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**PY 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and
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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The City of Mount Vernon, NY (CMV) is a HUD entitlement city receiving an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Through a collaborative community engagement process that resulted in a shared strategic vision for how resources will be allocated to meet needs in Mount Vernon, CMV developed its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan which outlines the housing and community development needs over the 5-year period. The priorities identified were: 1.) Expand Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities, 2.) Neighborhood Revitalization, 3.) Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements, 4.) Expand Economic Development Opportunities and 5.) Homeless Housing & Supportive Services.

In February 2021, the City of Mount Vernon requested a change of the 2022 program year start date. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved extending the 2021 program year end date to August 31, 2022. This CAPER report will cover accomplishments that took place from January 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022. The upcoming program year will start on September 1, 2022. The following highlights PY 2021 activities accomplished.

Expand Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities: In PY 2021, CMV focused on public improvement projects, which had a citywide low/mod benefit of 67,475 persons. CMV addressed public facility and infrastructure improvements through addressing parks and recreation centers, a fire truck purchase and street improvements.

Neighborhood Revitalization (Housing): The City addresses this need through funding Code Enforcement activities which had a citywide low/mod benefit of 67,475 persons. Activities included the clearance of unusable structures. The aging housing stock and lack of investment in some areas has resulted in structures that are unsafe and unusable and this activity addresses these concerns. CMV also had a goal to assist LMI households with TBRA, however this activity has just started and has not yet been completed. CMV did however complete a new rental construction development at 203 Gramatan Ave which resulted in 11 new affordable rental units.

Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements: The City did not include any goals for public services in the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan, however activities started in prior years were completed in this program year. In total, there were 234 LMI persons assisted from youth services (71), foreclosure prevention (13), subsistence payments (16), employment training (110) and services through the Mayor's Scholarship Program (24).

Expand Economic Development Opportunities: The City did not include any goals for economic development in the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan. This remains a priority, and the City will address this goal within the 5-year plan.

Homeless Housing & Supportive Services: Homeless activities are accomplished through the ESG program which address this need through rapid rehousing and homeless prevention activities. In PY 2021, there were 15 homeless households assisted with rapid rehousing rental assistance and 135 homeless persons were assisted with homeless prevention. ESG-CV is not reported in the CR-05 goal table, however in the program year the CV program assisted 136 individuals with homeless prevention activities and 15 households through rapid rehousing rental assistance. Full details of ESG and ESG-CV accomplishments are reported in the annual ESG Sage Report and quarterly ESG-CV reports.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
1A. Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	66265	67475	203.65%	66265	67475	101.83%
2A. Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab	Affordable Housing	CDBG	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	20	0	0.00%			
2B. Increase Homeownership Opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%			
2B. Increase Homeownership Opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	40	0	0.00%			
2C. Increase Affordable Rental Hsing Opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%			
2C. Increase Affordable Rental Hsing Opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	40	11	27.50%			

2C. Increase Affordable Rental Hsing Opportunities	Affordable Housing	HOME	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	300	0	0.00%	60	0	0.00%
2D. Clearance & Code Enforcement	Affordable Housing	CDBG	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	2	0	0.00%			
2D. Clearance & Code Enforcement	Affordable Housing	CDBG	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	100	67475	6747.50%	100	67475	6747.50%
3A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	10000	0	0.00%			
3B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Residents	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	66000	67565	102.37%			
3C. Increase Education Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	200	0	0.00%			
3D. Crime Prevention & Public Safety	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	20000	0	0.00%			
4A. Provide Job Training & Workforce Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	200	0	0.00%			
4B. Provide Small Business Assistance		CDBG	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	100	14	14.00%			

5A. Provide Support Homeless Prevent Outreach Hsg	Homeless	ESG	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	100	15	15.00%	10	15	150.00%
5A. Provide Support Homeless Prevent Outreach Hsg	Homeless	ESG	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	700	135	19.28%	100	135	135.00%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

The City has spent a great deal of time thinking through and redesigning its CDBG and HOME programs. During the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City will build upon past experience and new strategies striving to meet the new strategic priorities set in the 5-Year Plan. The priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan are: 1.) Expand Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities, 2.) Neighborhood Revitalization, 3.) Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements, 4.) Expand Economic Development Opportunities and 5.) Homeless Housing & Supportive Services. While the City focused on public facilities and infrastructure, neighborhood revitalization through code enforcement and HOME activities, and homeless services in PY 2021, the City will work to address all the priorities in the 5-Year plan period. The City allocated these amount towards priorities by grant program in PY 2021:

CDBG

- Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements: \$3,877,950.61 (85.1%)
- Neighborhood Revitalization (Housing Programs): \$51,434.38 (1.1%)
- Public Services: \$241,301.69 (5.3%)
- Admin of CDBG Program: \$387,703.12 (8.5%)
- Total CDBG: \$4,558,389.80

HOME

New Rental (CHDO ACE 25 Monroe Street Rental Units): \$85,010.00 (82.7%)

Admin of HOME Program: \$17,828.59 (17.3%)

Total HOME: \$102,838.59

ESG

Street Outreach: \$71,613.55 (49.1%)

Rapid Rehousing: \$24,325.00 (16.7%)

Homeless Prevention: \$35,355.25 (24.2%)

Admin of ESG Program: \$14,588.20 (10.0%)

Total ESG: \$145,882.00

CDBG-CV

On March 27, 2020 the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to assist communities in their efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The CARES Act included formula grant allocations and were awarded in three rounds over the course of the first few months of the pandemic. The City of Mount Vernon received CDBG-CV funds, which were to address the health impacts of COVID-19 on LMI households through public service activities that will work to prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic. Funds are to cover the purchase of ambulances, equipment and medical supplies. Funds will also help to expand access for COVID-19 testing and vaccination through additional evening and weekend hours of operation with the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center (MVHNC). The most recent CARES amendment was completed in the Summer of 2021 and the City has not yet been able to record any accomplishments in this CAPER report, however activities are underway and the City is in the process of purchasing 4 ambulances to increase the emergency response time for LMI residents in Mount Vernon. This activity will be completed in the upcoming program year.

