements align with the Village's long-term vision of fostering economic growth and strengthening neighborhood connectivity.

The Village is also pursuing development of an updated corridor plan for Roosevelt Road in partnership with the City of Berwyn. By leveraging these strategic investments, the Village continues to enhance commercial districts, support local businesses, and create a thriving and resilient economic landscape for the Oak Park community.

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

In today's digital age, access to high-speed Internet is essential for individuals to participate and compete fully in the economy, education, healthcare, and other vital areas of life. HUD defines acceptable internet speed as a minimum of 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download speed and at least 3 Mbps upload speed. Therefore, anything slower than the minimum speed is unacceptable and would put the user at a disadvantage.

Oak Park offers good access to internet providers, however, disparities in access to individual households and buildings remains. Some Oak Park taxing bodies offer free or affordable broadband access solutions to eligible residents to help bridge this divide. The Oak Park Library offers free wireless hotspot internet access on a first-come, first-served basis with no income restriction. According to library staff, demand is outpacing available funding for this program. School District 97 offers similar hotspots to students eligible for free lunch programs, while District 200 offers internet access through Comcast affordability initiatives. Demand also appears to be high at D97 according to their IT staff.

No usage data was obtained from District 200. According to the library, borrowers are generally using their devices 24/7, which is not the intended use (typical usage is 3-4 hours at a time). This type of continuous usage has forced the library to throttle back data speeds to contain costs, which creates a situation where user speeds may be insufficient for daily needs. Because of the unconventional device usage and long waiting list at the library, and the high device demand at D97, it appears that there may be an overall internet access problem in Oak Park.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

Multiple broadband internet service providers (ISPs) in a jurisdiction are crucial for promoting competition and addressing digital access issues. Competition among ISPs leads to improved services, prices, and consumer options. This can help bridge the digital divide by providing residents with access to high-speed Internet at affordable rates.

Competing ISPs for market share dispenses with monopolies dominating the market and allowing more consumer choices. This ultimately benefits the community by promoting digital access and providing equal opportunities for all residents by lowering the cost of premium service. Lower costs can ensure

that low-income and minority neighborhoods have access to high-quality broadband services, breaking down the digital divide and freeing up any redlining districts.

According to the NTIA's Broadband Adoption and Use in America report, The Village of Oak Park, Illinois, has seen the benefits of increased competition with multiple ISPs serving the area. Verizon and Xfinity have installed high-speed fiber optic networks, offering residents speeds of up to 100 Mbps. This has led to lower internet service prices, with the average monthly cost dropping from \$70 to \$50 due to competition. More importantly, the increased competition has also improved the quality of services ISPs provide in Oak Park as they strive to attract and retain customers through better service offerings and prices.

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

Climate change has become a growing concern for many jurisdictions, as it poses increased natural hazard risks that can have significant impacts on communities and their residents. These hazards include extreme weather events which are becoming more frequent and intense due to climate change.

For the Village of Oak Park

Climate change cause climate volatility which can lead to unpredictable weather patterns and more frequent extreme weather events. As a result, Oak Park has experienced an increase in natural hazard risks, including severe storms. These hazards can have devastating impacts on the community with massive collateral damage. Climate change also poses a threat to the Village's infrastructure, which may not be built to withstand the increasing frequency and intensity of these events. It is crucial for jurisdictions like Oak Park to proactively address their increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change to protect their residents and promote resilience within the community.

Sever inclement weather can also disrupt daily life in the Village, and cause damage to homes and businesses. Additionally, climate change can also impact the local economy, as extreme weather events can disrupt business operations and result in financial losses for both individuals and companies. This highlights the importance of addressing and mitigating the increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change in Oak Park.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Resilience Toolkit provides guidance and resources for communities to assess their vulnerabilities and develop strategies to adapt to climate change. Oak Park has also implemented a Climate Action Plan that sets goals and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable practices in the community. Additionally, the Village has implemented programs such as flood mitigation measures, tree canopy preservation, and stormwater management systems to help mitigate the impacts of natural hazards.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has commended Oak Park for its successful climate change mitigation measures, which resulted in a 5% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 to 2014. These policy implementations are a significant achievement, considering that the Village's population increased by 3% during this period. The EPA also recognizes Oak Park as a "Climate Showcase Community" for its efforts in reducing energy consumption and promoting sustainability.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

Housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households is particularly vulnerable to the risks associated with climate change in Oak Park. A study conducted by the Village of Oak Park found that these households are more likely to live in areas with the highest risk of adverse effects of climate volatility. As is often the case, lower to moderate-income households are more likely to reside in the older and less resilient housing stock.

According to the Village of Oak Park's Climate Action Plan, approximately 22% of homes in Oak Park do not have central air conditioning. This percentage is likely higher among low- and moderate-income households, as they may not have the financial means to install central air or may live in older housing with outdated cooling systems. As a result, these households are at a higher risk for heat-related health issues during extreme heat events caused by climate change.

In addition to lacking proper cooling systems, low- and moderate-income households also face challenges when it comes to automobile registration. Being climate conscious has forced many municipalities to implement stricter regulations for vehicle emissions, which can be costly for low-income households. This creates a barrier for these households to have access to reliable transportation, making it difficult for them to travel safely during extreme weather events.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The strategic plan summarizes the various stakeholders, quantitative data analysis, and qualitative research to identify a direction for the Village of Oak Park. Strategic planning is crucial for the Village, providing a roadmap for success. It helps leaders make informed decisions about allocating resources and prioritizing initiatives. It also ensures that all stakeholders are aligned towards a common vision and working towards a shared set of goals.

During the plan's development, the Village sets CDBG allocation goals for the next five years. As stated, the primary purpose of these goals is to benefit the low-income to extremely low-income residents, individuals, or families that are below 60% AMI. The goals are to create greater accessibility for these individuals within the community, focusing on providing affordable housing options and improving economic opportunities.

