



CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE & EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FISCAL YEAR 10/1/20 – 9/30/21

Draft for approval and two week public comment period.

December 06, 2021

This Annual Performance Report is being submitted by the City of Port St. Lucie for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant number (B-19-MC-12-0038) and covers the period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

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 772-871-7395.

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 2020-21 Action Plan are either completed or currently underway. We expended a total of \$87,801 for homeowner repair/rehabilitation, \$251,025.86 for inclusive park improvements in Rotary Park, \$274,969.00 for sidewalks on Grand Drive, \$1,000 for Economic Development, \$170,919.50 for Culvert replacements in the Windmill Point are, \$146,244.00 for air release valve replacements, and \$121,740.46 for Utility liftstation improvements proposed in the plan. Therefore, we have made significant progress toward meeting our goals and objectives. CDBG funding was utilized to help improve living conditions by correcting health & safety issues and code violations for our low/mod income residents.

Additional emergency COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) was provided to the City. Projects for the use of these funds were added to the the Action Plan through amendments. With these additional funds, we expended a total of \$673,150.90 on emergency mortgage assistance, \$3,622.33 on an emergency vaccine event and information to provide access to vaccine in low/moderate income areas of the City, and \$414,698.21 on wi-fi hotspots and wi-fi service to provide access to Internet to low/moderate income households during periods of quarantine and mandatory virtual schooling.

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
Acquisition/Rehabilitation of Single Family Homes	Affordable Housing	NSP: \$ / SHIP: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	10	4	40.00%			

Acquisition/Rehabilitation of Single Family Homes	Affordable Housing	NSP: \$ / SHIP: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	25	69	276.00%			
Economic Development	Economic Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	20	3	15.00%			
Economic Development	Economic Development	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	10	5	50.00%	3	2	66.67%
Infrastructure Improvement	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2000	11730	586.50%			
Public Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2500	26740	1,069.60%	9095	11020	121.17%
Rehabilitation of Owner Occupied Housing Units	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$396058	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	15	22	146.67%	7	9	128.57%
Rehabilitation of Owner Occupied Housing Units	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$396058	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	0		10	67	670.00%

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. 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, vaccine events and access to Internet as a result of virtual school. Our actual service to individual households for housing was increased significantly because of direct emergency COVID-19 mortgage assistance. Our State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program continued to focus on emergency rental and mortgage assistance as well 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, four companies qualified for funding under CDBG low/moderate income guidelines and nine companies received assistance from bank funds. The program resumed in October 2019 with 24 new business applicants. Due to the recent pandemic and school closures the classes scheduled for Spring 2020 were rescheduled for the Fall 2020. Current applicants have until December 31, 2021 to submit receipts for reimbursement.

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
White	39
Black or African American	34
Asian	3
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	76
Hispanic	11
Not Hispanic	65

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

Narrative

The racial and ethnic composition of families assisted in 2020 with CDBG repair/rehabilitation funding is as follows: White families 5 and Black or African American families 4. Among these households 6 were elderly households, 6 had female head of households and 1 was classified as having special needs.

The racial and ethnic composition of families assisted in 2020 with CDBG COVID-19 mortgage assistance funding is as follows: White families 24; Black or African American families 30, 3 Asian families and 10 other types of racial makeups. These program totals also included 11 Hispanic household and 46 female heads of households.

The Neighborhood Services Department tracks information about the households and who benefits from the infrastructure improvements completed in the low/mod areas of the City. This includes family size and disability status. This information is also available in the SHIP Annual Report. 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.