ESG & ESG-CV Note:

As of PY 2021, ESG sections CR-70 Assistance Provided and Outcomes and CR-75 ESG Expenditures join the CR-65 Persons Assisted in being reported in the annual ESG Sage Report. Program totals are still reported in this section. In PY 2021, the City fully expended its 2020 ESG entitlement funds in the amount of \$145, 882.00. There were 15 homeless households assisted with rapid rehousing rental assistance and 24 homeless persons assisted in the homeless prevention rental assistance program. ESG-CV is not reported in the CR-05 goal table. The ESG homeless housing and

service accomplishments in this CAPER are reported from the Sage report and ESG-CV is now reported in the quarterly ESG-CV reports. For expenditures of both programs, a summary has been included in the CR-15 Resources and Investments.

Historical Accomplishments from 2015 to 2019

The City of Mount Vernon has a history of successfully utilizing CDBG funding to create measurable impact. Since 2015, the City has documented important accomplishments in economic development, affordable housing, public improvements, and public services.

In Economic Development, the City provided Technical assistance to 40 businesses in 2019. This activity was through the Construction Trades Program which provided training and job placement with local developers.

Affordable housing activities have also had a crucial impact on City residents. The City has utilized CDBG funds to construct and rehabilitate affordable rental units and units owned by LMI homeowners. Since 2015, CDBG funds have been used to construct 147 new rental units and to rehabilitate 68 existing rental units and 7 existing homes owned by LMI individuals. Additionally, the city has invested CDBG funds in increased capacity for code enforcement to ensure that renters and homeowners live in safe and habitable conditions. Code enforcement activities have had a citywide impact each year, affecting all 66,265 citizens of Mount Vernon.

Public Improvement activities have included crucial updates to public facilities and infrastructure in the City, such as street repaving, sidewalks, ADA accessible updates to facilities, and the purchase of needed fire trucks. These Public Improvement activities have had a city-wide impact each year, affecting all 66,265 citizens of Mount Vernon.

CDBG funds have also been utilized for expansive investment in crucial public services for LMI individuals and households and residents with special needs. Public service activities have included services for youth, elderly, homeless, victims of abuse and domestic violence, people with disabilities, and LMI families in the City. Public service activities have benefitted 238 City residents with special needs. From 2015 to 2019, public service activities have also served more than 46,234 LMI residents of Mount Vernon.

PR-23 Summary of Accomplishments (Unduplicated)

Category	Goal Indicator	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total 2015-2019
Economic Development	Technical Assistance	0	0	0	0	40	40
Affordable Housing	Rental units constructed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Affordable Housing	Rental units rehabilitated	68	0	0	0	0	68
Affordable Housing	Homeowner Housing Added	0	0	0	0	0	0
Affordable Housing	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	6	0	0	1	0	7
Affordable Housing	Code Enforcement	66,265	66,265	0	0	0	66,265
Public Improvements	Public Facilities	66,265	0	0	66,265	67,475	67,475
Public Improvements	Public Infrastructure	66,265	0	0	66,265	66,265	66,265
Public Services	Special Needs	109	0	10	0	119	238
Public Services	LMI Residents	458	30,225	2250	13,066	235	46,234

Note: Public Improvements and Code Enforcement Activities were a citywide benefit.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).
91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME	ESG
White	10	3	16
Black or African American	187	7	130
Asian	2	0	0
American Indian or American Native	1	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	2
Total	200	10	148
Hispanic	17	2	19
Not Hispanic	217	9	132

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

DATA TABLE NOTE: The table above does not include a category for people that identify as “other” or “multiple races” nor does it include a category for people who “refused/or did not know” to answer either racial/ethnic information. The City had activities serving populations in low/mod areas such as public facility and infrastructure improvements, and as these activities targeted low/mod areas, racial/ethnic data were not reported and were also not captured in the table above. Due to these reasons, the data in the above table does not necessarily match the number of people actually served by HUD CPD programs.

According to the 2016-2020 American Community Survey, the City of Mount Vernon’s population was estimated at 67,623. The City’s population is predominantly minority, consisting of 62.7% Black or African American, 20.7% White, and 2.1% Asian. Two or more races was 5.1% and some other race was 8.9%. Persons who identified as ethnically Hispanic were 17.4%. The majority of the beneficiaries of the CDBG and HOME funds utilized are low income African-American and Hispanic persons. This is consistent with the City of Mount Vernon’s demographic data.

CDBG: For CDBG, the table above only shows 200 persons assisted, however there were actually 234 persons assisted as 34 persons reported as “other”. The percent assisted by race was 4.3% white, 79.9% black, 0.9% Asian, 2.6% “other”, 12.0% as “two or more” races and all other race groups were less than 1%. Persons identifying as ethnically Hispanic were 7.3% of persons assisted with CDBG funds.

HOME: The HOME program activities are only reported if they were completed in the program year. In PY 2021, the table above reports only 10 households assisted, however there was 1 “Two or more” races household assisted, which brings the actual total to 11 households. Of these households, 3 were white, 7 were black and 1 was “Two or more” households.

