



Town of Arlington Community Development Block Grant

Annual Action Plan for Program Year 47

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Town of Arlington Department of Planning and Community Development

August 23, 2021

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Town of Arlington has received an award of \$1,106,603 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Program Year 47, operating between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Based upon past performance, the Town estimates it will receive approximately \$60,000 in program income in addition to the entitlement allocation. Applications have been received and the CDBG Subcommittee has met to analyze applications for funding. Using application criteria and a Grant Evaluation Scoresheet, the Subcommittee scored each application and made funding recommendations. The scoring rubric in the appendix was a part of this year's CDBG application.

This year the Town received 24 funding requests from fourteen organizations and town departments totaling \$1,278,216. The applications are grouped into the following categories, which align with HUD's CDBG Activity categories: Rehabilitation/Housing, Public Service programs, Public Facilities and Improvements, Planning, and Administration. This year, the Town received four applications for new projects. Caritas Communities applied for funding for improvements to its affordable housing units located at 22 Fessenden Road and 12 Russell Terrace, both of which are occupied by tenants earning a low- to moderate income. The Housing Corporation of Arlington applied for predevelopment support for prospective affordable housing units. The Town of Arlington Recreation Department requested design funds for its Parmenter Playground project. The Somerville Homeless Coalition submitted a request for program support for its Outreach and Stabilization Program.

CDBG funds from prior program years totaling \$49,982.00 will also be reprogrammed to be utilized during Program Year 47. The Town has allocated funds from Program Year 42 (\$14,540.92) and Program Year 43 (\$35,441.08) to Program Year 47 activities.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The primary objective of HUD's Entitlement Programs is to develop viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. As an Entitlement Community, the Town of Arlington is required to develop a Consolidated Plan every five years and corresponding Annual Action Plans yearly, to assist in determining community needs and establishing affordable housing and community development priorities and to maximize positive impact for low and moderate-income persons. This Annual Action Plan for Program Year 47 represents the second year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The four priority needs identified in the 2020-2024

Consolidated Plan will each be addressed in the Program Year 47 Annual Action Plan. These objectives will help create conditions for achieving outcomes including improved accessibility for residents with disabilities, an improved quality of life for seniors and young people from families who make a low- to moderate income, and housing for families who make a low- to moderate-income.

Town of Arlington Priority Needs:

Affordable Housing – The need for development of new affordable housing and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing persists, as housing costs in the Greater Boston area have continued to escalate. The North Suburban HOME Consortium (NSC) communities have prioritized the creation and preservation of affordable housing, including development of affordable rental and owner-occupied housing, as a strategy to address escalating housing costs for low- and moderate-income households.

Economic Development – There is a need to provide economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income residents through redevelopment or investment in commercial districts, supporting entrepreneurship, promoting a dynamic business climate, and preserving a strong employment base.

Public Facilities, Infrastructure and Parks – The Town of Arlington has identified a need to improve Town parks, public facilities, and infrastructure to address accessibility, climate resiliency, and other needs disproportionately affecting low- and moderate-income residents. Investing in the improvement and/or reconstruction of Town infrastructure, public facilities, neighborhood facilities, parks and open spaces is essential to improving the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents. In addition, the Town is committed to ensuring environmental resiliency, specifically through flood drainage improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Public Services– The Town of Arlington is focused on addressing the needs of low- and moderate-income residents, particularly children, seniors, domestic violence survivors, people with disabilities, and other low-and moderate-income populations. The Town will prioritize needs for investment in public and human services, which includes a suite of public and private agencies dedicated to issues such as food insecurity, transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, accessing affordable recreational opportunities, and health care.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

During Program Year 46, the Town of Arlington made significant strides toward achieving the goals set forth in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Despite numerous challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, subrecipients reached or made progress toward the goals outlined in the Program Year 46 Annual Action Plan. Public service programs served thousands of individuals, both in-person and through remote or virtual means. Curb cuts and park rehabilitation, in addition to ongoing work on the Town Hall

Plaza and two capital facilities projects, is improving ADA accessibility and enhancing subrecipients' ability to deliver on their mission to serve CDBG-eligible populations. Affordable housing capital improvements continued last year, improving quality of life by providing safe living spaces.

In addition to regular programming and activities, CDBG supported programs and activities that were responsive to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Through a substantial amendment to the Program Year 46 Annual Action Plan, Arlington reprogrammed funds from a job training economic development activity that could not be carried out due to the pandemic to a small business program directly responding to the challenges in the small business community brought about by the pandemic.

