

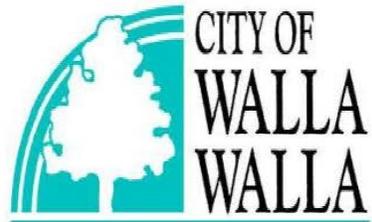
**CITY OF WALLA WALLA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
DRAFT 2017 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Walla Walla's draft 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan (AAP), funded by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is available for review and comment. The 2017 AAP is an update of the CDBG 2014-2018 CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The grant amount is expected to be around \$365,000. The 2017 Plan proposes a commitment of CDBG funding for the construction of a youth center/shelter; home repair program; public services; sidewalk and ADA ramps; job creation; development of affordable housing; and planning and administration.

The draft 2017 CDBG AAP may be viewed on the city's website, www.wallawallawa.gov, and is available to the public at the City Library, 238 E. Alder, Walla Walla. The 2017 AAP is available for a 30-day public comment period from October 14 through November 14, 2016. Copies are available upon request at the City of **Walla Walla Support Services Department, 15 N. 3rd Ave., Walla Walla WA 99362; or by calling (509) 527-4540. Written comments on the plan will be accepted at the Support Services Department.**

A public hearing on the above item will be held at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, November 2, 2016, in the City Hall Council Chambers. The Council Chambers is handicap accessible. A Spanish language interpreter will be available. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate other special needs will be made upon receiving at least 2 working days prior to the hearing.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2016.



City of Walla Walla
Community Development Block Grant

2017 Annual Action Plan

October 14, 2016

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2017 Annual Action Plan presents the funding priorities for this grant year, as determined by the findings in the City of Walla Walla's 2014-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan; outreach efforts to community organizations; and input received from the public.

This year's AAP continues funding of sidewalk improvements and installation of ADA ramps. The objective is to remove hazardous conditions; to provide safe, accessible travel routes for pedestrians, especially the elderly and children; and to revitalize neighborhoods. The home repair budget focuses on improving homes in Census Tracts 9205 and 9206. Additional funding is also included in the 2017 plan to support the construction of three affordable housing units for low- and moderate-income households. Public services will continue to address the needs of low- and moderate-income residents and provide for job training; literacy classes; legal assistance; and targeted neighborhood revitalization activities.

This plan includes a second year of funding for the youth center/shelter supported in the Consolidated Plan and the Walla Walla County 5-year Homeless Housing plan. The 2016 Action Plan committed \$70,000 to the youth center/shelter and in 2017 another \$70,000 is also included in the plan for a total of \$140,000 to support construction of a youth center which houses a shelter for unaccompanied youth, a medical center, and a child-care facility.

In addition to these projects, this year the CDBG program will be investing in economic development by supporting the creation of three part-time jobs

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The following table lists the goals, objectives and outcomes of the 2017 Annual Action Plan.

2. Annual Goals and Objectives

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Promote the Preservation Development and Sustainability of Affordable Housing	2017	2018	Affordable Housing	City wide, targeted to CT 9205 and 9206	Safety, security, neighborhood improvements	CDBG	Homeowner housing rehabilitated; Homeowner housing added
2	Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods	2017	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	CT 9206	Health, safety, transportation	CDBG	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than LMI housing
3	Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All Citizens of Walla Walla	2017	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	City wide, targeted to CT 9205 and 9206	Neighborhood revitalization; self-sufficiency; health; safety	CDBG and other	Persons served; beds added
4	Support the Retention and Creation of Employment Opportunities	2017	2018	Economic Development	City wide	Employment Opportunities	CDBG and other	Jobs created

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3. Evaluation of past performance