ESG: The table above only shows 148 persons assisted by race, however there were actually 151 persons

assisted as 3 persons reported as “multiple races”. The percent assisted by race was 10.6% white, 86.1% black, 2.0% “other” and all other race groups were less than 1%. Persons identifying as ethnically Hispanic were 12.6% of persons assisted with ESG funds.

Housing Needs Assessment

The Needs Assessment (NA) in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, assesses if any racial/ethnic group by income category has a disproportionate need in the area with regards to: 1.) housing problems, 2.) severe housing problems and 3.) housing cost burden. Households with housing problems are those that reside in units lacking complete kitchen and plumbing facilities as well as overcrowding (more than one person per room) and cost burden (spending 30% or more of income on housing per month). Households with severe housing problems are those that reside in units lacking complete kitchen and plumbing facilities as well as severely overcrowded homes (more than 1.5 person per room) and severe cost burden (spending 50% or more of income on housing per month).

1.) Housing problems: According to the NA, American Indian or Alaska Native households have a disproportionate need at the extremely-low and low-income categories of housing problems. Asian households have a disproportionate need at the moderate-income level.

2.) Severe housing problem: For severe housing problems, Asian households have a disproportionate need, but only for one income category (30-50% of AMI).

3.) Housing cost burden: According to the provided data in the NA, there are no racial or ethnic groups that are disproportionately impacted by cost burden or severe cost burden. Overall, 23.6% of the population is cost burdened and each group is between 19.1% and 26.0%. The severe cost burden in the City is 29.5% and each group is between 20.2% and 31.7%.

In comparing the disproportionate needs of certain race/ethnic groups as described by the Needs Assessment to the beneficiary outcomes provided by City programs, the City has adequately assisted black and Hispanic households with affordable housing programs. There is a need for the City to improve to sufficiently serve Asian households. While this minority group is relatively small, the City will continue to make efforts to identify Asian households for its housing programs.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	1,703,058	4,558,390
HOME	public - federal	511,949	102,839
ESG	public - federal	145,722	145,882

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The table above shows the resources made available for PY 2021 and amounts expended in the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.

For PY 2021, the City had a total of \$1,703,058 in CDBG funds from the annual allocation. The City expended \$4,558,390 in CDBG funds on projects such as public facilities and infrastructure improvements, public services, housing code enforcement activities, and admin of the program. Details of the uses of funds are in the CR-05.

For HOME funds, the City was awarded \$511,949 from the annual allocation, and the City expended \$102,839. Funds went towards the ACE CHDO 25th Monroe Street Rental Unit development and admin of the program.

For ESG funds, the City was awarded \$145,722 from the annual allocation, and the City expended \$145,882 in PY 2021. Expenditures were for street outreach with \$71,613.55, rapid rehousing with \$24,325, homeless prevention with \$35,355.25 and admin of the ESG program with \$14,588.20.

CDBG-CV Funds

The City received \$1,742,599 in CDBG-CV funds under the CARES Act to respond to the pandemic. Currently, there have been no expenditures as of PY 2021, however as of September 2022, the City has spent \$700,000 for ambulances that will reduce the emergency response time for LMI persons in the City. This activity will also increase in the delivery of emergency medical services, public service equipment and medical supplies that will serve LMI households. The City is still planning to fund the MCNHC to help expand the hours of operation and staffing requirements for the Walk-Up Testing Facility, which will provide for additional COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. According to the PR-26 CDBG-CV Financial Summary Report, a balance of \$1,042,599 remains. ESG-CV is now reported in the ESG Sage reporting system.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Jurisdiction Wide	100	100	Jurisdiction Wide
Opportunity Zones	0	0	NA

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The City no longer allocates funds based on geographic priorities. This was updated in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. CDBG funds were allocated jurisdiction-wide in the CDBG eligible census tracts. The CDBG Eligible Census Block Groups for Low Income Service Areas include the following:

0026.001, 0027.001, 0027.002, 0028.001, 0028.002, 0029.001, 0029.002, 0030.002, 0030.002, 0031.002, 0032.001, 0032.002, 0033.001, 0033.002, 0033.004, 0034.002, 0034.003, 0035.001, 0035.002, 0036.001, 0036.002, 0037.001, 0037.002, 0037.003, 0038.001, 0038.002, 0040.002, 0040.001, 0040.003, 0040.004, 0040.005, 0041.002, 0042.003

The system for establishing the priority for the selection of these projects in the City of Mount Vernon is predicated upon the following criteria:

- Meeting statutory requirements of the CDBG Program;
- Meeting the needs of Low and Moderate Income (LMI) residents;
- Focusing on LMI areas or neighborhoods;
- Impacted areas of concentration of minorities and LMI persons;
- Coordination and leveraging resources;
- Response to expressed needs;
- Sustainability and/or long-term impact;
- The ability to demonstrate measurable progress and success.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The City of Mount Vernon combined HUD funding with services provided by many community agencies. Programs that serve homeless individuals and families in the City of Mount Vernon leverage state, local and private funding. Mount Vernon's partners included Montefiore Mount Vernon hospital, Family Service Society of Yonkers, The Guidance Center of Westchester, Mental Health Association of Westchester, Lexington Center for Recovery, Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center, St. Johns Riverside Hospital, and Westchester County Department of Social Services.

Publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City of Mount Vernon Fire Department purchased a Pierce Stock 100' Aerial Platform #34614 vehicle to assist low-to-moderate area residents throughout the City. This activity was completed in PY 2021.