Reviewing the previous Strategic Plan initiatives, we can see progress towards these goals and measure the plan's success. This not only allows for accountability but also provides valuable insights for future planning. It is important to note that strategic planning is an ongoing process and should be revisited regularly to adapt to changing circumstances and ensure continued progress towards the Village's vision. The Strategic Plan is reflective of the significant planning work the Village has already done outside of the consolidated planning process, most notably the Strategic Vision for Housing and the Economic Vitality Strategic Plan.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 14 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	CDBG Target Area
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Other
	Other Revital Description:	Local Target Area
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The Village values economic integration. The housing supply and cost issues identified in the market analysis section effect the whole of the community. Activities undertaken in this Consolidated Plan to address these issues will also occur across the community.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	As noted above, low- and moderate-income households in the Village struggle with rising housing costs and limited supply affordable to such households. This includes the cost of continuing to stay in the community over time.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	The Village of Oak Park instituted multi-faceted consultation and citizen participation processes to identify the target area for community revitalization efforts. The process involved in-depth community input and research to determine the most effective strategies for revitalization. Stakeholder engagement, anonymous surveys, and workshops were the primary methods to gather community input. The data collected through these methods was analyzed to develop a comprehensive action plan.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	The highest priority is affordable housing, including safe and secure living conditions

	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	There are many opportunities for economic development because of its proximity to Chicago. Oak Park has a highly educated population, many of whom commute to Chicago for work.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The barrier to affordable housing is rooted in the rising cost of housing in the area. The Village is highly sought-after as a desirable place to live, which has increased housing prices and made it unaffordable to many current and future residents.
2	Area Name:	Entire Jurisdiction
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Other
	Other Revital Description:	Entire area covered by Village of Oak Park
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	Village Wide

<p>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</p>	<p>Infrastructure maintenance is an essential aspect of keeping systems and services running efficiently. The Village focuses its efforts in Low to Moderate Income Census Block Groups as defined by HUD. For Oak park, those area areas where 36.29% of the population earn 80% or less of the Median Family Income (MFI). Based on these criteria, 14 of the Village's 53 census block groups qualify as LMI areas, as indicated in the table below.</p> <p>Census Tract, Block Group, and Percent of LMI Persons</p> <p>8121 1 38.50</p> <p>8123.01 2 36.29</p> <p>8125 1 48.03</p> <p>8125 2 52.08</p> <p>8125 3 48.41</p> <p>8126 2 52.02</p> <p>8126 3 45.41</p> <p>8128.01 51.94</p> <p>8128.01 2 41.12</p> <p>8128.02 3 44.83</p> <p>8130 1 44.12</p> <p>8131 1 49.50</p> <p>8131 4 45.96</p> <p>8132 4 39.05</p>
<p>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</p>	<p>The Village of Oak Park instituted multi-faceted consultation and citizen participation processes to identify the target area for community revitalization efforts.</p>
<p>Identify the needs in this target area.</p>	<p>Maintaining public infrastructure is an ongoing commitment and the Village has heard and continues to hear about the need for enhanced upkeep of community facilities and infrastructure.</p>
<p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>The Village maintains an annually updated 5-year Capital Improvement Plan that evaluates and plans for the medium-term local needs in infrastructure. Neighborhood Services and Public Works staff annually revisit this plan to evaluate the role that CDBG funding can plan in helping meet these many capital needs.</p>

	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The only barriers to addressing the identified capital needs are the available of local funding and the administrative challenges of using HUD funding generally.
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General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

The Village of Oak Park does not access to EMSA or HOPWA grant funding.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 15 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Entire Jurisdiction
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	The Village of Oak Park will partner with various sub-recipients to provide these services and ensure they are delivered effectively and efficiently to the residents.

	Basis for Relative Priority	<p>The prioritization of services provided by the Public Services initiatives is based on various factors. These include but are not limited to: Needs assessment:</p> <p>The Village of Oak Park conducts regular needs assessments to identify its residents' most pressing needs and priorities. This information guides allocating resources and subsequent provision of services through the Public Services initiatives.</p> <p>Demographics: The demographics of Oak Park play a significant role in determining relative priority for service delivery. For instance, services catering to vulnerable populations such as children, seniors, and low-income households may be prioritized.</p> <p>Community feedback: The opinions and feedback of residents are also taken into consideration when determining the relative priority for service delivery.</p>
2	Priority Need Name	Supply of Affordable Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	Entire Jurisdiction
	Associated Goals	Affordable & Safe Housing

	Description	Over five years, the Village of Oak Park will maintain and increase the number of affordable housing units. This initiative prioritizes both maintaining existing units through code enforcement and rehabilitation activities, as well as increasing supply through acquisition and homeownership supports.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The Village of Oak Park's initiative to maintain and increase affordable housing units is based feedback from stakeholders, the market analysis, and the Strategic Vision for Housing.
3	Priority Need Name	Homelessness Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	Geographic Areas Affected	Entire Jurisdiction
	Associated Goals	Homelessness Assistance
	Description	
	Basis for Relative Priority	According to the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition's annual report, there were 175 individuals experiencing homelessness in the Village in 2019. This is a significant increase from previous years, around 70 individuals. This is a 250% increase in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in Oak Park. This sharp rise in homelessness has raised concerns among both residents and local government officials. The goal is to mitigate and ultimately end homelessness in Oak Park

4	Priority Need Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area
	Associated Goals	Public Infrastructure
	Description	Enhancing streets, sidewalks and alleys within is essential for maintaining neighborhood appeal and integrity and improving vehicular safety. Additionally, upgrading water and sewer mains in these areas is vital for preserving neighborhood desirability and integrity, together with strengthening safety measures.
	Basis for Relative Priority	This priority is based on feedback during the consolidated planning process and observations from the Village's annual updates to its 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.
5	Priority Need Name	Administration & Planning
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area
	Associated Goals	Planning & Administration
	Description	Administration is a high priority for the Village to carry out the CDBG programs. Homelessness Planning is also a high priority.
	Basis for Relative Priority	CDBG Administration and Planning needs were determined through a combination of following criteria: meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program; meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income residents; response to expressed needs; a combination of input from stakeholders and residents of Oak Park; and the need for staff to carry out the program.

Narrative (Optional)

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Village of Oak Park expects to allocate \$1,500,000.00 of CDBG funding to projects the community has identified as priorities. These projects have been selected through a process that involves public input and review by the Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC), which the Village Board appoints. The CDCAC reviews project proposals for compliance with program objectives and eligibility criteria and consistency with community priorities.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,574,409	0	0	1,574,409	0	Allocated to Village departments and non-profit agencies serving Oak Park

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 16 - Anticipated Resources

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

The Village of Oak Park strategically leverages federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds by combining them with local general revenue, capital improvement funds, and external grants to maximize the impact of public investments in infrastructure and community development. This collaborative funding approach allows the Village to undertake large-scale projects that would not be feasible through a single funding source alone.

In particular, CDBG funds are used to complement and enhance the Village's infrastructure improvement projects. These projects, identified through Oak Park's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), address critical needs such as lead water service line replacements, ADA sidewalk improvements, and street resurfacing in census tracts. The Village allocates general fund dollars for these same initiatives, thereby satisfying any implicit matching requirements and demonstrating strong fiscal commitment to equity-focused development.