In addition, Arlington programmed funds allocated through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act through two substantial amendments to the Program Year 45 Annual Action Plan. Through these substantial amendments, additional small businesses have received working capital and technical assistance support, and thousands of residents have benefited from expanded public services including provision of food, tutoring programming for students, scholarships for youth programming, rental assistance, and Covid-19 testing.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

This year's citizen participation included legal notices published in print newspapers and notices posted on the Town website, Town social media, and shared via email. These print and online notices served to notify residents of the January 25 Public Hearing. In addition, calendar notices were posted on the Town website prior to the three CDBG Subcommittee meetings, held February 17, February 24, and March 10. Another legal notice announcing the Draft Annual Action Plan was published in four local newspapers on April 1 and 2, in order to notify residents of the Public Comment Period occurring between April 1 and May 3, and the Public Hearing on April 14. Online notices also publicized the availability of the Annual Action Plan and the Public Comment Period and Hearing pertaining to it.

Continuing upon past efforts to expand engagement, Arlington's CDBG Subcommittee once again counted three residents among its members. CDBG-related questions were included in the annual town survey which engaged the public and saw responses from nearly 4,000 residents.

Legal Notices and appropriate advertising of Public Comment Periods and Public Hearings were also published prior to programming CDBG-CV funds through Substantial Amendments, in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

One public comment was received via email. The comment requested consideration of the incorporation of an artist- in-residence into one of the CDBG projects to support murals, artistically designed play space, interactive elements, outdoor game areas, or gardens and help provide a sense of place and connect people to where they live.

Response: The Town is interested in considering how to incorporate an artist-in-resident into a CDBG-funded activity in the future. Such a request must be submitted by the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture either as its own activity or in concert with another CDBG-eligible activity. This process would require a full application that would undergo a formal review by the CDBG Subcommittee.

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

All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

See above

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	ARLINGTON	
CDBG Administrator	ARLINGTON	Department of Planning and Community Development
HOME Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Town of Arlington
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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The Town of Arlington, through its Department of Planning and Community Development, engaged in consultations with relevant agencies, organizations, and community-based groups to obtain input on priority needs, recommended strategies, and investment opportunities. The Town invited and considered comments received during public comment periods. The Town also utilized the extensive consultations conducted prior to the creation of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, including one-on-one interviews, stakeholder sessions, a web-based stakeholder survey, and meetings with a variety of community organizations.

A Public Hearing took place in January 2021, focusing on gathering input on priority community development needs, pertaining to the applications received for funding for the Program Year 47 Annual Action Plan. A notice was placed on the Town website and legal notices were published on January 21,, 2021 in the Arlington Advocate, Bay State Banner, and El Mundo, and on January 22, 2021 in Sampan.

A second Public Hearing was held on April 14, 2021, during the 30-day public comment period, to gather comments on the draft Annual Action Plan. The plan was presented virtually, with one attendee present. Public notices were published on April 1, 2021 in the Arlington Advocate, Bay State Banner, and El Mundo, and on April 2 in Sampan, in addition to notices being published on the Town of Arlington's website in order to make the public aware of the opportunity to comment. Further, the following groups were notified of the public comment period and public hearing: list of interested residents; the Arlington Human Rights Commission; the Disability Commission; the Diversity Task Group of Envision Arlington; human service organizations; and the Arlington Housing Authority.

The Town increased collaborative engagement with the Arlington business community during Program Year 46. Feedback was gathered centrally through the Arlington Economic Recovery Task Force, which includes representatives from the Town and Arlington's business and nonprofit community, as well as through sector-specific focus groups and surveys. These meetings and feedback were used in the development of activities for Program Year 47.

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(l)).

the Annual Action Plan, coordinates many of the planning, community development and housing initiatives within the Town. The Department communicates and collaborates with the relevant Town Departments and independent entities: the Arlington Housing Authority, the Housing Corporation of Arlington, and human service providers. The ongoing collaboration enables the coordination of efforts and investments. In particular, the Town collaborated with the Housing Corporation of Arlington and the Arlington Department of Health and Human Services to refer residents seeking rental and utilities

assistance to the appropriate resources to prevent homelessness and lack of essential services during the pandemic.

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.