We took the CDBG program to the people at the grassroots level who best know the community's needs. Outreach extended to myriad community stakeholders including both public and private agencies and organizations. These contacts together with information gleaned from existing plans and surveys guided the goals of the Consolidated Plan and the projects selected to realize those goals. We worked in concert with other city departments to coordinate projects; the GIS mapping division worked with the CDBG program to develop a sidewalk and ADA ramp condition inventory and corresponding mapping of LMI neighborhoods to guide the selection criteria. Outcomes of the 2016 Annual Action Plan activities were as hoped. Our biggest impact on the health and vitality of LMI neighborhoods has been the construction of new sidewalks and ADA ramps, making walking a safe, viable means of transportation and recreation. As CDBG activities make a positive impact on their quality of life, we observed an interest on the part of area residents to undertake improvements on their own. The public services activities provide assistance to LMI populations as they work toward self-sufficiency. And the minor home repair exterior security lighting project has increased safety in target census tract 9205 which was been identified as the number one concern for residents of the area. The youth center/shelter project is also underway and construction is set to begin in October of 2016 supported by the 2016 CDBG allocation. The 2017 AAP adds one more year of funding for construction of the youth center/shelter, which is expected to be open by late spring of 2017. The research and work done to date, as well as the response by residents, has shown that we are on the right track, and there is still the need for continued funding for the public service, home rehabilitation, and sidewalk and ADA projects.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Citizen participation for the 2017 AAP includes the outreach and comments gleaned during the development of the 2017 Plan; continued contact with agencies and other entities throughout the year; a public hearing before City Council on November 2, 2016; and a 30-day comment period on the proposed action plan, October 14, 2016- November 14, 2016. In addition, outreach into the neighborhoods in the target census tracts provides an invaluable source of information as to the condition and needs of those areas. On-site CDBG funded activities are also a catalyst for increased citizen participation.

In addition, multiple entities were consulted with in order to capture a realistic and holistic picture of the nature of the community's housing, homeless, health, and human services delivery systems and unmet needs. Included were:

- Walla Walla County Department of Community Health
- Walla Walla Housing Authority- Public housing; Section 8 rental assistance; low and moderate income tax credit housing projects for elderly and families; migrant housing.

- Blue Mountain Action Council - Community Action Agency providing pro bono lawyer referral, adult literacy training, youth and adult employment training, personal finance training, community outreach, housing assistance, referrals, etc.
- Blue Mountain Heart to Heart- Non-profit organization providing supportive services for persons with HIV/Aids
- Lillie Rice Center- Job training and work placement for disabled teens and adults
- Successful Training and Re-entry (STAR) Project- Provides persons being released from incarceration with tools to successfully reintegrate into the community
- Trilog Recovery Community- Center that offers drug and alcohol recovery help and prevention for youth, families, and the community
- YMCA Community Center for Youth- Program offered after school and during school vacations that promotes healthy teen development
- Walla Walla School District- Intervention specialists at middle and high schools; McKinney Vento liaison
- Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)- Services for victims of domestic violence, women's shelter, child daycare, community recreation opportunities
- United Way- runs local warming center; has active Youth United group that involves local youth in volunteer opportunities and leadership development
- Comprehensive Healthcare- provides mental health counseling and rent/utility assistance to clients as needed; does street outreach to connect local homeless population to services
- City of Walla Walla departments and divisions
- Community Networks

The contributions of these entities helped formulate the five-year Consolidated Plan and continue to influence this year's Action Plan; **the needs and the activities identified for during the planning process remain applicable in this, the fourth year of the Consolidated Plan.** As a government agency and a provider of municipal services, the city continues its partnership with other agencies, organizations, residents and other stakeholders to identify and address community needs and resources.

5. Summary of public comments

Public comments will be recorded during the public hearing on November 2, 2016 and once the public comment period ends on November 14, 2016.

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

All comments and conclusions are anticipated to be addressed and supported the by activities in the 2017 AAP.

7. Summary

The goals, objectives, and outcomes selected for the 2017 Annual Action Plan are a continuation of the activities and established priority needs gathered through citizen input for the Consolidated Plan.

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

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	WALLA WALLA	Support Services

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

There is a lot of local energy and interest around addressing issues of homelessness and an increased awareness and coordination amongst business owners, government agencies, social service agencies, and the general public. The City of Walla Walla will support coordination of these efforts by being present at community meetings and gatherings and bringing together identified stakeholders when implementing city-wide strategies.

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

The city will continue to participate in quarterly Council on Homelessness meetings and share updates and outcomes with the city leadership team and City Council.

The Walla Walla Police Department's Crime Free Rental Housing program will reach out to landlords in conjunction with local public housing providers to increase access to affordable units for low-income households. The city will continue to waive building permit fees for low income housing development projects which serve a low-income population.

Monthly housing provider meetings bring together homeless service providers to discuss strategies to effectively house and provide services for the city’s homeless population and identifying appropriate resources available for those at risk of becoming homeless who have a connection with one of the local providers.