Beyond internal sources, the Village also actively applies for and secures competitive state and federal grants, such as those from the Illinois Department of Commerce &

Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus programs. These external funds align with HUD's priorities and reinforce the CDBG-funded goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

This layering of funding ensures not only the financial viability of capital projects but also amplifies their impact by allowing for expanded scopes, quicker timelines, and more equitable outcomes.

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

NA

Discussion

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	Continuum of care	Homelessness Planning	Region
OAK PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	Other	Economic Development	Jurisdiction
Oak Park Housing Authority	Public institution	Non-homeless special needs Public Housing	Jurisdiction
Oak Park Regional Housing Center	Regional organization	Planning Rental	Region
OAK PARK RESIDENCE CORPORATION	Redevelopment authority	Planning Rental	Jurisdiction

Table 17 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

One strength of Oak Park's institutional delivery system is its diversity. The Village has a mix of public and private institutions offering its residents a wide range of services. This ensures that multiple options are available for individuals and families to access necessary services. These individuals may often require more exceptional service, and a larger pool of service providers can enhance the experience or treatment.

Another strength of the institutional delivery system in Oak Park is its focus on community collaboration. Local institutions often collaborate to identify and address gaps in services and resources. This collaborative approach helps ensure all community members can access necessary services, regardless of potential barriers.

It's also essential to recognize the importance of ongoing evaluation and improvement within the institutional delivery system. Institutions should regularly review their housing processes and procedures to meet the community's needs efficiently and effectively.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	X
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
Other			

Table 18 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

While poverty and the lack of affordable housing continue to be the primary causes of homelessness in our community, we are continually thinking strategically to fill these gaps.

Strengths of the Service Delivery System

- **Collaboration and Coordination:** One of the biggest strengths of the service delivery system for individuals with disabilities and persons experiencing homelessness is the collaboration and coordination among various organizations. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in partnerships between government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private businesses to provide comprehensive services to this vulnerable population. This collaboration helps reach a broader range of individuals in need and ensures that no one falls through the cracks.
- **Comprehensive Services:** The service delivery system offers various services, such as housing assistance, mental health support, substance abuse treatment, job training, childcare, and healthcare. These services are designed to address not just the immediate needs of individuals experiencing homelessness but also their long-term needs to help them achieve stability and self-sufficiency.
- **Responsive to Changing Needs:** The service delivery system has shown resilience in adapting to the changing needs and demands of the disabled population and persons experiencing homelessness. With a growing understanding of the complex issues that contribute to homelessness, organizations have modified their services to be more inclusive and effective in addressing them.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

Despite its strengths, there are still some gaps in the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness that need to be addressed. Lack of adequate funding is a major barrier in providing comprehensive and quality services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Due to limited resources, some programs may have long waiting lists or be unable to provide necessary services, leading to delays in addressing the needs of this population.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

The Village of Oak Park recognizes that effective delivery of housing, infrastructure, and public service priorities requires a coordinated, inclusive, and flexible institutional framework. While the Village has a well-established network of internal departments and external partners, gaps remain in service coordination, capacity, and real-time data sharing. To address these challenges, the Village employs a multi-pronged strategy:

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Strengthening Cross-Departmental Collaboration: The Community Services Division coordinates closely with Public Works, Development Services, and Finance to ensure CDBG investments align with Village-wide infrastructure priorities and planning processes. This internal alignment helps close communication gaps and streamline project implementation.

Formalizing Partnerships with Community-Based Organizations: The Village supports a strong network of subrecipients, particularly those providing housing, homelessness prevention, and public services, to deliver specialized programming to low- and moderate-income residents. By funding nonprofit partners like Housing Forward and enhancing collaboration with the Oak Park Housing Authority, the Village builds delivery capacity where municipal systems alone cannot reach.

Capacity-Building for Subrecipients: The Village regularly provides technical assistance, training, and compliance guidance to community partners. This ensures that smaller organizations can meet HUD’s programmatic and reporting requirements, while improving service continuity for residents.

Data-Driven Decision Making: The Village uses needs assessment data, citizen feedback, and subrecipient reporting to identify service delivery gaps and reallocate resources as needed. Planned upgrades to internal data systems will further support tracking progress across programs, informing policy and funding priorities.

Regional Coordination and Advocacy: Recognizing that many issues including housing affordability and homelessness extend beyond municipal boundaries, Oak Park actively engages with regional bodies such as the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County and the West Suburban Housing Collaborative. This participation ensures that Oak Park's priorities are aligned with broader systems of care and regional resource allocation.

Through these combined strategies, the Village aims to reduce duplication, address service silos, and ensure that institutional resources are deployed equitably and efficiently in support of the Consolidated Plan’s goals.

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2025	2029	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Public Services	CDBG: \$196,161	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7500 Persons Assisted
2	Affordable & Safe Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Entire Jurisdiction	Supply of Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$325,000	
3	Public Infrastructure	2025	2029	Public Infrastructure	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area	Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$698,367	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted
4	Homelessness Assistance	2025	2029	Homeless	Entire Jurisdiction	Homelessness Assistance	CDBG: \$40,000	
5	Planning & Administration	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$314,881	

Table 19 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide funding to develop service opportunities for the residents of the Village of Oak Park. This may include job creation activities, commercial facade upgrade activities, or a combination of the two.
2	Goal Name	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Goal Description	The Village of Oak Park is committed to preserving and enhancing affordable housing options. The aging infrastructure of the housing supply in Oak Park necessitates the rehabilitation of existing residences, which both homeowners and tenants currently occupy. This initiative also encompasses code enforcement measures, which endeavor to ensure the safety and soundness of all properties. The goal is to benefit the LMI (low to moderate-income) population, which includes individuals and families with limited economic resources.
3	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to support public infrastructure improvements, including sidewalk repairs, ADA compliance upgrades, and other accessibility enhancements in low- and moderate-income areas. These investments aim to create safer, more inclusive public spaces that support mobility and community well-being.
4	Goal Name	Homelessness Assistance
	Goal Description	The Village of Oak Park will fund various programs that provide vital funding to address the critical needs of individuals who are considered homeless. These programs aim to assist those in need of stable and affordable housing. Emergency housing, transitional housing, and permanent housing programs will be funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
5	Goal Name	Planning & Administration
	Goal Description	CDBG Administration and Planning needs were determined through a combination of following criteria: meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program; meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income residents; response to expressed needs; a combination of input from stakeholders and residents of Oak Park; and the need for staff to carry out the program.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

HOME 91.315(b)(2) defines affordable housing as housing that is (1) assisted under the HOME program, (2) subject to a legally binding commitment to remain affordable to low-income and moderate-income families for a specified period, and (3) occupied by low-income and moderate-income families.

When estimating the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families that will benefit from affordable housing provided by the jurisdiction, it is important to consider various factors such as population demographics, income levels, and availability of affordable housing in the area.