Arlington is a member of the Balance of State CoC. Arlington participates in monthly meetings with service providers including coordinated entry and application process for the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). Through attendance at the monthly CoC meetings and participation on CoC subcommittees, the Town is able to direct its efforts as well as programs and services to ensure coordination with the CoC. The Department of Planning and Community Development, in coordination with the CoC, representatives from the Arlington Police Department and Department of Health and Human Services, facilitate the annual Point in Time (PIT) count of unsheltered and sheltered homeless persons. In addition, the Police Department and Department of Health and Human Services conduct weekly outreach to Arlington's homeless population.

The Housing Corporation of Arlington (HCA) is also a participant in the Balance of State CoC and helps coordinate resources for the homeless and at-risk population, and to understand and address the needs. The HCA has two units dedicated to formerly homeless households in the Capitol Square project, one in the Kimball Farmer House, and four more at 20 Westminster Avenue. HCA has two units under development at 117 Broadway and three units under development at 19R Park Ave, both part of the Downing Square-Broadway Initiative, which will be occupied by formerly homeless individuals. HCA's formerly homeless tenants receive social services and assistance from the Somerville Homeless Coalition, a member of the Balance of State CoC. In addition, HCA runs the Homelessness Prevention Fund (HPF) through which it raises 100% private funds from Arlington residents in an Annual Appeal for making small grants to income-eligible households to prevent homelessness. These grants assist with back rent, first month's rent, moving costs, and/or security deposits. The maximum grant is \$1,500. The recipients must show they will be stable for at least six months to receive a grant. HCA raises approximately \$30,000 annually for the program. Since its inception, HCA has provided over 600 grants totaling over one million dollars.

Arlington also has a Director of Veterans' Services or a Veterans' Services Officer (VSO). This department assists Arlington veterans with homelessness prevention or eradication. Through the Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115 program, Arlington helps veterans with a variety PROCESS 2-5 of needs, including providing them with three days of immediate housing in a local hotel. Assistance beyond temporary shelter is coordinated through the New England Center and Home for Veterans where they can access additional benefits, including signing up for HUD's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers.