Walla Walla County is participating in a nation-wide White House initiative to address “super-users” of the criminal justice and emergency room system, called the Data Driven Justice Initiative (DDJ), which is a series of trainings and workshops dedicated to connecting first responders and law enforcement with the tools they need to safely divert people to the appropriate service providers, including mental health and case managers, instead of arresting them. The City Police Department will play an active role in planning and implementing innovative strategies in connection with the DDJ.

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

Walla Walla County falls under the Balance of State Continuum of Care in Washington.

Walla Walla is a participant in an interlocal agreement designating Walla Walla County as lead agency in the oversight of the 5-year Homeless Housing Plan. As the updated plan is implemented, the city will play an active role in making sure that the goals and objectives to end chronic homelessness in one year and end homelessness in Walla Walla in five years are met. The Walla Walla Council on Homelessness is the entity appointed by the County Commissioners to oversee the progress of this plan. City employees are members of this Council.

Walla Walla City Council members also serve as ex-officio members of several community service providers' boards, commissions, task forces, etc. This active participation in the community keeps the city abreast of needed resources and programs.

The police department participates in the annual Point-in-Time Homelessness count. The Police Chief serves on the board of the Youth Alliance that meets as needed to discuss priority areas of community resources for youth. Their first project is the development and creation of the Youth Center/Shelter.

The city is taking steps to educate and familiarize itself with Pathways Home, the coordinated entry entity in Walla Walla, so that city staff are more prepared to make referrals as necessary. The police department also has run a downtown ambassador program for the past two years to assist in street outreach directed at connecting homeless individuals or those at-risk of becoming homeless with supportive services and housing.

In addition, in 2016 the City of Walla Walla served as lead agency in the Voices of Youth Count directed by Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. This first of its kind nation-wide count was focused on identifying unaccompanied youth ages 13-25 who are experiencing housing instability or homelessness and, through a qualitative research process, identify reasons they became homeless and what services are or should be in place to support them. The research team in Chicago is continuing to provide support to service agencies in Walla Walla County as the data is released.

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

Walla Walla County does not receive ESG funds.

HMIS administration and operation is overseen by the county and trained staff at the Housing Authority, Blue Mountain Action Council, Successful Training and Re-entry (STAR) Project, and the YWCA. Coordinated Entry, also known as Pathways Home, is housed at the Walla Walla Housing Authority and has a full-time coordinator who oversees and provides training and technical assistance for the mentioned agencies that participate in HMIS.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Walla Walla Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Talked with the Executive Director about coordinating efforts to affirmatively further fair housing in Walla Walla. Outcomes include coordinating the creation of more permanent supportive housing vouchers through a community-wide campaign.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Walla Walla County Department of Community Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Discussed items on the newly updated 5-year Homeless Housing Plan with the Program Manager. Efforts will be made to improve community awareness and participation in addressing issues surrounding homelessness.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Washington State Department of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Coordination and consultation of activities done with Continuum of Care dollars that are supported in the City's CDBG Consolidated Plan.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Blue Mountain Action Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Spoke with CEO and Housing coordinator to discuss highest impact area for housing and public services.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Walla Walla Council on Homelessness
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Spoke with the council on raising community awareness and influencing policy surrounding homeless housing strategies city wide.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Talked with CEO about supporting successful transition for female heads of household from surviving to thriving and what services support that successful transition.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Walla Walla Police Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Discussions with the Chief of Police on activity downtown relating to homelessness and unaccompanied youth. Focus on finding long-term solutions as a community rather than criminalizing homelessness.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Washington Park Neighbors
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Neighborhood Safety
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Met with Washington Park neighbors to discuss strategies to increase safety and quality of life in neighborhood and discuss strategies to appropriately address homelessness in the area.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Children's Resiliency Initiative
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Talks with CRI's outreach worker helped identify key issues homeless youth are facing in our community; key outcomes would be increased political will to address these issues as part of a coordinated community effort

