

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)



2021 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)
FISCAL YEAR 10/1/21 – 9/30/22

This Annual Performance Report is being submitted by the City of Port St. Lucie for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant number (B20MC120038) and covers the period from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

The City of Port St. Lucie's Neighborhood Services Department prepared this report. If you should have any questions or require further information regarding this report, please contact Alessandra "Alex" Tasca at 772-344-4084.

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.

Projects listed in the 2021-22 Action Plan are either completed or currently underway. We expended a total of \$512,151.50 of current program year funding and an additional \$189,420.25 program income and carry forward funding from previous program years. Current program year funding was used to start and complete approved projects from the 20-21 Action Plan including: providing important connectivity links for major sidewalks, replacing failed culverts for stormwater management, and improving air release valves to contribute to the City's on-going efforts for the improvement of local water way quality. In addition to these public infrastructure improvement projects the City continues to expend money and fund regular assistance programs including: \$220,000 for low- and moderate- income homeowner repair and rehabilitation leveraged with State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funding, \$27,000 for micro-enterprise assistance through the City's Business Accelerator Training and Grant Program leveraged with partner Center Bank grant funding, and \$62,000 for an educational partnership to create the first ever Boys and Girls Club St. Lucie County Mobile Club in low- and moderate- area parks. Additional program income funds of \$27,000 were used to fund a one wall handball court in Sandhill Crane Park.

Most of the additional emergency COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) was provided to the City was expended in the previous fiscal year. Approximately, \$100,000 of funding remains to be expended in the upcoming fiscal year. Staff will be working with an interdepartmental group and data to determine the best recommendations for the usage of those funds.

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 / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	10	6	60.00%			
IMPROVE PUBLIC FACILITIES	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2500	2500	100.00%			
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	10	5	50.00%			
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	6		5	11	220.00%
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	10		15	10	66.67%
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	184		10	184	1,840.00%
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	6		5	6	120.00%
INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	6		5	6	120.00%

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT	Non-Housing Community Development INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2000	2000	100.00%			
PUBLIC SERVICES	PUBLIC SERVICES	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	500	500	100.00%			

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.

High priority was given to affordable housing activities, infrastructure improvements as well as public facility improvements which have all been given high priority based on public input and stakeholder consultation as well as City needs determined by expert staff. CDBG funding was utilized in all three categories of high priority activities which benefit the low/moderate income areas of the City. Due to an increase in funding for emergency COVID-19 assistance more than doubling our annual allocation program focus was shifting to addressing those urgent needs through mortgage assistance, and rental assistance. Our actual service to individual households for housing was increased significantly because of direct emergency COVID-19 mortgage assistance, and rental assistance. Our State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program continues to focus homeowner repair and rehabilitation including emergency repairs.

Our planned Economic Development activity began in January 2019 and our goal was to provide economic development assistance to local area businesses using CDBG and matching funds from an area bank. Upon review of the Business Accelerator Program, this current program year, six companies qualified for funding under CDBG low- and moderate- income guidelines and four companies received assistance from bank funds. The program resumed in 2021 following the pandemic and this program year in the Spring of 2022 there were 12 new business applicants.

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	HOPWA
White	9	0
Black or African American	2	0
Asian	0	0
American Indian or American Native	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
Total	11	0

Hispanic	5	0
Not Hispanic	6	0

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

Narrative

The Neighborhood Services Department tracks information about the households who benefit from the homeownership repair and rehabilitation assistance program as well as all other programs including mortgage and rental assistance. This includes family size and disability status. This information is also available in the City's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Annual Report.

The racial and ethnic composition of families assisted in 2021 with CDBG repair and rehabilitation funding is as follows: White families 9, Black/African American families 2. Among these households 5 were Hispanic households, and 0 had female head of household.

The City's CDBG COVID-19 mortgage assistance program was completed last program year. This year the City focused on administering COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance via US Department of Treasury funding.

This program year the City sold it's 6 new, single-family homes constructed with Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding to 4 households at 80% area median income (AMI) and 2 households at 50% area median income (AMI).

The Neighborhood Services Department tracks information about the populations that benefit from the infrastructure improvements completed in the low- to moderate- income areas of the City. We do not have any areas in the City where the minority population exceeds 25%, therefore, our activities benefit all low- to moderate- income households regardless of race or ethnicity.

The City of Port St. Lucie has reallocated its HOPWA funding to the Statewide program.

