

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.

We submitted the Five-Year CDBG Consolidated Plan and 2014 Action Plan to HUD a few days prior to the legislatively set deadline of August 16.

Accomplishments for the Program Year consisted of:

- Outreach to individuals, agencies, and neighborhoods with a focus on the needs of those persons with low incomes; substandard housing; special needs; and homelessness.
- Establishing a CDBG Advisory Group.
- Development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2014 Action Plan.
- Training: primarily webinar based.
- Formation of a city employee committee from GIS; engineering; and CDBG divisions; which developed a “conditions” rating system for sidewalks and ADA ramps.
- Surveying the target census tracts 9205 and 9206 to determine areas of greatest need, using the conditions rating system and input from citizens with physical impairments whose ability to move about is adversely impacted by deteriorating or non-existent sidewalks and ADA ramps.
- GIS produced mapping of sidewalk and ADA conditions to inform our selection of areas of greatest need and impact.
- Conducting an RFP process and selecting a subrecipient for administration of a home repair program; and a subrecipient for administration of a public services program.
- Communicating with other city departments about different aspects of the CDBG program: finance; engineering; GIS; police department; legal department; city clerk; parks and recreation; library; planning and building; and others.
- Public Services delivery: Pro-bono legal services; job training; literacy; Asset Building; and Commitment to Community (C2C).

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
Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5415	0	0.00%	5415	0	0.00%
Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All	Non-Housing Community Development		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1010	72	7.13%	1010	72	7.13%
Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All	Non-Housing Community Development		Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	3	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All	Non-Housing Community Development		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	37	0	0.00%	4	0	0.00%

Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5415	0	0.00%	5415	0	0.00%
Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1010	300	29.70%	1010	300	29.70%
Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		1	0	0.00%
Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		4	0	0.00%
Promote the Preservation Development and Sustainab	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	3	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
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Support the Retention and Creation of Employment	Non-Housing Community Development		Jobs created/retained	Jobs	3	0	0.00%			

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.

CDBG funds committed during the program year were related to development of the Five-year Consolidated Plan and 2014 Annual Action Plan; provision of public services; and preliminary engineering services for sidewalk and ADA ramp construction in 2015. The accomplishments of the program year included provision of public services to promote self-sufficiency. The balance of the accomplishments prepared us to implement the activities in the 2014 Annual Action Plan.

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	285
Black or African American	5
Asian	1
American Indian or American Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	293
Hispanic	113
Not Hispanic	180

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

Narrative

Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) has, until this program year, served both city and county residents with the state's CDBG Public Services Grant program. Their reports to the state were summaries of total program participants each quarter with estimates of how many of those were "new" access, or "improved access" to service. Their racial and ethnicity data were an aggregate of the total number served over all assistance programs offered. This is the first year they have been required to keep data separately for county and city residents. They are in the process of developing client-tracking software that will give actual city counts of both numbers served and their race and ethnicity. For this reporting period, the numbers above are estimates based on percentages of total served.

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		1,536,316	44,644

Table 3 – Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Census Tract 9205	36	50	
Census Tract 9206	36	50	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

All CDBG funds went to plan development (city-wide) and pre-design project development activities to benefit Census Tracts 9205 and 9206. (75% of the public services delivered were allocated to Census Tracts 9206 and 9207, but the cost is not reflected in the \$44,644.49 drawn. The subrecipient submitted an invoice after December 31, 2014.)

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.

NA

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

Table 5- Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	5	25
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	5	0
Total	10	25

Table 6 - Number of Households Supported

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

The Walla Walla Housing Authority reported the production of 8 new units; Blue Mountain Action Council reported the production of 13 units of senior housing and 4 units dedicated to the developmentally disabled. Walla Walla's CDBG Entitlement funds were not used for these projects.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Development of future action plans will continue to involve these agencies, others in the housing industry, and the community at large who have knowledge of unmet needs, and the resources available to meet those needs.. Affordable housing was identified as a priority need. Housing rehab is one way to have an impact.

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 Persons Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	6	0
Total	6	0

Table 7 – Number of Persons Served

Narrative Information

No housing units received CDBG funding during the program year. We anticipate that 6-10 units will be rehabbed during 2015, funded, in part, by CDBG. All units will be owner-occupied; all participants will have incomes at or below 80% Area Median Income.

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

Walla Walla Council on Homelessness - Recap of the First Two Years

Homeless Planning for Walla Walla County 2013-2015

May 2014:

Downtown Concerns Mtg. attended by 60 people to address concerning behaviors.

June 2014: 5th Mtg.

Presentation: Tiny House project, Quixote Village.

Warming Center Planning Group formalized for Winter 2014.

September 2014: 6th Mtg.