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

N/A.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Walla Walla County	Increase availability of affordable housing. Looks to long-term solutions to prevent and end homelessness
Walla Walla Urban Area Comprehensive Plan	City of Walla Walla	Job creation, infrastructure and park improvements, safer neighborhoods.
5-year Homeless Housing Plan	Walla Walla County	This plan includes increased investment in diversion, rapid-rehousing and increased permanent supportive housing options. It also supports the creation of a Youth Center/Shelter for unaccompanied teens who are homeless.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Citizen participation for the 2017 AAP includes the outreach and comments from development of the Consolidated Plan; continued contact with agencies and other entities throughout the year; a public hearing before City Council on November 2, 2016; and a 30-day comment period on the proposed action plan, October 14, 2016- November 14, 2016. In addition, neighborhood revitalization efforts and outreach into target neighborhoods provide an invaluable source of information as to the condition and needs of those areas. Both English and Spanish-speaking residents who participated actively in this process were key in goal-setting for 2017 activities.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	No objections to proposed 2017 activities.	No objections to proposed activities.	See AP-05.5. Sidewalk and ADA projects were in line with 2017 AAP as proposed.	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	N/A	No comments received.	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	Commitment to Community neighborhood revitalization group and neighborhood residents in target census tracts 9205 and 9206.	Neighborhood residents identified several areas where sidewalks, crosswalks, and ADA ramps are necessary. They also commented on the importance of the home repair program and public services.	N/A.	
4	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Neighborhood meeting in Census Tract 9205 to address safety and mobility concerns.	Improved lighting in both the streets and alleyways was mentioned.	All comments were accepted as they help to prioritize need for sidewalk and ADA improvements and the need for more lighting.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Expected resources are anticipated to come solely from the CDBG program allocation for 2017. No program income has been received to date.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	365,000	0	0	365,000	420,746	These funds will be used to benefit LMI. They will provide home repair; public services; homeless youth shelter; and public improvements such as sidewalks and ADA ramps to eliminate barriers to accessibility

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Funds will be used to make comprehensive improvements in targeted neighborhoods and will leverage additional resources from weatherization

programs, public and private entities to expand the reach of services. This leveraged funding from partners is critical. As federal funds continue to diminish, developers, communities, and service providers must be creative and have partnerships and other resources to successfully complete the proposed projects.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

No Goals Found

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Promote the Preservation Development and Sustainab	2014	2014	Affordable Housing	Census Tract 9205 Census Tract 9206	Homeowner housing rehabbed; affordable housing	CDBG: \$61,500	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit
2	Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods	2014	2014	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tract 9206	Improved infrastructure and safety	CDBG: \$80,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1595 Persons Assisted
3	Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All	2014	2014	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tract 9205 Census Tract 9206	Self-sufficiency; increased employability; homelessness prevention	CDBG: \$124,750	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5400 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 25 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 6 Beds

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Support the Retention and Creation of Employment	2014	2014	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic development; supporting start-up businesses	CDBG: \$25,000	Jobs created/retained: 3 Jobs

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Promote the Preservation Development and Sustainab
	Goal Description	<p>Understand community housing needs and support the development of housing that meets the demographic needs of the community, especially low-moderate income households. Pursue an adequate supply of land to accommodate multi-family housing development. Preserve existing housing stock. Support permanent housing options and self-sufficiency programs for special needs populations, homeless, and persons at-risk of homelessness. Identify barriers to affordable housing. Promote financial assistance to renters and homeowners. Support development projects which align with the 5-Year Homeless Housing Plan.</p> <p>2017 Annual Action Plan activities: 3 owner occupied single-family homes rehabilitated; support construction of 3 new owner-occupied affordable housing units.</p>
2	Goal Name	Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	<p>Support infrastructure and physical improvements that maintain and enhance neighborhoods where people want to live, work and play. Support coordinated transportation plans.</p> <p>2016 Annual Action Plan includes the following activities under this goal: Persons served- 1,595 in Census Tract 9206 Block Groups 2 & 3. Installation of new sidewalk, ADA ramps, and pedestrian crossing signal.</p>

3	Goal Name	Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All
	Goal Description	Provide for the physical and social well-being of all who live in Walla Walla. Support projects and activities such as access to adequate public and private utilities; preservation of community character and assets; educational opportunities; readily accessible public services; childcare facilities; neighborhood centers; living wage jobs; sustainable financial support of government services; cultural understanding; youth activities and healthy living choices. 2016 Annual Action Plan includes: Public Services - job training; adult education; financial literacy; pro-bono legal services; neighborhood revitalization. Contruction of a youth center/shelter.
4	Goal Name	Support the Retention and Creation of Employment
	Goal Description	Increase opportunities for economic advancement and diversification, especially for low- and moderate-income persons. 2017 Annual Action Plan activity: creation of 3 part-time jobs, or 1.125 FTE jobs, at an e-cycle collection facility that follows an integrated employment model and provides employment opportunities for disabled adults.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

3 single family homes occupied by low- and moderate-income homeowners rehabilitated.