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	3,269,839	1,232,547
Other	public – federal/state	1,476,799	1,048,405

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

From the 2020-2021 CDBG funding, \$251,025.86 was expended for park improvement projects, \$146,244.00 for air release valve replacements, and \$121,740.46 for Utility liftstation improvements, and \$170,919.50 was expended for culvert improvements in low/mod area. \$274,969.00 was expended for sidewalks and \$1,000 was expended for Microenterprise activities. Additional funding is encumbered for the projects specified in the Action Plan; all projects have been completed or are underway. Under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding was expended on the construction of 6 affordable single family homes. From the emergency COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funding, \$673,150.90 was expended on emergency mortgage assistance, \$3,622.33 on an emergency vaccine event and information to provide access to vaccine in low/moderate income areas of the City, and \$414,698.21 on wi-fi hotspots and wi-fi service to provide access to Internet to low/moderate income households during periods of quarantine and mandatory virtual schooling.

In 2020 the City's CDBG allocation was \$1,094,188. An additional \$554,715.95 was made available from 2019 carry over, \$59,462.75 was made available from 2018 carry over, \$118,000 was made available from Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), program income, and \$52,288.32 was made available from CDBG program payoffs. An additional \$1,391,184.08 was made available from CDBG-CV special funding.

In 2020 the "Other" funding made available was from NSP funds, program income and payoffs (totaling \$882,378.58) as well as the City's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funding, payoffs, program income and interest (totaling \$594,420.68). A total of \$477,301.98 was expended under the NSP program and \$571,103.85 was expended under the SHIP program.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description

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/moderate income households.

CDBG Prior Year Funding:

The City allocated \$320,000 for culvert improvements and \$300,000 for liftstation improvements proposed in the plan which includes low/mod income census tracts 3821.13/1 and 3816.03/2. \$60,000 for Park improvement projects that took place in census tracts 3820.09/ 3 and 3818.02/1. \$25,000 for Economic Development and \$189,732 for Housing Assistance programs also utilized CDBG funding and provide benefits to low/moderate/middle income households citywide.

CDBG Funding:

The City allocated \$315,484 for inclusive Rotary Park improvement projects located in census tract 3818.02/1. \$165,000 for air release valve improvements microbial hot spot areas located in census tracts 3818.02/1, 3820.09/2, 3816.03/2, & 3821.11/4. \$275,000 for the construction of sidewalks along Grand Drive located in census tract 3818.03/2 and \$396,058 for Housing Assistance programs that utilized CDBG funding and provide increased access to affordable housing and housing benefits to low/moderate/middle income households citywide.

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. State funds and Federal funds for housing programs including but not limited to rental and mortgage assistance and increased access to wi-fi and broadband were received and expended rapidly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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	43	76
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	43	76

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	9
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	6	4
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	37	67
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	43	80

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 underway with completion of 6 new affordable homes by January 2022 utilizing our remaining Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP) funding. Application system will open on February 1, 2022 and all homes should be sold by summer 2022. Our repair/rehab projects are carried with both the CDBG and SHIP funding and we were able to offer repair/rehabilitation assistance 7 existing units and water/sewer hookup assistance to 2 households

utilizing CDBG. An additional 35 households were assisted with State SHIP funding (28 Comprehensive repairs, 4 limited repairs, and 3 water sewer connections).

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. Action Plans will ensure that these projects are 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	35	0
Low-income	12	0
Moderate-income	20	0
Total	67	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

During the 2020-2021 program year; 5 low/moderate income clients received repair/rehabilitation assistance, 2 low/moderate income clients received water/sewer connection assistance and 2 extremely low income clients receive repair/rehabilitation assistance from our CDBG funding. Of these clients, there were: 5 were elderly households, and 1 was special needs household. Thru our SHIP funding: 27 low/moderate income clients received repair/rehabilitation assistance, 3 low/moderate income clients received water/sewer connections, and 5 extremely low income clients received repair/rehabilitation assistance. Of these clients, there were: 25 were elderly households, and 19 special needs household.

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 2020, 19 adults with 22 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. During 2020, HMIS contributing agencies documented \$5,138,957 in services they provided to prevent and end homelessness. This was an almost doubling of the over \$2 million provided in 2019. These services were provided to a total of 9,370 unduplicated individuals, and impacted a total of 16,692 individuals. There are 8 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, and United Against Poverty. HMIS documented the value of services in St. Lucie County in 2020 to be \$1,557,290 (the documented value of services in 2019 was \$818,442).