HOME Program Income

As reported by the PR-09 IDIS report for HOME program income, there was no program income on hand at the start of the program year, nor any received or expended during PY 2021.

HOME Match

On November 2014, 203 Gramatan Avenue Project (BLUE RIO) entered into a PILOT ((Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) program with the City of Mount Vernon Industrial Development Agency (IDA). In the 2020 CAPER Report, the City reported match for the 203 Gramatan Avenue project that totaled \$1,278,778.46 (\$630,582.18 for calendar year 2020 and \$648,196.28 for calendar year 2021).

The aggregate total match to date from prior years and match contributed during the current year is: \$4,951,679.28. According to the PR-33 HOME Match Liability report, the HOME match liability for PY 2021 was \$0. The total excess match carried over to next year will be \$4,951,679.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	4,303,483
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	648,196
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	4,951,679
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	4,951,679

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
BLUE RIO PILOT	01/01/2021	0	648,196	0	0	0	0	648,196

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	1,823,253	0	0	0	0	1,823,253
Number	2	0	0	0	0	2
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	1,823,253	0	1,823,253			
Number	2	0	2			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		0	0			
Businesses Displaced		0	0			
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0	0			
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0	0			
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	41	15
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	60	11
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	101	26

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	101	15
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	11
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	101	26

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

The MVURA allocated HOME funds to support a CHDO for the acquisition and rehabilitation of a HUD foreclosed home. During PY2020, the program was expected to completed the home, but this goal was not met. Delays are due to COVID-19, and the program expects to complete the home by January 2023.

MVURA also had a goal to assist 41 households with rapid rehousing rental activities in PY 2021. Program Year 2020 ESG annual funds were used to provide rental assistance to 15 homeless households. These accomplishments are also reported in the annual ESG Sage report.

The MVURA completed a new rental construction at 203 Gramatan Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY. There were 11 LMI households assisted with this rental rehab activity.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The City plans to release an RFP to identify a partner organization to launch a TBRA program. This will enable the City to expend all of its HOME funds and assist LMI households in need of affordable rental assistance.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	6
Moderate-income	0	5
Total	0	11

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The MVURA completed a new rental construction at 203 Gramatan Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY. There were 11 LMI households assisted with this rental rehab activity.

The City anticipates that the two HOME units will be completed by January 2023. The two HOME rental units will serve low income tenants.

Worst Case Needs

Worst case need households are extremely low-income owner and renter households and those who are homeless. Those with worst case needs are in imminent risk of homelessness as they lack the income and resources in times of emergency or family crisis. As reported above, the MVURA had a goal to assist 41 households at risk of homelessness with rapid rehousing rental activities in PY 2021. This goal was funded through the ESG program and 15 homeless households were assisted with this rental assistance.

According to the CHAS data reported in the City’s 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan needs assessment, there are approximately 3,930 extremely low-income renters (0-30% AMI) in the jurisdiction that are also severely cost burdened (households paying 50% of income towards housing costs). The City will continue to address this need with HUD CPD funds. The City is working on starting TBRA rental assistance for this income group.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

The Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency (MVURA) invests in the homeless response system by providing Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) funding – to social service organizations that assess and address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, creating a more robust social service system.

The MVURA has worked closely with the Westchester Continuum of Care Partnership To End Homelessness to align funding supporting community adopted priorities and addressing the needs of residents experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. The City collaborated with the CoC Steering Committee and service agencies throughout Westchester County to analyze existing needs to identify and address funding gaps.

The Homeless Point-In-Time (PIT) Count organized by the Westchester CoC, annually assess the characteristics of the homeless population in and around Mount Vernon, White Plains, Yonkers, New Rochelle and the Westchester County area.

The PIT count was conducted on January 2022 and enumerated homeless individuals living on the street, in emergency shelters, and transitional housing. The PIT count's (survey) homeless definition includes persons/families housed in transitional housing but does not include individuals or families doubled up in homes or apartments, formerly homeless people living in permanent housing units, those residing in treatment facilities, detention facilities, mental health facilities and/or chemical dependency facilities. According to the 2022 PIT count, there were 7 unsheltered in Mount Vernon.

The City has allocated ESG funds to the Guidance Center of Westchester to run a street outreach program to help persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness move into the permanent housing, emergency shelters, or treatment centers. 77 participants were served by this project over the last 12 months.

All persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Mount Vernon encountered by outreach workers are enrolled into Westchester CoC Coordinated Entry. All street homeless are assessed using the same locally developed Comprehensive Homeless Assessment Tool (CHAT) and prioritized for housing using the same by-name list as residents in emergency shelters.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Oasis Women's Overnight emergency shelter (operated by WestCOP with funding from the Westchester County Department of Social Services) is located in Mount Vernon and provides drop-in

overnight shelter. Men in Mount Vernon in need of emergency shelter are transported by WestCOP from the Oasis Women's site to the Men's shelter in New Rochelle.

There are two large Emergency Shelters for homeless households with children located within the City of Mount Vernon. The Mount Vernon Family Center (operated by WestHELP with funding from Westchester DSS) has capacity for 138 beds in 46 families. Vernon Plaza (operated by Westhab with funding from Westchester DSS) has capacity for 102 beds in 34 families.

Transitional Housing for homeless households with children in scattered-site units in Mount Vernon is operated by Community Housing Innovations (with funding from Westchester DSS). This project has a target capacity of 80 families with 240 beds.

Persons who utilize these temporary housing projects are enrolled into Westchester Coordinated Entry, assessed using the Comprehensive Homelessness Assessment Tool (CHAT), and prioritized for referral to permanent housing.