6 beds in a homeless youth shelter projected to serve 25 unduplicated homeless youth.

3 new affordable homes constructed with the support of CDBG dollars to be occupied by low- and moderate-income homeowners.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The 2017 CDBG Annual Action Plan (AAP) will continue the public services, sidewalk and ADA ramp activities selected for the previous three Annual Action Plans, as well as continue to fund the home repair program, provide the second and final year of funding for the construction of a youth center/shelter, support the construction of three affordable homes for LMI households, and support job creation by funding an e-cycle business.

#	Project Name
1	Home Repair
2	Administration and Planning
3	Sidewalk Improvements
4	ADA Ramps
5	Public Services
6	Youth Center/Shelter

Table 8 – Project Information

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

The priority needs identified for year four of the Consolidated Plan are the same needs identified and addressed in the previous three years of the Con Plan, which includes the need for more affordable housing, construction of a youth center/shelter, and economic development activities that promote job creation. The National Objective addressed for all projects is activities benefitting low- and moderate-income persons.

The expected amount available for the 2017 Program Year is an estimate for purposes of the Draft Plan based on past years' allocations. The exact allocation from Congress will not be released until a later date. Once the exact allocation is known, several adjustments will be made to the draft budget: The Administration and Planning budget will be adjusted to reflect 20% of the annual allocation; the Public Services budget will be adjusted to reflect not more than 15% of the annual allocation; and any remaining funds will be programmed to the Sidewalk Improvements budget.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Home Repair
	Target Area	Census Tract 9205 Census Tract 9206
	Goals Supported	Promote the Preservation Development and Sustainability of Affordable Housing Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Affordable housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,750
	Description	Home repair has been determined to be a priority need by residents of Census Tracts 9205 and 9206. Funding provided for home rehabilitation can be leveraged by partnerships with other programs such as utility provider incentives, weatherization, lead-based paint remediation, and funding from private and public organizations interested in promoting safer neighborhoods. Further, the project provides opportunity for living wage jobs.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 homeowner occupied homes will be rehabilitated with these funds.
	Location Description	Target area will be Census Tracts 9205 and 9206 but the program will be available to low- and moderate-income families city-wide.

	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of homes can include but not be limited to roof replacement and installation of mini-split heat pumps.
2	Project Name	Administration and Planning
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Promote the Preservation Development and Sustainability of Affordable Housing Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All Support the Retention and Creation of Employment
	Needs Addressed	Overall grant management
	Funding	CDBG: \$73,000
	Description	Walla Walla 2017 Annual Action Plan Grant management and updates.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	General grant management of the 2017 CDBG program benefits all participants.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	General oversight of the CDBG program.
3	Project Name	Sidewalk Improvements
	Target Area	Census Tract 9206
	Goals Supported	Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Safety and multi-modal transportation
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	Installation of new sidewalks; elimination of barriers to accessibility

	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,595 individuals, of whom 72% are LMI, will benefit from sidewalk improvements.
	Location Description	Census Tract 9206, Block Groups 2 and 3.
	Planned Activities	Installation of new sidewalks; elimination of hazardous conditions.
4	Project Name	ADA Ramps
	Target Area	Census Tract 9206
	Goals Supported	Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Safety and multi-modal transportation
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	ADA ramps are priority projects because they provide an opportunity for safety, mobility, accessibility, recreation and neighborhood improvement. They are particularly essential for elderly with physical limitations, for the disabled, and for mothers and fathers with strollers. ADA Ramps provide a universal benefit. This year's projects will focus on high need areas identified by GIS data and neighbors in Census Tract 9206.
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,595 individuals, of whom approximately 72% are LMI, will benefit from ADA ramp improvements.
	Location Description	Census Tract 9206 Block Groups 2 and 3.
	Planned Activities	Installation of ADA ramps, focusing on CT 9206, to promote self-sufficiency and safety.
	Project Name	Public Services

5	Target Area	Census Tract 9205 Census Tract 9206
	Goals Supported	Promote Healthy, Vibrant Neighborhoods Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All
	Needs Addressed	Increased self-sufficiency and employability
	Funding	CDBG: \$54,750
	Description	Public services can provide the means to revitalize neighborhoods and to work toward self-sufficiency. Public service examples include: job skill training; literacy programs; neighborhood clean-ups; and pro-bono legal referrals; organizing neighborhood meetings and setting neighborhood goals.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 5,400 low- and moderate-income individuals will benefit from the proposed public service activities.
	Location Description	City wide, focusing on residents in Census Tracts 9205 and 9206.
	Planned Activities	Pro-Bono lawyer referral program; adult literacy; job training; neighborhood revitalization program run by Commitment to Community.
6	Project Name	Youth Center/Shelter
	Target Area	Census Tract 9206
	Goals Supported	Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for All
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness prevention and intervention
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	A youth center/shelter has been identified as a high priority community need. This activity provides for the construction of a 5,984 square foot youth center that will house a six-bed emergency youth shelter, teen health center, and low-income daycare facility.