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

The Town, through its active participation in the Balance of State CoC, assists in the development of performance standards and helps make decisions for ESG funds. Arlington refers clients to social service providers in the CoC and works with the providers on developing performance standards, policies, and procedures. The CoC maintains fully developed policies and procedures for HMIS administration.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Arlington Recreation Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Non-Housing Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Recreation Department representatives were consulted in a community stakeholders session. This Department runs recreational programs for residents of all ages within the community. The issues identified include regulatory challenges, minimum wage, ADA compliance, inclusiveness of facilities (i.e., bathrooms), and providing efficient staffing to run activities year-long.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Arlington Youth Counseling Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Non-Housing Needs Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a community stakeholder session. The issues identified were limited personnel, long waitlists, and increased demand of services. The anticipated outcome is increasing school-based consulting, bringing more clinicians into schools to continue the focus on mental health. Identified needs and priorities are for the continued individual and family counseling for Arlington residents whose problems involve children or adolescents ages 3-21. Areas for improved coordination include structural renovations and expand clientele to support those under the age of 60.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	FIDELITY HOUSE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Child Welfare Agency Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Non-Housing Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a community stakeholder session. The following issues were identified: accessibility within the Fidelity House building, the community is unaware of services provided by this agency, agencies do not collaborate with one another creating licensing barriers for staff and transportation. Anticipated outcome is to create better accessibility on the building, and adequate access to transportation.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	ARLINGTON BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Regional organization Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Non-Housing Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted within a community stakeholder session. Issues identified included: expanded programming for youth, upkeep of structures, and the demand for recreational opportunities. The Town will seek to improve program outreach.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Corporation of Arlington
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted during a community stakeholder session. Areas for improved coordination include zoning modifications to allow larger structures (higher building up). Additional areas for improved coordination include timing of HOME funds, other public resources, and the Environmental Review timeframe. The anticipated outcome is a continued focus on affordable housing development.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Arlington Health and Human Services Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>This town department was consulted during a community stakeholder session. An area for improved coordination is to create an outreach plan and designating a specific person to coordinate that. An anticipated outcome of the consultation is to receive funding to formalize the position. The consultation process will result in the establishment of housing priorities and CDBG funding allocations consistent with Member Community Needs. Specifically for the Council on Aging, the Town of Arlington consulted with the Arlington Council on Aging (COA) for the Housing Production Plan and continues to do so with the Housing Plan Implementation Committee. The COA was consulted for input on needs of elderly homeowners, renters, and those at risk for homelessness. This consultation created a new opportunity to expand the departments involved in HUD's Point in Time unsheltered homeless count which made the resources available stronger and also expanded the awareness of homelessness in town. Consultations included exploration of innovative elderly housing. Additional issues identified include the need for support to elders to maintain housing stability, the growing issue of hoarding, and the number of elders at risk of homelessness as their long-term rental housing costs rise significantly due to an escalating market. The anticipated outcome is an assessment of opportunities to increase linkages between providers and housing developers. The Health Department enforces 105 CMR 410.000: Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation (State Sanitary Code, II) and the Lead Code. Once contacted by a resident, the Board of Health conducts a lead determination if there is a child under the age of six residing at a property. An inspector tests painted areas in the home to determine if lead is present. If a positive result is found, then the Lead Inspector orders the owner of the property to bring the home into compliance. In the past year the Health Department has conducted four home inspections and issued orders to owners for compliance. The Health Department is also a partner in addressing homelessness in Arlington and is spearheading a committee to address homelessness in Arlington. Coordination</p>
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		with this department helps to better understand the challenges of lead and homelessness here in Arlington. The CDBG Administrator will continue to work closely with this department to remain updated on these challenges in the community, along with general needs of all Arlington residents that could be addressed through CDBG.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Arlington Police Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department was consulted during a community stakeholder session. Specifically, the consultation was with the Police Chief and the Mental Health Clinician. Areas for improved coordination are working with the homeless population to get individuals housing and services.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Somerville-Arlington Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The CoC was consulted during a community stakeholder session. Anticipated outcomes are CoC moving to broader coverage and regionalizing housing support efforts. Arlington is a member of the Somerville-Arlington Continuum of Care, which merged with the Balance of State CoC in December 2019. The town participates in monthly meetings with service providers. The Somerville Homeless Coalition provides homeless and near homeless individuals, including the elderly, with support services and housing solutions. This continued relationship ensures Arlington has a potential resource for financing for affordable units for homeless individuals, should the town have an opportunity to create such a space.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Arlington Energy Efficiency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Resiliency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The staff member was consulted during a community stakeholder session. Areas for improved coordination are working with residents and landlords to connect to energy efficient programs. Anticipated outcomes are continuing to work with the community to create best practices for energy equity.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Arlington Environmental Planner
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders Resiliency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Housing Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Planner was consulted during a community stakeholder session. The Environmental Planner focuses on climate adaptation and opportunities to utilize public space for building resiliency. Anticipated outcomes include supporting an appropriate resiliency projects and leveraging state and private resiliency and climate adaption funding and CDBG funding.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Arlington Public Health Director
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Other government - Local Business Leaders Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Public Health Director was consulted during a community stakeholder session. The Public Health Director focuses on the public health of the community through regulatory enforcement, environmental health, communicable disease prevention, and emergency preparedness. Issues identified were gaps in services for clients across all age groups and inadequate staffing to complete the necessary work.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Mystic River Watershed Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Resiliency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted as part of a community stakeholder session. The agency focuses on the whole Mystic River watershed and specifically on greenways and building resiliency. Anticipated outcomes include supporting an appropriate resiliency projects within the watershed.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	MassHire MetroNorth Workforce Development Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Non-Housing Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted one on one. The agency provides career and employment services to people who are unemployed or looking for better jobs, as well as employers who are looking for employees. Anticipated outcomes include aligning the needs of businesses with the needs of job seekers.

14	Agency/Group/Organization	Minuteman Senior Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization was consulted through an in-person session held on June 19, 2019.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	North Suburban Consortium
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town of Arlington consulted with adjacent communities in the North Suburban Consortium including, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Revere, and Winthrop, Massachusetts. Consultation occurred during monthly meetings held during the planning process. The consultation process helped shape housing priorities and HOME funding allocations, especially in work on affordable housing in town.

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

All relevant agencies were consulted by the Town of Arlington.