Per the data from the market analysis, 34% of Oak Park households earn less than 80% of AMI, approximately 6,765 households.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(d)

Describe how the jurisdiction's strategic plan goals contribute to:

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

Assessing the individual needs of homeless persons, especially those who are unsheltered, is crucial in creating an effective plan to reach out and assist them in the Village of Oak Park. This involves understanding their unique situations by implementing several initiatives to assess their needs.

1. Conducting a needs assessment survey: As stated, an online survey was made available to all Village of Oak Park residents. Unfortunately, most of the homeless population didn't have the opportunity to participate directly; however, stakeholders who have close contact with unsheltered individuals could participate.
1. Engaging with community organizations: Collaborating with local non-profit organizations and advocacy groups that work with homeless individuals is essential to understanding their needs. These organizations were contacted and consulted to gain insights into the services and support that homeless individual in the community most need.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Village of Oak Park continues to address the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals through a coordinated, locally funded strategy in partnership with Housing Forward and other service providers. While the Village has not received Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding since 2019, it has prioritized alternative funding streams to ensure continued support for this vulnerable population.

In 2025, the Village awarded general revenue funds to Housing Forward to support operations at a newly expanded emergency shelter in Oak Park. This shelter, located at the Accolade site, will provide up to 45 congregate shelter beds and marks a significant increase in local emergency shelter capacity. This investment reflects the Village's commitment to ensuring access to safe, temporary accommodations for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Since 2023, the Village has also supported the operation of a second emergency shelter location offering 20 additional congregate beds, further increasing access to immediate, low-barrier shelter options. These shelter operations are closely coordinated with Housing Forward's broader

continuum of care, which includes case management, rapid rehousing, and wraparound services.

In addition to emergency shelter, Housing Forward currently operates an interim housing site at a hotel within Oak Park that provides 56 beds. This facility offers short-term, stable accommodations as individuals transition into more permanent housing. The Village has actively supported this project through a combination of CDBG funds, general revenue, and state funding, recognizing its vital role in bridging emergency response with long-term housing solutions.

Through ongoing collaboration, flexible local funding, and strategic resource allocation, the Village of Oak Park is sustaining and expanding access to emergency and transitional housing. These efforts are part of a broader strategy to reduce homelessness and ensure that residents experiencing housing instability can access safe shelter and comprehensive support services.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

The Village of Oak Park in partnership with Housing Forward and other regional service providers to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness. This approach is centered on rapidly transitioning people into stable housing while offering robust wraparound supports to ensure long-term stability.

1. Shortening the Period of Homelessness:

Housing Forward leads outreach, assessment, and placement services as part of the regional Continuum of Care, helping to quickly connect people with emergency shelter and housing pathways. Their operations, including the Rise Center medical respite program, prioritize chronically homeless individuals, families with children, unaccompanied youth, and veterans, ensuring immediate access to care and housing navigation. This reduces time spent in shelters or on the streets.

2. Facilitating Access to Affordable Housing:

The Village supports access to affordable housing by funding programs that assist with rental subsidies, housing search assistance, and landlord engagement. Housing Forward's rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing initiatives are critical components in helping individuals and families secure long-term housing in Oak Park. These efforts are bolstered by support from the Oak Park Housing Authority and the Village's continued investment in housing preservation and development.

3. Preventing Returns to Homelessness:

Once housed, clients are connected to case management, mental health services, employment support, and financial literacy programming ensuring they have the tools to maintain stability and avoid returning to homelessness. These services are funded through a combination of local support mechanisms.

Since the Village has not received Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding since 2019, it has prioritized the use of CDBG public service dollars and general revenue funds to sustain and expand critical homelessness prevention and housing stabilization programs operated by Housing Forward. This includes support for street outreach, emergency shelter operations, and case management services.

By blending flexible local funding with coordinated service delivery, the Village of Oak Park remains committed to supporting individuals across the housing continuum and ensuring the transition to independent living is successful and sustainable.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

The Village of Oak Park recognizes that preventing homelessness, particularly among extremely low-income residents and individuals exiting systems of care, is essential to maintaining housing stability and promoting long-term well-being. In response, the Village supports a coordinated network of services that identify households at risk of homelessness early and connect them to interventions before a crisis occurs.

1. Prevention through Partnership:

The Village collaborates with Housing Forward and other nonprofit partners to identify residents at risk of housing loss, particularly those being discharged from hospitals, mental health institutions, correctional facilities, and youth systems such as foster care. These partnerships include relationships with PCC Wellness, Cook County Health, and the Illinois Department of Human Services to coordinate discharge planning and ensure individuals have access to shelter or transitional housing options upon release.

2. Local Investment in Prevention Services:

Although the Village has not received ESG funds since 2019, it dedicates a portion of CDBG public service dollars and general revenue funds to support Housing Forward's homelessness prevention program. This includes financial assistance for rent, utilities, and security deposits, as well as mediation and case management services to stabilize households before eviction occurs.

3. Wraparound Supports to Sustain Housing:

For individuals and families already receiving public or private assistance related to healthcare, employment, or education, Housing Forward provides tailored support to maintain housing, including benefits navigation, employment readiness programs, and behavioral health referrals. The goal is to reduce barriers to housing stability by addressing the root causes of housing insecurity.

4. Coordinated Entry and Referral:

Housing Forward participates in the Suburban Cook County Coordinated Entry System, which ensures that at-risk individuals are quickly identified, prioritized, and matched with the most appropriate services. This system helps target limited resources to those with the highest risk of homelessness and greatest need.

By proactively identifying risk factors and investing in early interventions, the Village of Oak Park is committed to reducing the incidence of homelessness and supporting vulnerable residents in maintaining stable, long-term housing.

SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Oak Park Public Health Efforts: The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has identified all three of Oak Park's ZIP codes as high-risk for pediatric blood lead poisoning, based on housing data and family economic status from the US Census. Given the age of Oak Park's housing stock, there is a heightened probability of children being exposed to lead. As a result, the Village remains committed to strong lead education, prevention, and abatement efforts.

Oak Park children with elevated blood lead levels receive professional case management through the Oak Park Public Health Department, which serves as the State's delegate agency for childhood lead issues. The Village has an agreement with IDPH to provide case management services for all children residing in Oak Park with elevated blood lead levels. Public Health staff participate in public awareness campaigns, provide nursing case management, and conduct environmental investigations when required under the State Act and Code. The Village remains dedicated to eliminating elevated lead levels in children through continued intervention, education, and remediation programs.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

The Village's actions to address lead-based paint hazards are integrated into housing policies and procedures in order to ensure a high level of quality of health for Village residents. The CDBG-funded single-family housing rehabilitation loan & grant program is instrumental in helping to reduce lead-based paint hazards when detected. Residents are able to apply for loans to rehabilitate their dwelling units and if lead based paint hazards are found, they may receive grant funding to remediate these hazards. The Village's process for lead paint abatement includes hiring consultants for risk assessments and clearance and general contractors with licensed workers or subcontractors to perform the lead hazard reduction construction work.