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	1,071,986	512,152
HOPWA	public - federal	0	

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

In the 2020-2021 CDBG program year funding, which includes program income and carry-forward funding, \$269,684 for sidewalks, \$158,180 for the Homeowner repair and rehabilitation program, \$83,668 for culvert improvements, \$74,447 was expended for park improvement projects, \$62,875 for The Boys and Girls Mobile Club, and \$26,851 for microenterprise activities. Additional funding is encumbered for the projects specified in the Action Plan; all projects have been completed or are underway. One project was delayed because of exorbitant increases in projected budgets. Under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding was expended on the completion of the construction of 6 affordable single family homes.

In 2021 the City's CDBG allocation was \$1,071,986. An additional \$243,101 was made available from 2020 carry over, \$200,108 from 2019 carry over, \$32,609 from 2018 carry over, and \$137,614 was made available from CDBG program payoffs.

The City of Port St. Lucie has reallocated its HOPWA funding to the Statewide program.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City of Port St Lucie	70	70	City limits
WATER	15	34	Air Release Valves
Windmill Point	15	14	Windmill Point Culverts

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

There are fifteen census tract block groups within the City where over 46.81% of the residents (Port St. Lucie's Exception Criteria) had incomes below the area's Median Family Income maximums. The City does not reserve funding for any particular area, but these census tracts/block groups are the locations where the City conducts CDBG activities on an area-wide basis when opportunities and funding are available. All CDBG activities were planned to benefit residents within one of these census tract areas or individual low- and moderate- income households.

In the 2020-2021 CDBG program year funding, which includes program income and carry-forward funding, sidewalk project were executed in Census tracts 381503/2, 381603/2, 381802/1, 381802/2, 381803/2, Homeowner repair and rehabilitation program funding was spent City-wide, culvert improvements were executed in Census tract 382113/1, park improvement projects were executed in Census tracts 381603/3 and 381802/1, The Boys and Girls Mobile Club was spent City-wide, and microenterprise activities were spent City-wide. Future Air Release Valve projects will be executed in Census tracts 382113/1, 382113/4, 382111/4, 382006/1, 382003/2, 381503/2, and 381502/2.

NSP 1 and NSP 3 funding is restricted to targeted areas which include the following census tracts: 3815.03, 3818.01, 3818.02, 3820.01, 3820.02, 3820.03, 3820.04, 3820.05, and 3821.05.

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.

Funds for Community Development projects are leveraged with the City's funds and other Federal and State grants whenever possible, especially if a match is required. By utilizing the remaining NSP funding the City is building six affordable single family homes on City owned lots within the nine designated census tracts. Also, our Economic Development activity funding was matched by an area bank allowing for additional Microenterprise businesses to receive assistance. Our repair and rehabilitation program is primarily funded with State Housing Initiatives Partnership program funding and was also supplemented with the City's Utility funds for water sewer connections and payoffs. City general funds are used to support staffing needs. State funds and Federal funds for housing programs also included COVID-19 pandemic emergency rental assistance.

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	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	40	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	40	0

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	5	184
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	6
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	2	11
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	7	201

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

The production of new housing units are currently completed utilizing our remaining Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP) funding. 6 new affordable homes were advertised January 2022 with over 1,000 residents attending an open house event and 400 applications submitted within a 5 day period. 2 of the 6 homes were reserved and sold to Very Low Income or 50% AMI households (per NSP set aside requirements) and the other 4 homes were reserved and sold to Low Income or 80% AMI households. Our repair and rehabilitation projects are carried with both the CDBG, and SHIP funding and we were

able to offer housing repair and rehabilitation assistance to 28 households (of which 11 were funded with CDBG funds).

184 rental housing payment assistance applications were approved and paid under the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 (ERAP2).

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Future Action Plans will involve prioritizing projects that are the most important to low income households and helping residents avoid displacement and/or homelessness. The City is unique with a very high rate of homeownership, over 75%, and therefore, repair/rehabilitation will remain a core priority. Action Plans will ensure that these projects are analyzed regularly and funded as soon as possible.