Presentation from National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty: Criminalization of Homelessness.

Warming Center Planning underway.

Downtown Concerns continue to meet.

Heritage Park study underway in collaboration with Downtown Foundation, Wine Alliance, Chamber of Commerce, City of Walla Walla and Whitman College.

November 2014:

Warming Center activated per new protocols. Served up to 42/night.

Interfaith Coalition of Poverty (ICP) hosted Stories from Heritage Park. Attended by 250 people.

ICP drafted a Proposal to the City of Walla Walla with recommendations to address homelessness. To be incorporated into the 10-Year Planning process in 2015.

December 2014: 7th Mtg.

Warming Center activated.

Warming Center training and registration of Emergency Worker/Volunteers for 170 volunteers.

Walla Walla participated in Statewide Coalition to End Criminalization of Homelessness.

Targeted efforts begin on Coordinated Entry.

January 2015:

Heritage Park Study released with recommendations to address: homelessness; root causes.

Coordinated Entry Advisory/Planning Group formed.

April 2015: 8th Mtg.

County announces 10-Year Homeless Planning; Spring 2015.10-Year Homeless Planning to engage key stakeholders and community; incorporate recommendations of Heritage Park Study; Interfaith Coalition on Poverty, State Dept. of Commerce Affordable Housing Assessment and, other local, state and national data on best practices to reduce homelessness and address root causes.

April/May 2015:

Corporation for Supportive Housing provides facilitation of community engagement and development of 10-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness for Walla Walla County.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The city obtained a CDBG Planning only Grant for a feasibility study for a youth center which would include a youth shelter. The subrecipient of the grant was Blue Mountain Action Council. The Youth Alliance (a group of interested community agencies) is currently pursuing capital and operations funding.

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 Walla Walla Council on Homelessness is an active, organized, and collaborative group of 12-15 representatives of key sectors of the community (including homeless persons), which, according to its Operating Agreement, is a volunteer community planning and problem solving structure formed to:

- Create opportunities for community discussions and input on homeless issues.
- Educate one another and the broader community on homelessness.
- Advise public and private policy makers and funders on strategies to address homelessness.

- Influence public policy and philanthropic decision making to improve the capacity of Walla Walla to address homelessness.

City department directors and other staff have participated in the Council's efforts. The local newspaper provides coverage of homelessness in Walla Walla. The city received a CDBG Planning Only Grant administered by Blue Mountain Action Council to test the feasibility of a Youth center and 6-bed youth shelter. The plan is complete, but funding availability is key. Recording fee revenue provides annual funding of activities and programs. Awareness of the issue is growing as are efforts to find solutions.

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 city continues to support the development of affordable housing through such mechanisms as permitting fees relief and review of policies and practices that would have an adverse impact on development of affordable permanent housing. Walla Walla is supporting the update of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness with CDBG funds.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

Walla Walla Housing Authority is a HUD designated "high performer." The city continues to be an active partner in support of its development activities.

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

The Walla Walla Housing Authority offers self-sufficiency training to encourage steps toward homeownership.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

NA.

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 consolidated Plan and 2014 Annual Action Plan call for review of building codes; fees and charges; and zoning and development ordinances which may have adverse impacts on affordable housing and housing cost burden. Review is on-going. Issues will be analyzed to determine how to mitigate or eliminate the adverse impact.

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

Continuing to dialogue with public and private service providers to ensure that city policies and practices complement community efforts. The city actively seeks women and minority participation on boards and committees, and encourages application for city employment opportunities.

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

Continuing to dialogue with other agencies and service providers to ensure city policies and practices are consistent with the efforts of others to overcome obstacles to employment and housing.

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

Action Plan focuses on delivery of public services such as adult literacy, job training, pro bono legal services and financial planning, all of which may assist with attaining self-sufficiency. In addition, a home repair program prioritizing weatherization and energy savings will reduce housing cost burden.

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

Together with community partners, the city continues to seek to define which services are best delivered by which entity, public or private, and to support efforts to make the process efficient and cost effective.

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

The city chose Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC), the local Community Action Agency, as subrecipient of CDBG funds for administration of a Home Repair Program and a Public Services Program. BMAC has administered similar programs for years, and has the resources and structure in place to run the programs efficiently and cost effectively. Coordination among public and private

agencies remains a priority.

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

NA.

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.

A Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report summary narrative was posted on the city's website, and a legal notice was placed in the local newspaper advising readers of its availability and establishing a 30-day comment period. A public hearing notice was published in the newspaper inviting comments on the performance evaluation. No comments were received in response to the 30-day comment period notice; nor were comments received at the 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.

No changes are planned at this time.

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

No

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