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	Somerville Homeless Coalition	Arlington relies on the Continuum of Care providers to supplement our homeless prevention program.
Housing Production Plan	Department of Planning and Community Development	The primary goal of the Housing Production Plan is to increase the number of deed-restricted affordable housing units in Arlington. The Housing Production Plan identified priority sites and populations. A committee, the Housing Plan Implementation Committee, was created to help execute the goals of the HPP. At this year’s Town Meeting, several zoning and town bylaw amendments aimed at addressing the creation of affordable housing and more housing options, including accessory dwelling units, an increase to the percentage of affordability in the existing inclusionary housing bylaw, and a real estate transfer fee were adopted. Together, these efforts may lead to increased funding and housing options, including for affordable housing. An update to the Housing Production Plan is currently underway.
Community Preservation Plan	Community Preservation Committee	The Community Preservation Plan discusses use of local funds in affordable housing. The Consolidated Plan prioritizes the upkeep and creation of affordable housing which is in line with the goals of the Community Preservation Plan. CDBG projects will continue to leverage Community Preservation Act funding.
Arlington Master Plan	Department of Planning and Community Development; the Master Plan Implementation Committee	The Department of Planning and Community Development and the Master Plan Implementation Committee recommended creating a Housing Production Plan and working with the non-profit Housing Corporation of Arlington to create affordable housing. The housing element of the Master Plan encouraged a focus on the production of affordable housing which is very much in line with the town CDBG goals.
Open Space and Recreation Plan	Arlington Recreation Department	The Open Space and Recreation Plan values recreational opportunities for Arlington residents, as does the Strategic Plan. An update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan is currently underway.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Municipal Vulnerability Planning Report	Town of Arlington	The Municipal Vulnerability Planning effort identified the top priority is addressing flooding in the Mill Brook Corridor, but also focuses on resiliency projects throughout Arlington.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

Please see the above narrative for the Annual Action Plan process.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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

The Town, through the Department of Planning and Community Development, implemented a broad-based approach to maximizing citizen participation and input into the identification of priority needs and investment strategies to address those needs. Citizen participation efforts included two public meetings and a 30-day period for public comment. Input from this participation process was utilized to establish the funding priorities for CDBG funds. Moreover, citizen participation begins with ensuring access to records. The Town has made files relevant to the planning and administration of CDBG funds available online in accessible formats.

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)
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1	Newspaper Ad	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, Chinese</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	<p>Legal ads were posted in the local newspaper and multiple non-English speaking newspapers on January 21 and January 22 to notify the public about the Public Hearing on requests for Program Year 47 funding to be held on January 25.</p>	<p>No comments were received</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
2	Internet Outreach	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	<p>A notice was posted on the Town of Arlington website on January 21 to notify the public of the Hearing on requests for Program Year 47 funding to be held on January 25.</p>	<p>No comments were received</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10857/3988?arch=1</p>

3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>The Select Board held a public hearing January 25, 2021 to receive proposals for use of funds. The Select Board let attendees know that the next step would be for the CDBG subcommittee to meet to discuss funding, and that once the funding decisions were made, the CDBG administrator would bring those recommendations to the Select Board for approval and movement to Town Meeting for final approval.</p>	<p>Select Board Member comments were focused on continuing to support the needs of subrecipients and members of the public</p>	<p>All comments were accepted.</p>	<p>https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/25993/260 https://acmi.tv/videos/select-board-meeting-january-25-2021/</p>
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4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>CDBG Subcommittee meetings were held virtually on February 17, February 24, and March 10, 2021 in the. The Town Manager, two members of the Select Board, the Director of the Planning and Community Development Department, the CDBG Administrator, and three residents, make up the CDBG Subcommittee. One Member of the public attended. No further verbal or written comments were received from the public.</p> <p>https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/26598/297https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/26658/297https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/26768/297</p>	No comments were received.	N/A	<p>https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/26598/297</p> <p>https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/26658/297</p>

5	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The Draft Annual Action Plan for Program Year 47 was made available to read on the Town website on March 31, 2021. The website also notified readers of the Public Comment Period held between April 1, 2021 - May 3, 2021, during which stakeholders were invited to submit public comment.	Comment : The commenter requested consideration of the incorporation of an artist - in-residence into one of the CDBG projects to support	All comments were accepted.	https://www.arlingtonma.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/55586/637527956455070000
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				<p>connect people to where they live. Response: The Town is interested in considering how to incorporate an artist-in-resident into a</p>	
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				<p>CDBG - fund ed activi ty in the futur e. Such a requ est must be subm itted by the Arlin gton Com missi on for Arts and Cultu re</p>	
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				either as its own activity or in concert with another CDBG - eligible activity. This process would require a full application	
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				that would undergo a formal review by the CDBG Subcommittee, thus the change cannot be incorporated into the Action Plan at		
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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)
				this time.		
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The Draft Annual Action Plan for Program Year 47 was made available to read on the Town website. The website also notified readers of the deadline to submit public comment. The legal notice announced the availability of the plan through the local newspaper and the date of the Public Hearing.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	
7	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Department of Planning and Community Development held a Public Hearing virtually, with an overview of the Annual Action Plan presented. One attendee representing an applicant organization was in attendance and no comments were made.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/26910/297