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 2020 were housing related, utilities, case management/mental health and food (the same as in 2019). Other services include clothing, furniture, household goods, education/training, and gas/bus fares, etc.

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 \$1,665,175 (which was less than \$100,000 more than what was received in 2019) in HUD funding to house chronically homeless individuals in 2020. During 2020, the TCHSC was awarded an additional \$911,000 in ESG, \$148,500 in Challenge funds, and \$2,109,661 in CARES Act funds because of its ability to quickly assist clients in need and manage funds efficiently. In 2019, St. Lucie County received \$409,968 in grant funding to provide permanent supportive housing, case management, and supportive services to 65 families.

In 2020, 3,583 households were pre-screened with the Coordinated Entry System. Of these households 1,029 (or 29% of the tri-county area serviced) were in SLC. Of the 1,029 in SLC 760 were screened for Homeless Prevention and the remaining 269 were screened for Re-housing.

In 2020, SLC Veterans served by SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) and SLC Community Services were 43. Of these 43 served, 24 were provided rapid rehousing assistance and 19 were provided homeless prevention assistance.

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 the all of the TCHSC partner agencies, the housing authority or to low cost apartments in the area when necessary.

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 2020 are added as an attachment to the 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 three years 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 September 2018 the AHAC was reestablished to prepare a report on affordable housing incentives for submission to Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Due to a change in Florida State legislation (Omnibus Housing Bill HB 1339) in the summer of 2020 the City will now be convening the AHAC every year beginning in 2021. The City is due to produce our next LHAP (Local Housing Action Plan) by Dec. 2021.

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

Housing Needs: The City's SHIP Housing Assistance Program received \$367,353 in funding for the state fiscal year 2019-2020. We also received \$129,651 in NSP and CDBG program income returned when assisted houses were sold or refinanced. Twenty percent of the SHIP funding allocations must be reserved for special needs clients, with emphasis on developmentally disabled individuals. Housing prices have climbed to the point that fewer households can afford to purchase. The City has recently contracted to build six single family residences in the targeted Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) census tracts which will expedite the expenditure of the remaining NSP grant funds.

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/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/moderate income households within the City limits.

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

All homes that come through the repair/rehab 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 repair/rehabilitation assistance to 33 low/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 the Analysis of Impediments data tables were updated. This analysis found several issues that may restrict housing choice, among them lack of 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

Our CDBG activities did not require monitoring of sub-recipients. When they do, we ask for written reports and make on-site visits to ensure compliance with CDBG requirements. Otherwise, the City ensures that it follows its Action Plan, allocating funds, and reallocating when necessary, according to its provisions. We review performance measurements as each project is completed and report progress quarterly in the IDIS system.

The City monitored its infrastructure projects as indicated above. We continued to meet our timeliness requirements for CDBG. Housing programs were monitored throughout the year to ensure compliance with income set asides, etc. The Annual Report for SHIP funding was completed in September 2019. We compare projects completed with projects proposed under the Action Plan in order to evaluate our CDBG progress on infrastructure projects. We compare the Annual Goals and Objectives with actual amounts expended and units completed. This information was included in our Action Plan for 2018 and contains numerical goals for resources used during the program year. Direct results and actual benefits from the program are listed within each area of this narrative report.

We have helped improve property values and eliminated significant health and safety deficiencies for families as a result of housing rehabilitation. In looking back at the programs and activities that took place last year, the City stayed on target with the goals and objectives listed in the Consolidated Plan. In the Housing Program, we utilized our funding in the areas where demand was highest. As in previous years the highest need was for homeowner repair/rehabilitation. We have completed repairs or rehabilitated 33 homes during the fiscal year. Another 12 repair/rehab home projects are currently underway.

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 December 06, 2021. ***Comments received as a result of the public hearing and two week public comment period shall be inserted here and submitted together with this CAPER.***

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 of 2021 together with an in-depth survey 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. 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 it's 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.

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

No

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

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