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	2	0
Low-income	4	0
Moderate-income	11	0
Total	17	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Homeless persons were not directly served by the City's CDBG funding. Homeless populations are served through targeted programs and methodologies executed by the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. (TCHSC) through the tri-County Continuum of Care (CoC) Consortium, of which the City of Port St. Lucie is a part and member. In 2021 the TCHSC reported Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) contributing agencies documented the value of services for homeless prevention, diversion and assistance in our jurisdiction at over \$7.4 million which is an almost fivefold increase of approximately \$5.9 million more than reported the previous year in 2020. Neighboring Counties in the tri-County CoC (Martin and Indian River) reported approximately \$5 million in assistance combined.

In 2020, there were a total of 64 licenses HMIS end users in our jurisdiction. Funding in the City's jurisdiction served individuals in families with housing (qty. 1,399 individuals, qty. 2,967 total individuals in families), utilities (qty. 837 individuals, qty. 1,868 total individuals in families), case management/health (qty. 2,807 individuals, qty. 6,207 total individuals in families), and food services (qty. 2,410 individuals, qty. 5,331 total individuals in families). Permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals was provided to 69 clients in the City's jurisdiction and a total of 241 across the

CoC. The TCHSC partnered with the City and County to assist in Emergency Eviction Diversion, Emergency Rental Assistance, and the creation of a Housing Hub during the COVID-19 pandemic and continued those efforts in 2021. The 2022 Point-in-Time (PIT) count reported a total of 8 sheltered homeless and 300 unsheltered homeless in our County. This number is slightly higher than what was counted in 2021. Homeless children (54) and Veterans (20) are of increasing concern for the jurisdiction. The City's Neighborhood Services Department works regular with City officials, and the Police Department to assist with any homeless encounters in the jurisdiction. An additional 1,246 households were sharing housing or "couch surfing" and were not counted in the totals.

The City recognizes the rising need for shelter and affordable housing. A concerted effort to raise awareness and support for affordable housing was conducted and continues being conducted throughout all Neighborhood Services activities and programs in collaboration with the City's Communications Department. Community partnerships in the jurisdiction are strong and all affordable housing projects and programs as well as the ones that address homelessness are supported by the City with the City's resources, when possible.

The TCHSC's full Annual Report and PIT are attached to this report.

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 Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. (TCHSC) serves as the official Continuum of Care for the Treasure Coast (St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River counties). It is the official qualified applicant for State and Federal homeless prevention, program development and direct services funding on the Treasure Coast. It is also the lead agency for the State Office on Homelessness on behalf of the three county area. The Council operates a Homeless Resource Center for the Treasure Coast, which provides direct financial assistance to homeless and near-homeless families. These funds are paid directly to landlords and utility companies, not to applicants. The Council owns and operates 13 units of NSP affordable rental housing units in St. Lucie County for individuals and families who are at or below 30% of the area median income, with rents ranging from \$700-\$900 per month. During 2021, 19 adults with 26 children lived in these units.

TCHSC's HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), tracks all services provided by participating end users to persons and households throughout the Treasure Coast. It tracks critical information about needs and services but it can also track the reason why services which were requested were not provided. The HMIS provides a greater understanding of all households seeking assistance and what services are accessed. It reduces duplication among agencies and allows for participation in coordinated entry and coordinated service delivery. There are 9 participating agencies in St. Lucie County (SLC) which serve the City of Port St. Lucie: Angels of Hope Outreach, Children's Home Society, Mustard Seed Ministries, New Horizons, Salvation Army of SLC, SLC Community Services, TCHSC Resource Center, United Against Poverty, and SLC Veterans Services.

One of the benefits of the Coordinated Entry system is that households can obtain appropriate referrals to multiple agencies with one phone call. The top four services provided by the CoC members during 2021 were housing related, utilities, case management/mental health and food (the same as in 2020). Other services include clothing, furniture, household goods, education/training, and gas/bus fares, etc.

Additionally, the Housing HUB, started in February 2021 as a Multi-Agency Resource Center works with community partners who provide essential services. Partners include 19th Circuit Court Eviction Diversion, Healthcare Navigators by HANDS Clinic, Benefits assistance by RiteLife Inc., Mobile Health Bus by Visiting Nurse Association, SNAP/EBT assistance by Treasure Coast Food Bank, and Emergency Rental Assistance.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

TCHSC coordinates all grant funding applications for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing through the State Office on Homelessness and HUD. In partnership with Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties, TCHSC received \$6,879,822 of grant funding which included CARES Act pandemic funding.

In 2021, 3,720 households were pre-screened with the Coordinated Entry System. Of these households 1,777 (or 47% of the tri-county area serviced) were in SLC.