In PY 2021, there were a total of 135 homeless persons assisted with homeless prevention and shelter operations.

Mount Vernon and the other members of the Board of the Westchester County CoC recommended that ESG recipients fund additional Street Outreach activities during the next opportunity to distribute ESG funds within the Westchester County Continuum of Care geographic area. ESG funding is identified as a significant source of new funding for these activities.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

MVURA Staff participates in the CoC's monthly Eviction Prevention committee meeting. The eviction prevention network works County-wide with DSS and the Continuum of Care to prevent homelessness. Agencies braid together private, NY State, and Federal funding for rental and utility arrears, legal services, housing counseling, and ongoing rental assistance to ensure that imminently households remain permanently housed. Mount Vernon fully expended its 2020 ESG annual funding to provide COVID relief. HUD and the Westchester CoC require all ESG projects providing Homelessness Prevention to participate in the Coordinated Entry and each ESG recipient and subrecipient provider agency within the CoC geographic area will designate a staff member as a point of contact for the Coordinated Entry staff.

The City partnered with Upon This Rock Ministries to reduce recidivism and improve public safety in the community. CDBG funds were utilized to provide case management to provide wrap around services to reentry individuals who are returning to Mount Vernon. Specific benefits achieved through case management were facilitating services with vocational and training opportunities, facilitating job placement assistance, disseminating information about good parenting practices, responsible fatherhood, prevention of domestic violence and child abuse prevention. To date, 16 reentry individuals have been provided case management and wrap-around 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 MVURA is committed to utilizing federal, state, and local resources in partnership with Westchester County and the CoC to fund transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing programs. The coordinated entry system identifies people who are homeless and most in need of PSH or RRH. This includes people who are chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, and persons fleeing domestic violence.

The MVURA administers CoC Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects, including beds targeted to Veterans and families with children. Participants in these PSH projects receive housing plus supportive services, including case management and linkages to community services and benefits.

The MVURA has worked to ensure that all beds are filled and we are currently filling beds as funding becomes available. The City went from being at 82% capacity five years ago to currently being at 114% target capacity. For the FY2022 Continuum of Care local competition, MVURA CoC projects were ranked #4, #5, #6, and #11 out of 17 renewal projects - indicating that these projects were in the top tier and are meeting local standards for performance.

In addition, the MVURA is a partner in the Patriot Housing Initiative (PHI) to end homelessness among Veterans in Westchester County. The PHI Team meets bi-weekly to present cases of any veteran identified as homeless. The goal of the team is to quickly house, or to lessen the length of time a veteran is homeless by quickly assessing the housing need and developing a housing plan.

The Westchester CoC Steering Committee assists the CoC service providers, many of whom are CDBG and/or ESG subrecipients, to help families implement strategies that keep them stably housed and increase income to reduce their risk of becoming homeless. As part of the planning process for community-wide coordination of ESG and CoC funding process implementation, the CoC has collaborated with local ESG recipients.

Moving forward, the MVURA will work with the CoC to review and promote data quality for all projects serving people experiencing homelessness in Mount Vernon, work to shape and implement data elements using HMIS and program performance standards and implement ongoing program performance improvement. These processes will be used to inform investment and align resources in a data driven manner.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

Not applicable. The City of Mount Vernon does not have any public housing or a Public Housing Authority.

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

Not applicable. The City of Mount Vernon does not have any public housing or a Public Housing Authority.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable. The City of Mount Vernon does not have any public housing or a Public Housing Authority.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

Fostering Affordable Housing to Serve Protected Classes

- Mount Vernon collaborates with homeless service providers, local housing and community development organizations to expand the number of affordable accessible units available.
- Mount Vernon is working with developers and CHDOs to preserve the existing supply of affordable homes (expanding efforts to invest in homeownership rehabilitation grants, foreclosure prevention) and developing new affordable housing opportunities through development of new affordable housing units.
- Increasing housing choice for low, moderate, and middle-income households.
- Addressing urgent housing needs for LMI residents through tenant-based rental assistance.

Addressing Discriminatory Lending Policies and Practices

- The City partners with Westchester Residential Opportunities, a certified HUD counseling agency that provides workshops to educate the public, lenders, and real estate agents.
- Westchester Residential Opportunities provides housing counseling services and financial education sessions in Mount Vernon on a regular basis.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The greatest obstacle in meeting underserved needs is the limited amount of funding available. The City continues to partner with local agencies to create larger and more sustainable impacts in the community. Actions taken to address the obstacle of limited funding include:

Leveraging resources:

- The Planning Department/MVURA continue to partner with housing and service organizations to create permanent supportive housing units for the homeless
- The Planning Department/MVURA staff continues to research, apply for, and manage competitive and non-competitive grant opportunities to fund and enhance community development activities in Mount Vernon.
- The Planning Department/MVURA staff continues to research ways in which funded activities can be paired with other funding sources or programs to lower costs for residents or make services more available.

- Requests for proposals for public services prioritize projects that leverage other funding sources with entitlement funds.

Assisting households increase their income and assets:

- The Planning Department/MVURA continues to look for ways to expand economic development opportunities for low and moderate income persons.
- The Planning Department/MVURA is launching a financial empowerment center to provide free financial counseling for residents of the City.