All relevant CDBG projects entered into between the Village of Oak Park and recipients of funding from those programs include language that the recipients must comply with lead-based paint regulations and policies as established by local, State, and Federal laws and regulations, including specific policies related to lead-based paint in the CDBG programs.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The Village of Oak Park has taken proactive steps to promote commerce in the area. It has adopted an Economic Vitality Strategic Plan. Economic vitality is more than jobs and growth. It is the intentional pursuit of broad-based prosperity that uplifts all residents, businesses, and neighborhoods.

Optimizing economic vitality for the Village of Oak Park means fostering a resilient, inclusive local economy that supports quality jobs, attainable housing, diverse small businesses, and vibrant community spaces.

Without proactive planning and deliberate action, Oak Park risks deepening existing disparities, widening the gap between its wealthiest residents and those struggling to keep pace, and pricing out young professionals and first-time homebuyers vital to the community's future.

The Village of Oak Park's continued prosperity is inextricably linked to the health and vibrancy of the broader Chicagoland region. As a commuter hub and cultural gateway, the Village benefits from a strong regional economy—but it must also contribute to that strength. Supporting neighboring jurisdictions through coordinated economic strategies will reduce regional inequities and ensure long-term stability and growth for Oak Park.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The Economic Vitality Strategic Plan specifically calls out goals that will result in greater economic participation for all Oak Park residents. It also specifically calls out goals and strategies that will expand attainable workforce housing, focusing on first time homebuyers and young professionals, thereby linking the goals of the Strategic Vision for Housing with economic vitality. These will be coordinated on an ongoing basis through Village of Oak Park staff collaboration on the implementation of the overlapping recommendations of the Strategic Vision for Housing and the Economic vitality Strategic Plan.

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The Village of Oak Park Neighborhood Services Department serves as the primary agency responsible for monitoring CDBG program compliance. The department has established comprehensive procedures to oversee all program activities, including a mandate that ensures subrecipient compliance and timely project implementation. To achieve this, CDBG Staff at the Village of Oak Park adhere to HUD's monitoring handbooks, guidelines, and technical assistance publications to confirm that funded programs adhere to applicable rules and regulations.

The Village reports its performance in the annual Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER contains a summary of program year accomplishments, the status of activities taken to fulfill the strategic plan component of the Consolidated Plan, and an evaluation of progress made to address identified priority needs and objectives during the program year.

Subrecipient Monitoring: The Village of Oak Park maintains a high standard in compliance and monitoring for CDBG subrecipients. The Village has adopted the HUD-recommended risk assessment approach to monitoring. Subrecipients are required to submit quarterly and annual reports, which are reviewed by Village staff. Subrecipients also submit an annual report at the end of the program year, summarizing the events and numbers of the entire program year. These reports require extensive documentation of project progress and beneficiaries, as well as items to be reported quarterly and annually in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).

For Public Facility and Public Infrastructure Improvement Projects, pre-construction meetings are held to clarify expectations with contractors, subrecipient staff, and payroll personnel. This also includes a review of compliance documentation with the Village and ensuring contractors are in good standing with the Village and HUD.

Staff conduct annual monitoring, which reviews policies, processes, and supporting material that is submitted during the year. All finances, including invoices, are reviewed through checks and balances or different levels of staff review prior to authorization of payment on a quarterly basis. The department's monitoring activities encompass various aspects, such as income eligibility verification, accounting procedures, and on-site inspections for funded agencies.

Fiscal Monitoring: The Village Finance Department has implemented internal control systems that prevent delays and inaccuracies in the expenditure of CDBG resources. The Village undergoes an annual audit, which encompasses CDBG funds, ensuring fiscal responsibility and accountability. The Village of Oak Park developed several policies, including an Internal Self-Assessment and Reconciliation and an

Internal Improper Payment Policy. These policies will serve as excellent guidelines to ensure compliance for the program.

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Village of Oak Park expects to allocate \$1,500,000.00 of CDBG funding to projects the community has identified as priorities. These projects have been selected through a process that involves public input and review by the Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee (CDCAC), which the Village Board appoints. The CDCAC reviews project proposals for compliance with program objectives and eligibility criteria and consistency with community priorities.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,574,409.00	0.00	0.00	1,574,409.00	0.00	Allocated to Village departments and non-profit agencies serving Oak Park

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Table 20 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The Village of Oak Park strategically leverages federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds by combining them with local general revenue, capital improvement funds, and external grants to maximize the impact of public investments in infrastructure and community development. This collaborative funding approach allows the Village to undertake large-scale projects that would not be feasible through a single funding source alone.

In particular, CDBG funds are used to complement and enhance the Village's infrastructure improvement projects. These projects, identified through Oak Park's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), address critical needs such as lead water service line replacements, ADA sidewalk improvements, and street resurfacing in census tracts. The Village allocates general fund dollars for these same initiatives, thereby satisfying any implicit matching requirements and demonstrating strong fiscal commitment to equity-focused development.

Beyond internal sources, the Village also actively applies for and secures competitive state and federal grants, such as those from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus programs. These external

funds align with HUD's priorities and reinforce the CDBG-funded goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan.</p><p data-start="1797" data-end="2249">This layering of funding ensures not only the financial viability of capital projects but also amplifies their impact by allowing for expanded scopes, quicker timelines, and more equitable outcomes. t</p>

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

NA

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Public Services	CDBG: \$196,161.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20000 Persons Assisted
2	Affordable & Safe Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Entire Jurisdiction	Supply of Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$325,000.00	Rental units rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 150 Household Housing Unit
3	Public Infrastructure	2020	2024	Public Infrastructure	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area	Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$698,367.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1500 Persons Assisted
4	Homelessness Assistance	2020	2024	Homeless	Entire Jurisdiction	Homelessness Assistance	CDBG: \$40,000.00	Homelessness Prevention: 15 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Planning & Administration	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Entire Jurisdiction	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$314,881.00	Other: 1 Other