	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 25 unaccompanied youth will benefit from the construction of the six-bed shelter. Every student at Lincoln High School, around 197 students, receives services at The Health Center also located at the youth center. The daycare facility will provide child care for 20 children of low-income families.
	Location Description	Shelter will be constructed in Census Tract 9206 Block Group 3, however services will be available to youth city-wide.
	Planned Activities	Construction of a youth center/shelter
7	Project Name	Job Creation
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Support the Retention and Creation of Employment Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Economic development
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	This project will help create three new part-time jobs for low- and moderate-income individuals in Walla Walla
	Target Date	12/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This economic development activity will benefit three (3) low- and moderate-income individuals.
	Location Description	The location of the business to be supported is 2616 E. Isaacs Ave.
	Planned Activities	Creation of three part-time jobs, equivalent to 1.125 FTE.
8	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity
	Target Area	Census Tract 9205

Goals Supported	Promote the Preservation Development and Sustainability of Affordable Housing Promote Health, Vibrant Neighborhoods
Needs Addressed	Affordable housing
Funding	CDBG: \$31,500
Description	Land acquisition to support the development of three affordable homes in Walla Walla
Target Date	12/31/2017
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Three low- and moderate-income families will benefit from the affordable homes built.
Location Description	The houses will be built in the Edith and Carrie Neighborhood.
Planned Activities	Land acquisition of three lots to support construction of three affordable housing units

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

CDBG Activities will be targeted to Census Tracts 9205 and 9206. Both Census Tracts are low income and have a high minority population.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Census Tract 9205	40
Census Tract 9206	40

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Data for Census Tracts 9205 and 9206 indicate a high need for investment. The data shows higher poverty and unemployment rates, lower incomes and property values, and higher concentration of minority populations. Neighborhoods in these Census Tracts have received some improvements over the past 5 years, but the need is still great.

CDBG planning and administration costs total 20% of the CDBG funds available. That category applies city wide. Guided by the priority needs as identified by residents of the neighborhoods, planned activities were chosen to enhance quality of life, preserve affordable housing, and promote healthy neighborhoods.

Every effort will be made to leverage CDBG funding with other public and private resources to bring about comprehensive, positive neighborhood revitalization.

Discussion

See above.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The activities in the Action Plan align with the goals of increasing and improving affordable housing stock in target census tracts and building a shelter for unaccompanied homeless youth.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	25
Non-Homeless	6
Special-Needs	0
Total	31

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	3
Rehab of Existing Units	3
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	6

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Walla Walla CDBG funds will be directed toward rehab of 3 existing owner-occupied housing units. Common repairs include roof replacement and installing heating units. CDBG will also assist with land acquisition to support the development of three affordable homes. The construction of a youth center/shelter will add six emergency shelter beds for homeless youth and serve an estimated 25 youth during its first year of operation.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The city will continue to be an active partner of the Walla Walla Housing Authority and support its development of affordable housing.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Walla Walla's highest need is to increase affordable housing stock and establish low-barrier permanent supportive housing. The City of Walla Walla is working in collaboration with the Housing Authority and Walla Walla County to increase landlord participation and identify additional locations where low-barrier housing can be expanded.

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

The Housing Authority offers self-sufficiency training and financial management classes for potential homeowners. Neighborhood revitalization group Commitment to Community also works with residents of public housing to provide leadership training opportunities and foster self-sufficiency in the neighborhoods.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Not applicable. The Walla Walla Housing Authority is rated a High Performer by HUD.

Discussion

See above.

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

Introduction

Walla Walla County Department of Community Health oversees the Walla Walla County 5-Year Homeless Housing Plan, to which the City of Walla Walla is a signatory. In 2017, the City is evaluating policy changes that align with actions identified in the 5-Year Homeless Housing Plan, such as promoting coordinated entry and updating land-use zoning.