The City will continue to coordinate with County, State and Federal programs, as well as with private and non-profit organizations, in order to supplement the HUD funds currently received.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Lead-based paint hazards continues to be an issue in the City of Mount Vernon as almost all of the housing in the City was constructed prior to 1978. The City relies on Westchester County to address abatement of lead-based paint in Mount Vernon’s aged housing stock. Buildings and properties identified as potential hazards are referred to the County of Westchester Department of Health or to the Westchester County Department of Planning-administered Lead Safe Westchester program for appropriate action.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Planning Department/MVURA provides many services intended to help reduce the number of persons in poverty. The Planning Department/MVURA carries out the following strategies and actions to help families achieve financial stability.

Increasing income:

- In 2022 the City initiated a new program, Mount Vernon Works (MV Works), to provide employment opportunities for Mount Vernon residents with an emphasis on entry to mid-level positions which allows persons entering (or re-entering) the workforce or acquire employment skills needed to serve in various industries. The MV Works initiative is conducted quarterly and partner organizations like the Westchester Putnam Onestop participate in the Citywide Hiring events to ensure residents have access to resume building workshops, mock interviews, and customer service trainings. Local employers that are easily accessible by public transportation are encouraged to partner in the anti-poverty program.

Building Savings:

- In 2022, The City was selected by the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund to receive technical assistance and funding to launch the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center. The Center

will launch in the Spring of 2023. The Center will offer free, professional, one-on-one counseling assistance with money management, budgeting, reducing debt, establishing and improving credit, connecting to safe and affordable banking services, building savings, and referrals to other services and organizations. The goal is to provide free financial counseling as well as integrate financial counseling into other social services including housing and foreclosure prevention services, workforce development, prisoner reentry, and benefits access.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency is responsible for the administration of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG program. Effective delivery of the program requires constant communication and coordination with numerous City Departments, non-profit agencies, potential residential and commercial consumers, and other funding agencies.

The City is in the process of hiring an additional accountant to provide additional administrative capacity. The MVURA Executive Director is requesting to hire additional staff to build technical capacity at the local level.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Department of Planning and Community Development/MVURA leads the Annual Action Plan development process. Meetings are held on a regular basis with service providers to oversee strategy implementation and to ensure coordination of efforts at the local level. The Planning Department/MVURA will continue to enhance coordination efforts between housing and social service agencies.

There are ongoing discussions with the Westchester Continuum of Care program concerning strategies for implementing improved systems of communication between service providers, the identification of barriers to the provision of services, and the assessment of community needs. The City continues the implementation of the integrated care service delivery model for permanent supportive housing units by partnering with federal qualified health centers, mental health providers, and homeless service providers.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

An extensive review of public policy was undertaken in an update to the 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) completed simultaneously with the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The AI Plan was completed on March 11, 2021.

The public policy review covered aspects of local government that are directly related to housing, including Mount Vernon's appointed advisory boards and agencies, provision of accommodations to persons with limited English proficiency, zoning, subsidized housing, taxes, and transit. Analysis from the

2020 update found a limited supply and high cost of affordable housing in Mount Vernon, especially for extremely low- and very low- income renters, causing those renters to face significant affordability “gaps.”

The impediments identified were:

Impediment #1: Lack of Knowledge about Fair Housing

Impediment #2: Insufficient Housing Affordability and Safe Housing Options

Impediment #3: Lack of Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities

Impediment #4: Insufficient Investment in Education, Economic Opportunities, and Income Needs of People in Neighborhoods

Impediment #5: Lack of Financial Education

For the full AI and details of strategies to address each identified impediment, please visit our webpage at: <https://www.cmvny.com/223/Planning-Community-Development>

Actions to Address Impediment 1

Lack of Knowledge About Fair Housing

- 1) On June 2, 2021, the City partnered with Westchester Residential Opportunities to conduct a first-time homebuyers and foreclosure prevention webinar.
- 2) On December 14, 2021, the City partnered with Westchester Residential Opportunities to conduct a webinar and outreach on foreclosure prevention and fair housing laws and enforcement. Outreach included social media, houses of worship, tenant associations, neighborhood associations, the Mayor’s radio program and community forums.

Actions to Address Impediment 2

Insufficient Housing Affordability and Safe Housing Options

- 3) The City launched Operation Better Living, a Quality Life Task Force to address COVID-19 compliance noise, noise complaints, multi-family compliance issues, blighted 1-4 family homes and code enforcement as it relates to rental properties.
- 4) The City partnered with the Local Initiative Support Corporation to help the City of Mount Vernon manage vacant, abandoned, foreclosed and fire-damaged “zombie” residential properties. The Zombie Properties program focused on enforcing housing code enforcement standards for properties that are bank, LLC or privately owned.

- 5) In 2021, a Zombie Properties Coordinator was hired to inspect properties and work with the Department of Buildings to issue code violations. In 2022, the Zombie Coordinator position was converted into a grant-funded Civil Service position in the Department of Buildings to strengthen the City's code enforcement operation. The coordinator will continue to focus on vacant and blighted 1-4 residential properties.
- 6) The City partnered with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Westchester Residential Opportunities, United Way of Westchester and Putnam, and Mount Vernon United Tenants to conduct targeted outreach and provide assistance to residents facing evictions from rental housing. These organizations assisted tenants in filling out and submitting applications to apply for funding that was made available through the New York Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Eligible low and moderate income households received up to 12 month of back rent paid, up to 3 months of future rent, and utilities assistance.
- 7) On October 1, 2021, the Department of Planning and MVURA Staff met with the Mount Vernon City Court system to discuss the eviction crisis. At that meeting, city staff provided fact sheets prepared by city staff regarding ERAP funding that the Court System made available to residents facing eviction proceedings.