Table 21 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>The Village of Oak Park will utilize CDBG funds to support a wide range of eligible public service activities that promote stability, equity, and wellbeing for low- to moderate-income residents, including but not limited to: homelessness prevention, mental health and wellness, youth engagement, support for older adults, food access, legal advocacy, and services for survivors of domestic violence.</p>
2	Goal Name	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Goal Description	<p>The Village of Oak Park is committed to preserving and enhancing affordable housing options. The aging infrastructure of the housing supply in Oak Park necessitates the rehabilitation of existing residences, which both homeowners and tenants currently occupy. This initiative also encompasses code enforcement measures, which endeavor to ensure the safety and soundness of all properties. The goal is to benefit the LMI (low to moderate-income) population, which includes individuals and families with limited economic resources.</p>
3	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	<p>Enhancing the livability of communities through the advancement of public infrastructure is paramount. The maintenance and enhancement of the existing infrastructure play a crucial role in ensuring that residents inhabit a safe, clean, and respectable environment. Improvements in accessibility constitute a significant aspect of the planned activities. The primary focus encompasses enhancements to sidewalks, ramps, streets, alleys, and water lines.</p>

4	Goal Name	Homelessness Assistance
	Goal Description	The Village of Oak Park is committed to supporting initiatives that aim to prevent homelessness and assist individuals currently experiencing homelessness. Such services encompass but are not limited to street outreach, prevention strategies, rapid re-housing, Housing Management Information System (HMIS) support, and emergency shelter provisions. Furthermore, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are also allocated for these purposes. Detailed accomplishments related to public service initiatives are in the CDBG section
5	Goal Name	Planning & Administration
	Goal Description	CDBG Administration and Planning needs were determined through a combination of following criteria: meeting the statutory requirements of the CDBG program; meeting the needs of low- and moderate-income residents; response to expressed needs; a combination of input from stakeholders and residents of Oak Park; and the need for staff to carry out the program.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

One-Year Action Plans are required for each of the years of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. These Action Plans are designed to detail how the objectives and goals of the Consolidated Plan will be achieved within a specific timeframe. The Action Plans outline each objective's activities, resources, and responsible parties. The Plan is a more concise and detailed summary of the five-year objectives, outlining goals that can be feasibly achieved in the subsequent Consolidated Plans submission year.

The proposed plan outlines the total funding that the Village will receive from the federal government for affordable housing and community development programs on an annual basis. This enables the Village to strategically allocate resources in a manner conducive to achieving its desired outcomes effectively and in a timely fashion. Any modifications affecting the funding allocations or specific program activities require approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) before implementation. It is essential to document these changes, as they may influence the overall success of the One-Year Action Objectives.

#	Project Name
1	Public Service
2	Affordable Housing
3	Public Infrastructure
4	Homelessness Services

Table 22 – Project Information

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

The Village's One-Year Action Plan prioritizes specific objectives and activities over others based on various factors such as community needs, available resources, and past performance. These priorities are established to address underserved needs as efficiently and effectively as possible.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Public Service
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$196,161.00
	Description	The Village will allocate CDBG funds to support eligible Public Service activities that address community needs. These services aim to improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents and promote equitable access to essential resources.
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7,500
	Location Description	Village Wide
	Planned Activities	The Village will allocate CDBG funds to support eligible Public Service activities that address community needs. These services aim to improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents and promote equitable access to essential resources.
2	Project Name	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Affordable & Safe Housing
	Needs Addressed	Supply of Affordable Housing

	Funding	CDBG: \$325,000.00
	Description	The Village of Oak Park is committed to preserving and enhancing affordable housing options. The aging infrastructure of the housing supply in Oak Park necessitates the rehabilitation of existing residences, which both homeowners and tenants currently occupy. This initiative also encompasses code enforcement measures, which endeavor to ensure the safety and soundness of all properties. The goal is to benefit the LMI (low-to moderate-income) population, which includes individuals and families with limited economic resources.
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10
	Location Description	Village Wide
	Planned Activities	Code enforcement in LMI block groups, housing rehabilitation, including energy efficiency grants and lead paint grants.
3	Project Name	Public Infrastructure
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction CDBG Target Area
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$698,367.00
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to support public infrastructure improvements, including sidewalk repairs, ADA compliance upgrades, and other accessibility enhancements in low- and moderate-income areas. These investments aim to create safer, more inclusive public spaces that support mobility and community well-being.
	Target Date	9/30/2026

4	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5000
	Location Description	Village Wide
	Planned Activities	ADA Sidewalks, Alleys
	Project Name	Homelessness Services
	Target Area	Entire Jurisdiction
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000.00
	Description	The Village of Oak Park will fund various programs that provide vital funding to address the critical needs of individuals who are considered homeless. These programs aim to assist those in need of stable and affordable housing. Emergency housing, transitional housing, and permanent housing programs will be funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20
	Location Description	Village Wide
	Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The Village of Oak Park has identified priority areas for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding based on the percentage of low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. An LMI census block group is one where 36.29% or more of the population have incomes of 80% or less of the Median Family Income (MFI). Fourteen of the Village's 53 census block groups qualify as LMI areas according to this criterion.

The Village also defines areas of racial or ethnic concentration as geographical areas where the percentage of a specific minority or ethnic group is 10 percentage points higher than in the Village overall. Two census tracts meet the criteria for areas of racial concentration based on the percentage of African-American residents being 29.8% or higher. These areas are census tract 8121 and census tract 8125.

The Village has not identified the locations for the Alley Improvement activity but it is planned that they will be conducted in LMI areas that are also areas of racial concentration. Property Maintenance Inspections will be conducted in these areas. The Village's efforts to focus on LMI and minority areas are in line with HUD regulations that allow exceptions for areas that meet the "upper quartile" criterion.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Entire Jurisdiction	72
CDBG Target Area	73

Table 23 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

All activities funded will primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons or households, either as a direct service or by making improvements in areas benefiting primarily low- and moderate-income persons.

- Code Enforcement – Code enforcement inspectors perform inspections throughout the Village. The CDBG-funded portion of code enforcement will be within the CDBG target area which will

be paired with other community development activities to address deterioration, maintaining code enforcement and property standards of dwelling units in the area.

- Public Infrastructure Improvements: Public Infrastructure activities funded will primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons or households through the following. ADA Sidewalks: repair and replace sidewalk squares that are deemed non-compliant with ADA standards. Alleys: repairing deteriorating alleys in low/mod areas.

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

This section discusses the current state of homeless services in the Village Oak Park. Oak Park partners with many sub-recipients to offer services to aid the homeless population and assist special needs residences.

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

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

For PY 2025, The Village of Oak Park will collaborate with one or more social service agencies to offer case management services to individuals who are homeless or have special needs.

Outreach to homeless persons is done in a variety of ways:

Housing Forward provides street outreach and engagement services to individuals experiencing homelessness in the Oak Park area. This includes connecting individuals with housing resources, providing basic needs such as food and clothing, and offering case management services to help individuals overcome barriers to housing stability.