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

The Neighborhood Services Department provides referrals to all of the TCHSC partner agencies, the housing authority or to low cost apartments in the area when necessary or as programs are made available. Affordable rental housing continues to be a need in the jurisdiction. The COVID-19 pandemic and the sharp rise in construction activity as well as rising housing costs continues to exacerbate the problem exponentially. The City is working with a Community Land Trust and all partners in the CoC to identify any new projects or programs to help address the need. Extreme cases are being addressed by the City, County and TCHSC as a collaborative team effort in partnership with all other social agencies and the County Clerk of Courts. Eviction diversion has been a top priority for the City with COVID-19 emergency relief funding through the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act and will continue to be so through 2021 and 2022. In 2021-22 the City has partnered with the County to conduct its first ever Comprehensive Housing Needs Analysis and Implementation Plan (currently underway).

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 Neighborhood Services Department is a member of the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council and the Council of Social Agencies (C.O.S.A.). These agencies provide referral services for individuals and families needing assistance throughout the county, including assistance for the homeless. In addition, the Police Department serves as a member of the "One-Stop" program, which uses the above information for client referrals countywide.

St. Lucie County counts the number of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons at a given point in time each year during the last ten days of January. The results of this survey for January 2022 are added

as an attachment to this CAPER report.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Public Housing Authority is located outside of Port St Lucie City limits.

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

Not applicable

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

There are not any troubled PHA's located in the City of Port St Lucie or St. Lucie County.

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)

The City of Port St. Lucie, as a recipient of State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funding, is required every year to form an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) to review and assess public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing and to report on that assessment. In March 2022 the AHAC was reestablished to prepare a report on affordable housing incentives for submission to Florida Housing Finance Corporation. That report was reviewed, finalized and presented via an advertised Public Hearing on November 18, 2022. The Committee is looking to recommending and creating more policies and opportunities for the promotion of more affordable housing within the City. The Committee has identified the need for larger scale affordable home projects.

The City prepared, approved and submitted its most recent Local Housing Action Plan (LHAP) during the first quarter of 2022.

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

Housing Needs: The City's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) housing assistance program received \$1,389,075 in funding for the state fiscal year 2021-2022. Due to increase advocacy efforts this funding has increased significantly, almost fourfold, in the last two years. Twenty percent of the SHIP funding allocations must be reserved for special needs clients, with emphasis on developmentally disabled individuals. The City will continue to fund its Homeowner Repair and Rehabilitation Program for the near future since that is one of the greatest needs. The program was severely underfunded for close to a decade and the City's homeownership rate is one of the highest in the State and country, 78%. Over 300 pre-applications were received for the program during a two hour period when recently advertised and opened. Housing prices have climbed to the point that fewer households can afford to purchase. The City has completed building six single family residences in the targeted Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Census tracts which will expedite the expenditure of the remaining NSP grant funds. Some remaining NSP funds and program income will be used to continue affordable housing project efforts.

Community Development Needs: Water quality continues to be an area of concern as the City continues to grow in population size. As such, funding is being allocated to provide water/sewer connection grants to low- and moderate- income residents to mitigate the negative environmental effects of the aging septic systems on or near the St. Lucie River which is an important natural resource in our community. Water/Sewer connections are funded with CDBG and SHIP funds as grants to low- and moderate- income households within the City limits. There is also a need for additional educational initiatives for young people as a result of some of the outcomes experienced during the pandemic.

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

All homes that come through the homeowner repair and rehabilitation program are inspected and if the home is built prior to 1978 paint samples are tested for lead at a licensed laboratory. If the presence of lead is found in the home, steps to abate the lead will be taken if feasible.

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

Our anti-poverty strategy consists of a concentrated effort to increase economic opportunities for citizens of Port St. Lucie, particularly those in low- and moderate-income households. Housing and economic programs that have been helpful to this strategy include CDBG and SHIP funding. SHIP and CDBG funding was used to provide homeowner repair and rehabilitation assistance to 28 low- and moderate- income households. Additionally, local funds and other grant funds are being used for some of the infrastructure improvements. The use of funding for housing has helped to create job opportunities (construction work) for area residents.

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

The City of Port St. Lucie enrolls in training events, when available, to increase knowledge of staff members regarding funding needs and programs available to meet those needs. Lending consortium meetings are held quarterly to keep lender groups connected and focused on affordable housing issues within the county.