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

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

One-year goals established by the 5-year Homeless Housing Plan are to end chronic homelessness by the end of 2016 and family homelessness by the end of 2017. As a jurisdiction, specific actions the City of Walla Walla will take are:

- Partner and support implementation of the 5-year homeless housing plan.
- Engage with community members and stakeholders to analyze and implement recommendations as a result of the homeless youth count lead by the University of Chicago over the summer of 2016.
- Promote the warming center, coordinated entry, and other outreach efforts directed at homeless individuals.
- Continue the Summer Ambassador Program implemented by the Walla Walla Police Department to respond to high call areas in downtown through outreach and referrals to local service providers.
- Update policies to assure that affordable housing options will be viable as development in Walla Walla increases.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Based on the 5-year homeless housing plan, funding priorities are shifting from emergency shelter and transitional housing to diversion, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing. However, a community-wide effort is being made to include emergency and transitional housing options that are low-barrier and follow a Housing First model.

Construction of a 6-bed youth shelter which will be part of a larger youth center will provide needed

emergency and transitional housing for youth ages 13-17.

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 main goal of the Walla Walla County 5 year Homeless Housing Plan is to invest in permanent housing options for people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. Coordinated Entry has been implemented in Walla Walla and is housed at the Walla Walla Housing Authority which partners with Blue Mountain Action Council, STAR Project, and the YWCA. Coordinated Entry streamlines the process of finding access to important housing and social services by managing one shared intake model. This process shortens the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness; prioritizes local resources to areas where they have the most impact to help people who are currently homeless; and seeks to divert people from entering the homeless system whenever possible. The city plans to work in conjunction with other community groups and the County in education and outreach efforts to promote coordinated entry and permanent supportive housing efforts city-wide.

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

Through the public service activities, LMI individuals will be offered assistance to help them achieve maximum self-sufficiency. Programs include job training, literacy, pro-bono legal services, and neighborhood revitalization activities.

The City is supporting a permanent housing project for 80 veterans and in some cases their spouses and widows at the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) that is scheduled to open spring of 2017.

Continued efforts to coordinate services between health care facilities, corrections programs, and social

and health services are being led by Walla Walla County.

Discussion

See above.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction

The City will continue to review building codes; fees and charges; zoning and development ordinances; and other policies to identify opportunities to ameliorate barriers to affordable housing. In addition, the City is also dedicated to ensuring fair access to housing not only in affordable units but throughout the entire housing market.

Actions it planned 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

See above.

Discussion

N/A

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

The city will continue to reach out and strengthen relationships with local partners and organizations serving low- and moderate-income individuals and families across the city. Regular interaction and conversations with the public in English and Spanish continue to be part of this strategy.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The city will continue the dialogue with the public and service providers to ensure that city policies and practices are in concert with community efforts to overcome obstacles to employment and housing.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The city will communicate regularly with current and potential property owners and managers to identify potential barriers to maintaining affordable housing and use that information to inform annual updates of the consolidated plan and potential revisions to city policies and practices.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The city will include lead-based-paint hazard information in community education and outreach. When undertaking housing rehab, the city will incorporate remediation of lead-based paint hazards, if conditions dictate. Blue Mountain Action Council is certified by the Lead-Based Paint Program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The focus on reducing housing cost burden and increasing literacy and employability levels of low-income residents will target reduction in the number of poverty-level families.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Together with community partners, the city will improve institutional structure by defining which services are best delivered by government and which by the private for-profit and nonprofit sectors, and by facilitating those efforts.

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

The need for enhanced coordination is critical and will require intense collaborative planning and ongoing communication. Actions taken by the city in developing the Consolidated Plan, such as conducting outreach and forming citizen input committees will continue throughout the development

and implementation of the Action Plan. Actions to improve coordination will be integrated with the Pathways Home Coordinator (i.e. coordinated entry) at the Walla Walla Housing Authority and in partnership with the Successful Training and Re-entry (STAR) Program, Blue Mountain Action Council, and the YWCA. Additionally, collaborative planning will take place among key stakeholders to plan and implement methods of sharing information; such methods may include web-based, social media, and written materials. As needed to ensure inclusiveness, information will be shared in English and Spanish, and efforts will be made to accommodate information sharing with special needs populations, such as those who are visually or hearing impaired. This will be an ongoing effort over the span of the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Discussion