Several missions and shelters in the area also offer outreach services, including providing meals and connecting individuals with resources such as the Calvary Baptist Church. These nonprofits work towards providing temporary shelter and transitional housing options for those in need. In addition, local churches and community organizations often partner with these missions to offer volunteer opportunities and support services for the homeless population.

Youth and Family Services for Oak Park Township also provides outreach services to homeless youth in the community. This includes connecting them with needed resources. They also offer assistance to

aging residents.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Village of Oak Park also partners with the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition (OPHC), a coalition of local organizations, faith communities, and concerned citizens working to address homelessness. OPHC focuses on raising awareness about homelessness, advocating for policy changes to support better those experiencing homelessness, and coordinating resources and services for homeless individuals.

The Oak Park Township Youth and Family Services provides intake services for homeless residents within the community. These services are designed to support and link homeless individuals with emergency shelters and transitional housing.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The Village of Oak Park works closely with Housing Forward and regional Continuum of Care partners to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness in transitioning to permanent, stable housing. Housing Forward follows a Housing First model, prioritizing rapid access to housing paired with supportive services to promote long-term stability and independence.

1. Shortening the Period of Homelessness: Through coordinated entry, street outreach, and case management provided by Housing Forward, the Village helps individuals and families connect quickly with shelter, healthcare, and housing resources. In 2025, the Village awarded general revenue funding to support operations at a new 45-bed emergency shelter, expanding capacity to serve unsheltered and high-need populations. In addition, a separate site with 20 congregate shelter beds has been operating since 2023, alongside a 56-bed interim housing hotel model supported by CDBG, general revenue, and state funds.

2. Facilitating Access to Affordable Housing: Housing Forward's rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs help clients secure and maintain stable housing in Oak Park and surrounding communities. The Village continues to invest in affordable housing initiatives, including rehabilitation, code enforcement, and acquisition programs that preserve and expand housing options for extremely low- to moderate-income households.

end="2647"><strong data-start="2141" data-end="2183">3. Preventing Returns to Homelessness:<br data-start="2183" data-end="2186" /> Once housed, clients continue to receive intensive case management, employment support, financial literacy training, and mental health referrals. These services are partially funded by CDBG public service allocations and general revenue, and are critical in preventing recidivism into homelessness. The Village's strategic investment in prevention ensures that formerly homeless residents are connected to long-term supports that sustain independent living.</p><p data-start="2649" data-end="2896">Through a combination of targeted funding, strong nonprofit partnerships, and cross-sector coordination, the Village of Oak Park is committed to reducing homelessness and supporting residents on their path to housing security and self-sufficiency.</p>

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions) or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The Village of Oak Park prioritizes a proactive, prevention-focused approach to addressing homelessness, particularly among extremely low-income households and those at high risk of housing instability due to institutional discharge or system involvement. The Village collaborates with a network of public and private partners to identify at-risk individuals early and provide targeted interventions to prevent housing loss.

1. Local Investment in Homelessness Prevention:

Although the Village has not received Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds since 2019, it uses a portion of Housing Trust Fund to support Housing Forward's Homelessness Prevention Program. This program offers emergency financial assistance, including rent, utility, and security deposit payments as well as landlord mediation and housing case management to stabilize households before eviction occurs.

2. Discharge Coordination from Public Institutions:

Housing Forward works closely with hospitals, mental health centers, foster care systems, and correctional institutions to assist individuals who are being discharged without a stable housing plan. These coordinated discharge efforts ensure that individuals especially those with complex needs are not released into homelessness and are instead connected with shelter, interim housing, or permanent

housing resources.

3. Wraparound Supports and System Navigation:

Clients identified through healthcare, employment, youth, and social service agencies are referred to Housing Forward for comprehensive support. Services include benefits access, legal assistance, employment training, and mental health referrals to address the underlying causes of housing instability. These services are designed to promote long-term housing retention and self-sufficiency.

4. Regional Continuum of Care Integration:

The Village participates in the Suburban Cook County Continuum of Care through its partnership with Housing Forward and the Alliance to End Homelessness. This ensures that prevention efforts are aligned with regional goals and that Oak Park residents are prioritized for assistance through Coordinated Entry.

Through a combination of local investment, coordinated service delivery, and regional collaboration, the Village of Oak Park is committed to preventing homelessness and supporting at-risk households in achieving long-term housing stability.

Discussion

NA

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The following are actions to be undertaken by the Village of Oak Park to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of low-income families, develop institutional structure and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Meeting the needs of underserved communities presents a formidable challenge for the Village of Oak Park, primarily due to constrained financial resources. The existing cap on public service funding provided through CDBG consistently falls short of the amount required to achieve local objectives, resulting in the underfunding of worthy projects. Moreover, municipalities frequently confront revenue reductions, exacerbating resource limitations. The limited available land for constructing affordable housing and supply of existing structures suitable for purchase and rehabilitation further restrict the Village's capacity to expand affordable housing options.

To confront these hurdles, the Village actively collaborates with funding partners to minimize duplication and streamline the grant application process. This collaborative effort aims to optimize the use of resources, ensuring they are allocated most effectively and efficiently to support local organizations. Additionally, the Village is proactively exploring new avenues to augment the affordable housing inventory by fostering coordination with local agencies.

Analysis

Once the needs assessment has been completed, it is crucial to analyze the results and identify key areas for improvement. This analysis can help determine which specific needs require immediate attention and which ones can be addressed in the long term. With this information, the Village of Oak Park can develop a feasibility plan considering available resources, budget constraints, and potential partnerships with other entities.

Implementation

Implementation of the plan is the critical step in addressing community needs. This involves implementing the strategies and solutions identified during the analysis phase. It may also include collaborating with other organizations, governments, and individuals to maximize resources and ensure

a comprehensive approach.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Oak Park has devised a multifaceted strategy to foster and sustain affordable housing, leveraging CDBG funds to support various housing rehabilitation programs. The Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation Program, for instance, extends federally funded home rehabilitation loans to low- to moderate-income Oak Park residents who own and occupy single-family homes. These loans are instrumental in upgrading housing structures to meet housing and building codes, thereby enhancing the overall housing stock and eliminating health and safety hazards. Additionally, funds from this program can be utilized for weatherization and to enhance accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Furthermore, the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant program, predominantly funded by CDBG with supplemental support from Cook County's Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Grant, addresses the critical issue of lead poisoning by financing the identification and remediation of lead hazards in homes.