Actions to Address Impediment 4

Insufficient Investment in Education, Economic Opportunities, and Income Needs of People in Neighborhoods

- 8) In 2022 the City initiated a new program, Mount Vernon Works (MV Works), to provide employment opportunities for Mount Vernon residents with an emphasis on entry to mid-level positions which allows persons entering (or re-entering) the workforce or acquire employment skills needed to serve in various industries.
- 9) In 2021 and 2022, the City partnered with the Cities for Financial Empowerment and United Way of Westchester and Putnam on the financial navigators initiative. United Way of Westchester hired part-time staff to answer questions and provide information and resources to residents that have been impacted by the COVID019 pandemic.

Actions to Address Impediment 5

Lack of Financial Education

- 10) In 2022, The City partnered with the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund to launch the Mount Vernon Financial Empowerment Center. The Center will launch in the Spring of 2023. The Center will offer free, professional, one-on-one counseling assistance with money management, budgeting, reducing debt, establishing and improving credit, connecting to safe and affordable banking services, building savings, and referrals to other services and organizations. The goal is to provide free financial counseling as well as integrate financial counseling into other social services including housing and foreclosure prevention services, workforce development, prisoner reentry, and benefits access.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

The Mount Vernon Urban Renewal Agency monitors on a risk-based approach with the goal of ensuring that all Consolidated Plan and regulatory requirements are met. Monitoring responsibilities are an ongoing process, involving continuing communication, evaluation and follow-up. Monitoring efforts are designed to annually review and identify deficiencies that may require corrective actions to improve compliance and performance of grant assisted programs/activities. Each program also requires periodic written reports which are reviewed so that problems can be identified and resolved.

Comprehensive Planning Requirements

The comprehensive planning requirements include the community planning and development process of the 5-Year ConPlan, subsequent AAPs, and CAPERs as per 24 CFR 91 Subpart A, C & F. Citizen participation is a vital part of the consolidated plan process, and the City will make sure to follow its HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) which helps guide staff to gather community input which is an essential component in identifying the priority housing and community development needs in the City.

The ConPlan is developed every 5 years, with identified priority needs and goals to address these needs. Each year of the 5-Year plan, the City develops an AAP which identifies the projects and activities that will address and further the goals of the plan. This plan is required to be submitted to and approved by HUD each year to receive CPD funding annually. At the end of each AAP program year, the City will report on the accomplishments and performance of the program through the CAPER (performance report). Citizen participation is required in the development of each of these stages as per 24 CFR 91.105.

Citizen Participation Efforts for the 2021 AAP:

A 30-day public comment period was held from June 11, 2021 through July 12, 2021. The plan could be viewed at the following locations: Department of Planning and Community Development, at City Hall, Second Floor, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 City Clerks Office, at City Hall, First Floor, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 Or on the city website. The City also held two public hearings for the PY 2021 AAP. A virtual public hearing was held on June 22, 2021 at 5:30PM as well as on June 25, 2021 at 10:00AM for all interested persons to provide comments on the draft plan.

Public Comments included the following:

- 1) There is a need to allocate funds to repave whole streets as well as address pot holes. The City thanked the resident for comments and replied CDBG funds are being allocated to address public

infrastructure needs;

- 2) There is a need for assistance to replace lead water lines;
- 3) There was a request to provide CDBG funding to the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley to assist LMI residents facing eviction with free legal services.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105 the CMV notified residents through the local newspaper and its website that the draft PY 2021 CAPER would be available to review through a public comment period and a public hearing. Emails were sent to City agencies, County Agencies, homeless providers, non-profit organizations, homeowner associations, faith-based community, and Mount Vernon residents informing them about the 2021 CAPER Report.

Public Comment Period: A copy of the PY 2021 CAPER is available for public review and comment starting **December 1, 2022 through December 16, 2022.** The CAPER Report is available at:

The report is also available at the following locations: Department of Planning and Community Development, at City Hall, Second Floor, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mount Vernon, NY 10550; at the City Clerk's Office, at City Hall, First Floor, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mount Vernon, NY 10550; or on the city website: www.cmvny.com/ura

Written comments on the CAPER are encouraged and may be submitted via email until December 16, 2022 to: Sbolivar@ch.ci.mount-vernon.ny.us.

Or mailed to: Department of Planning and Community Development 1 Roosevelt Square, Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Public Hearing: December 15, 2022, 5:00pm
City Hall, Memorial Room, 2nd Floor
1 Roosevelt Square, Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Disability & Translation Assistance: Interpretation services for persons with limited English proficiency or for hearing impaired individuals will be provided if notification is provided at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting for the need of such services. Requests can be made by calling (914) 665-2493 or via email: SBolivar@cmvny.com.

A summary of comments will be included in this section at the end of the public comment period and public hearing.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

PY 2021 is the second year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), and there were no changes to the priorities or goals for the CDBG program. The priority needs and goals continue to serve as the basis of the 5-Year Strategic Plan. While the needs and goals remain the same, the City may identify new activities to fund that may further the already established goals of the 5-Year Strategic Plan. When those opportunities arise, the City may make adjustments to the goal outcome indicators as necessary to properly adjust for those changes in the number of persons or households assisted during the development of each AAP in the 5-Year planning period.

Future activities funded by the City that work towards program objectives identified in the Annual Action Plans will factor in the pandemic.

CDBG-CV

The City also continues to monitor the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The City received a total of \$1,742,599 in CDBG-CV grant funds to fund activities that prevent, prepare for and respond to the pandemic. The City was ground zero for COVID-19. The MVURA and its subrecipients were forced to transition to providing services remotely. In addition, many subrecipients faced staffing shortages due to health and quarantine impacts of employees and program capacity focus shifting from entitlement projects to assisting households that were impacted by COVID-19. As Mount Vernon recovers from the pandemic, the City will continue to monitor the situation and the effects the pandemic has on LMI residents and will make necessary changes if there arises a need.