See above.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The City of Walla Walla has not received program income related to its activities to date. The jurisdiction has not used any Section 108 loan guarantees to date.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

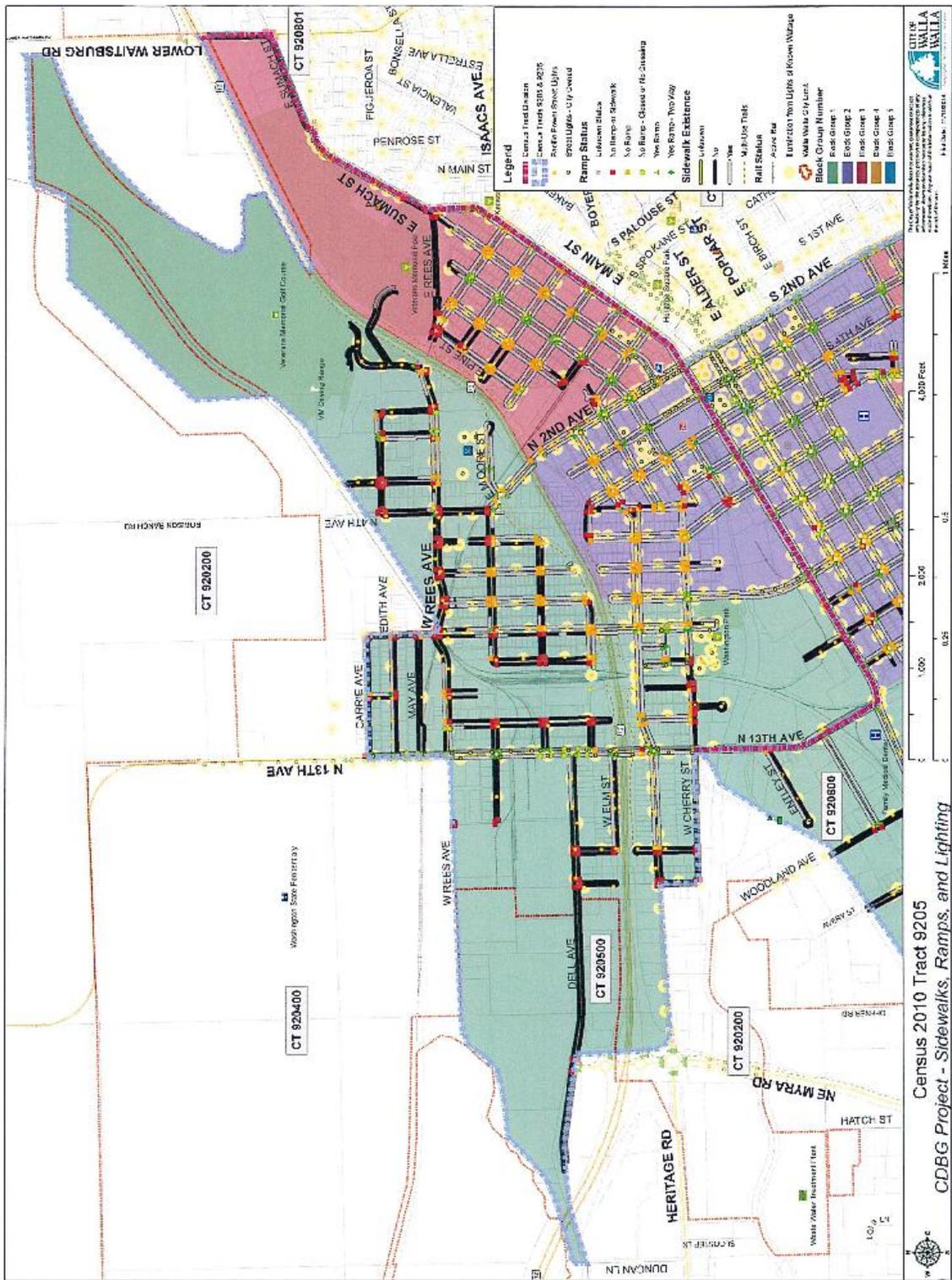
Discussion

At least 90% of the CDBG funding for 2017 will be used to benefit persons of low- and moderate-income.

Attachments

Grantee Unique Appendices

**APPENDIX A:
Map - Census Tract 9205**



APPENDIX B:
Map - Census Tract 9206

APPENDIX C:
Map – City Census Tracts