To bolster affordable rental housing, Oak Park administers the Small Rental Rehabilitation Housing Program. This initiative assists rental property owners in rehabilitating their rental units, with eligibility criteria encompassing single-family detached rental dwellings or multi-family rental buildings with fewer than eight units. Through forgivable loan funds, rental property owners can rectify code violations and significant housing quality deficiencies, contingent upon their commitment to renting at least 51% of their units to low- and moderate-income households at affordable rates. These comprehensive programs underscore Oak Park's commitment to fostering and preserving affordable housing options for its residents.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Village of Oak Park is taking measures to reduce lead-based paint hazards in the community, as all three of its ZIP codes have been identified as high-risk for pediatric blood lead poisoning by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The Village has an agreement with the IDPH to provide case management services for all children living in Oak Park. Public Health is involved in public awareness and education campaigns, providing nursing lead case management and conducting environmental investigations when required. The Village's Single-Family Rehabilitation (SFR) program and other housing projects funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) have adhered to HUD's requirements for lead hazard reduction. The SFR program will continue to incorporate lead hazard reduction in its activities for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied low- to moderate-income properties, using CDBG and Cook County funds. Lead inspections and environmental reviews will be conducted on

these activities.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Village is committed to improving housing options, providing vital social services, fostering employment opportunities, delivering public health services, and maintaining a high-quality educational system. Social service programs administered by the Village and its partners play a pivotal role in supporting individuals with incomes below the poverty level. For instance, initiatives like Housing Forward offer homelessness-preventative services that empower economic independence and foster lasting positive change for those experiencing homelessness.

The Village is dedicated to ensuring that all residents have stable housing, good health, and access to living wage employment opportunities. Essential public health services, including comprehensive case management for children residing in Oak Park, are also prioritized. Through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Public Health, these services are made available to residents.

In addition to social services and education, the Village is actively engaged in housing initiatives. The Single-Family Rehabilitation (SFR) program, alongside other housing projects supported by CDBG funding, adheres to HUD's standards. The SFR program specifically integrates lead hazard reduction measures into its rehabilitation activities for owner-occupied low- to moderate-income properties, utilizing both CDBG and Cook County funds. Rigorous lead inspections and environmental reviews are conducted to ensure compliance and safety.

Furthermore, through the Public Works Department, the Village is undertaking efforts to eliminate lead from water lines by the end of Program Year 2024, further contributing to the overall health and well-being of residents. These concerted efforts underscore the Village's commitment to alleviating poverty and fostering a thriving, equitable community.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Village of Oak Park is dedicated to enhancing its institutional framework year-round by fostering ongoing communication with partner agencies, facilitating referrals for funding and training opportunities, and actively engaging in collaborative initiatives. Village staff play an integral role in the Oak Park Homelessness Coalition, striving to make homelessness a rare, brief, and one-time occurrence

within the community.

Participation in organizations such as the National Community Development Association and coalitions of grantees, enables Village staff to effectively coordinate and pool resources to finance services aligned with community needs, yielding measurable outcomes. Within the Neighborhood Services Department, the Grants Division collaborates with a network of local organizations to execute the Action Plan.

The Village collaborates with nonprofit agencies to deliver community programs and services outlined in the Action Plan, utilizing its annual budget process for coordinated funding allocation. Public input on the allocation of CDBG funds is sought through the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC), which assesses nonprofit CDBG subrecipients based on risk analysis and past performance.

Emphasizing coordination among agencies is paramount in the development and implementation of housing and community development programs, maximizing the efficiency of limited resources. The Village remains committed to closely aligning its programs with those of other agencies at various levels, ensuring cohesive efforts to address community needs effectively.

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

The Village of Oak Park is focused on enhancing coordination and collaboration between public and private housing. As identified through the Consolidated Plan consultation process, good coordination and collaboration were recognized as key priorities for the Village and its partners. The Village is taking steps to ensure that CDBG public service applicants report on their coordination with other social service organizations throughout the community. If the applicants do not have established connections in the community, they outline plans and timelines for implementing a collaborative process. This approach aims to improve collaboration among awarded agencies and allows the Village to identify other areas for additional coordination.

Many of the funded agencies participate in the Continuum of Care and work closely with other nonprofits to identify opportunities for persons in the community. The Village's commitment to

enhancing coordination and collaboration is evident in its effort to improve community partnerships and invest in economic, and neighborhood, development. The Village recognizes the importance of collaboration in maximizing the use of limited resources.

The Village's focus on collaboration is expected to have a positive impact on the community by improving access to services and resources for residents. The Village is working to ensure that all public service applicants have established connections in the community and are working collaboratively with other organizations to address the needs of residents. By improving coordination and collaboration among its partners, the Village hopes to create a more interconnected approach to addressing issues related to public and private housing.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction

It is imperative to adhere to the designated requirements and regulatory frameworks to operate under the auspices of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. These stipulations are essential for ensuring that the program operates effectively, efficiently, and with the utmost ethical standards.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

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

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.
3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).
4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.
5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Discussion

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>Strategic Vision for Housing: Village of Oak Park</p> <p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Metropolitan Mayors Caucus</p> <p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>US Census Beureau, 2010 and 2020, US Census American Community Survey, 2018-2022, US Department of Urban Development,</p> <p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>The Plan provides an overview of current conditions and provides a path forward relative to housing reform by identifying initiatives for sustainable housing opportunities in Oak Park.</p> <p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>Concentrated throughout the Village of Oak Park</p> <p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>2010-2023</p> <p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>Complete</p>
2	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>Oak Park and River Forest IPLAN</p> <p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Village of Oak Park</p> <p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP), National Association of County and City Health, Leading Healthy Futures to focus on natural and Built Environment, Mental Health and Substance use, Gun Violence, and Access to Care.</p> <p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>Identify health needs, inform health planning, and improve the health of the communities required for local health department certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health.</p> <p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>Concentrated on the Oak Park and River Forest, IL communities</p>

	<p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>2022-2027</p>
	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>Complete</p>
3	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>2020 U.S. Census Bureau</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Village of Oak Park and U.S. Census Bureau</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>U.S. Census Bureau</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>The US Consitution and is used to determine how many seats each state has in the US House of Representatives, allocating federal funding, planning for the future, providing national data.</p>
	<p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>Village of Oak Park</p>
	<p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>2020-2030</p>
	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>Complete</p>
4	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>2024 Suburban Cook County Homeless Count</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>The Point in Time (PIT) Count is a census of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires every Continuum of Care (CoC) in the country to conduct a PIT Count.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>The Point in Time (PIT) Count is a census of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires every Continuum of Care (CoC) in the country to conduct a PIT Count.</p>

	<p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>Suburban Cook County with a concentration of unsheltered people experiencing homelessness</p>
	<p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>January 31, 2024</p>
	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>Complete</p>