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

The City continues to coordinate with the St. Lucie County Community Services Department and social service agencies, such as COSA (Council of Social Agencies), and SAFER St. Lucie to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

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

The City updated its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in March 2017 and is currently working on an additional update. Surveys and data from a variety of organizations has been collected and will be published next program year. This analysis found several issues that may restrict housing choice, among them lack education, communication regarding housing; lack of centralized reporting and mortgage/rent issues. The City takes certain actions each year to reduce these impediments and bring fair housing to the forefront. These actions are listed as follows:

1. Continue to enforce its fair housing policies
2. Proclaim one month of each year (usually April) fair housing month and promote fair housing practices via numerous forms of media. Work with other public and private organizations to improve educational activities such as training seminars, symposiums and housing events that expand the understanding of legislation associated with Fair Housing. Information regarding housing and services for persons with disabilities will be included.
3. Continue to print and distribute (in English/Spanish) fair housing brochures in the City's facilities.
4. Collaborate with community and professional organizations to promote a fair housing educational program.

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

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.

The availability of the Annual Performance report narrative and all IDIS reports was advertised in a local newspaper and the actual report was made available for review for 14 days. A public hearing was held on November 28, 2022. ***Comments received as a result of the public hearing - will be posted here.***

Additionally, we engage in regular community outreach all year long about our programs and projects via our Communications Department, specialized Neighborhood Improvement and Community Engagement (NICE) Office and all social media channels. Newspaper advertisements are placed regularly according to Federal Regulations. Two special public outreach meetings were conducted in April 2021 and an additional two meetings were conducted in June and July of 2022 together with an in-depth survey in 2021 regarding CDBG and the preparation of the City's newest 5 year Consolidated Plan. Non profit and governmental stakeholders from the entire County were contacted and surveyed in reference to the preparation of a new Analysis of Impediments and Citizen Participation Plan. Accommodations and language service are always posted and available.

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.

The City of Port St. Lucie is responsive to changes in the physical environment that may have a negative impact on its citizens. Steps are taken to mitigate or improve the negative changes as soon as possible. The Neighborhood Services Department works closely with its counterparts at St. Lucie County on housing related issues and collaborations and rolled out programs together for local emergency housing assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic recovery period. The Department also works closely on project interdepartmental teams within the City and communicates regularly with the County's 300+ network of non-profit service providers and the CoC. Monthly meetings allow swift responsiveness to any issues that arise. The City's interdepartmental Grants & Advocacy team meets regularly and collaborates on applying for all grants that are available to help mitigate environmental, social and economic issues within the City and leverage existing funding for existing budgetary needs.

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

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-55 - HOPWA 91.520(e)

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

Table for report on the one-year goals for the number of households provided housing through the use of HOPWA activities for: short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments to prevent homelessness of the individual or family; tenant-based rental assistance; and units provided in housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds.

Number of Households Served Through:	One-year Goal	Actual
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	0	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	0	0
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0	0

Table 8 – HOPWA Number of Households Served

Narrative

Not applicable, the City of Port St. Lucie reallocates it's HOWA funding to the State wide program.

CR-58 – Section 3

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

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	9	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	2,232			0	
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0			0	
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0			0	

Table 9 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers				0	
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.				0	
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	9			0	
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.				0	
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).				0	
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.				0	
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.				0	
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.				0	
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.				0	
Held one or more job fairs.	1			0	
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	1			0	
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.				0	
Assisted residents with finding child care.				0	
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.				0	
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.				0	
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.				0	
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.				0	
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.				0	
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.				0	

Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.				0	
Other.	9			0	

Table 10 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

The City of Port St. Lucie is member to a local organization created by non-profits called the Council of Social Agencies or COSA. Staff attends monthly meetings with over 300 local non-profit organizations including representatives from 2-1-1. Updates are provided through the group's list serve and all residents that contact Neighborhood Services either via Internet, on the phone or in-person are referred to these organizations who specify in a wide variety of different social services including job and housing assistance. This year the City's Human Resources Department partnered with the Economic Development Office and local organizations and conducted the first job fair since the COVID-19 pandemic began. These initiatives were conducted in addition to the project specific initiatives detailed under the 9 Other activities in the chart. These included: job site advertisement, Section 3 training at project pre-construction meetings, word of mouth, and contractor training.

City of Port St. Lucie HOPWA funding has been reallocated to the State wide program.