In PY 2021, the City continued to expend CDBG-CV funds towards public services and public improvements. At this time, the City doesn't expect any changes to the goals or outcomes for CDBG-CV funds. A summary of activities is provided in the CR-05, and a summary of expenditures is provided in the CR-15.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

There were 6 HQS inspections made in PY 2021, and below are a list of sites inspected. All units passed inspection and general repairs included ADA site improvements and elevator maintenance/repair due to them being out of order. In particular, inspections at some of the apartment units helped to identify the need for elevator maintenance/repair. Elevators not working properly create a difficulty for elderly tenants, and there were complaints of the elevators often being out of service. Inspectors informed and worked with management to repair and get the elevators operational again. The following sites are subrecipients of HOME funding, and each of these sites received the site inspections:

70 S. 7th Ave. Unit 2G Mount Vernon, NY 10550

70 S. 7th Ave. Unit 3G Mount Vernon, NY 10550

230 S. 7th Ave. Unit 1D Mount Vernon, NY 10550

230 S. 7th Ave. Unit 2C Mount Vernon, NY 10550

230 S. 7th Ave. Unit 3C Mount Vernon, NY 10550

241 S. 9th Ave. Unit 5G Mount Vernon, NY 10550

A summary of HQS inspections has been uploaded to the CR-00.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

The City of Mount Vernon has developed and uses a HUD approved affirmative marketing plan (AMP). The marketing plan was reviewed and approved by HUD's FHEO office. The AMP is a marketing strategy designed to attract buyers and renters of all majority and minority groups, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, disability, familial status, (persons with children under 18 years of age, including pregnant women), and national origin to assisted and insured rental projects and sales dwellings which are being marketed. The plan describes initial advertising, outreach (community contacts) and other marketing activities which inform potential buyers and renters of the existence of the units. No applications for applicable HUD-assisted programs may be funded without an approved AMP.

The City provides the AMP to rental developments that receive HOME funds. The City will require each rental developer to report on their affirmative marketing plans. The City will also work with a broad group of stakeholders to ensure that persons with disabilities are aware of available, accessible housing units in developments that received City support. The plan must be submitted to the City to allow a minimum of 30 days for approval. The City will require Subrecipients to provide proof of compliance with the affirmative fair housing marketing policy, which may include sales and leasing brochures, photos of signs and posters, tenant referral information, copies of advertisements in local publications.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

As reported in the PR-09 for HOME program income, there were no program income funds received or expended in PY 2021.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)

MVURA did not develop any other affordable housing other than the current units in development mentioned in this plan.

Other affordable housing actions within the City involved abatement of lead-based paint in Mount Vernon's aged housing stock. Buildings and properties identified as potential hazards are referred to the County of Westchester Department of Health or to the Westchester County Department of Planning-administered Lead Safe Westchester program for appropriate action.

CR-58 - Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours			
Total Section 3 Worker Hours			
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours			

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers			
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.			
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).			
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.			
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).			
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.			
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.			
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.			
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.			
Held one or more job fairs.			
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.			
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.			
Assisted residents with finding child care.			
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.			
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.			
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.			
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.			

Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.			
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.			
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.			
Other.			

Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

On October 29, 2020 HUD made effective the Final Rule, which set new benchmarks for Section 3 under 24 CFR 75. Section 3 helps to establish more economically sustainable communities by ensuring that employment and other economic opportunities generated by Federal assistance for development programs are directed towards very low- and low-income persons to the greatest extent possible, and in particular to those who are recipients of the Federal assistance. The Final Rule changes tracking the number of qualified new hires in Section 3 projects, to tracking the total labor hours worked.

As applicable to the City, the benchmark for Section 3 workers was set at 25 percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project. The benchmark for Targeted Section 3 workers was set at 5 percent or more of the total number of labor hours worked by all workers on a Section 3 project.

Section 3 Projects cover housing rehab/construction and public improvement construction activities assisted under HUD grant programs that provide housing and community development financial assistance that exceeds a threshold of \$200,000. A \$100,000 project threshold applies to grants under HUD's Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes programs. In PY 2021, there were no activities that met the Section 3 threshold.

CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps*

For Paperwork Reduction Act

1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

Basic Grant Information

Recipient Name	MOUNTVERNON
Organizational DUNS Number	098220981
UEI	
EIN/TIN Number	136007305
Identify the Field Office	NEW YORK
Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance	Yonkers/Mount Vernon/New Rochelle/Westchester County CoC

ESG Contact Name

Prefix	Ms.
First Name	Sylvia
Middle Name	
Last Name	Bolivar
Suffix	
Title	Deputy Commissioner for Planning and Community Development

ESG Contact Address

Street Address 1	1 Roosevelt Square
Street Address 2	
City	Mount Vernon
State	NY
ZIP Code	-
Phone Number	9196652493
Extension	
Fax Number	
Email Address	sbolivar@cmvny.com

ESG Secondary Contact

Prefix	
First Name	
Last Name	
Suffix	
Title	
Phone Number	
Extension	

Email Address

2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date 01/01/2021
Program Year End Date 8/31/2022

3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: The Mental Health Association of Westchester
City: White Plains
State: NY
Zip Code: 10606, 3001
DUNS Number: 614566669
UEI:
Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N
Subrecipient Organization Type: Other Non-Profit Organization
ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: 134,792