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)
8	Public Comment Period April 1 - May 3, 2021	Non-targeted/broad community	A Public Comment Period was held during the full month of April and the first few days of May to allow adequate time for members of the public to review the Annual Action Plan and submit public comment.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/11007/3988?cftype=News&arch=1

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Town of Arlington anticipates CDBG funds in the amount of approximately \$1,100,000 annually. For Program Year 47, the Town of Arlington anticipates receiving \$1,106,603. To maximize the impact of CDBG funds, the Town expends significant general government funds and encourages all partners and projects to strategically leverage additional funds. Prior year entitlement resources in the amount of \$49,982 (\$14,540.92 from Program Year 42 and \$35,441.08 from Program Year 43) will support the funding requirements of the second year of this consolidated plan. The Town anticipates undertaking a Substantial Amendment at the appropriate time to reprogram additional unexpended prior year resources to support additional eligible activities. The Town anticipates receiving \$60,000 in program income in Program Year 47. The 20 percent planning and administration cap for Program Year 47 is thus \$233,320. Additionally, \$105,415 in program income was earned in the first year of the annual action plan; the 15 percent public service threshold for Program Year 47 is \$181,802.

As a member of the North Suburban Consortium, the Town has available HOME Investment Partnership program funds to support direct assistance to moderate income homebuyers and to subsidize the development cost of affordable housing projects. These funds are managed by

the City of Malden (Consortium lead).

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder 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	1,106,603	60,000	49,982	1,216,585	3,300,000	Funds represent Entitlement grant from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address housing, community development and economic development needs. Additionally, the Town of Arlington will allocate program income and prior year resources from Program Years 42 and 43 to the Program Year 47 total budget.

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

The Town anticipates CDBG funds will leverage additional resources. Non-Entitlement funds, that will be used to further the goals of the Strategic Plan may include: private foundations, organizations, and individuals. The following leveraged resources are anticipated during the upcoming program year:

Town General Funds: The projected Town budget commits resources for the priority activities including Public Park, Facilities, and Infrastructure, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Economic Development.

Affordable Housing Resources: Affordable Housing Developments are likely to utilize a variety of local, state, federal, and private housing resources including Community Preservation Act funding, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, the Mass Rental Voucher Program, funds for historic preservation, state and federal historic tax credits, HOME funding, private foundation support, and private mortgage financing.

Philanthropy: The Boys and Girls Club receives funding from the United Way. The Housing Corporation of Arlington raises private donations from Town residents and businesses from a Walk for Affordable Housing, Homeless Prevention Appeal letter, and Annual Meeting and Membership dues.

Section 8 Funds: Section 8 is administered by the Arlington Housing Authority and provides rental subsidies to approximately 400 Arlington households.

Community Preservation Act: Community Preservation Act fund resources will be used for affordable housing, public facilities, and capital improvements.

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

In Program Year 47, the Curb Cut Ramp Project will utilize publically-owned land within the Town of Arlington to address the needs identified in the plan. The Parmenter Playground project will significantly improve the safety and accessibility of a park space, factors essential to quality of life. These projects will address the goal in the Town’s Consolidated Plan to enhance parks, public facilities, and infrastructure.

Discussion

As noted above, the public service threshold is calculated at 15% of the entitlement plus the program income earned in the previous year. For the second year of this Consolidated Plan, the Town of Arlington will receive \$1,106,603 in entitlement funds. The Town earned \$105,415 in program income in 2020-2021. The 15% cap is calculated off a total of \$1,212,018 (\$1,106,603 + 105,415), and as such, cannot exceed \$181,802 for the second year of this consolidated plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve the Condition of Existing Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$270,860	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 71 Households Assisted Rental units rehabilitated: 35 Household Housing Unit
2	Increase Economic Development Opportunities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development	CDBG: \$350,000	Jobs created/retained: 7 Jobs Businesses assisted: 35 Businesses Assisted
3	Enhance Parks, Public Facilities, and Infrastructu	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks	CDBG: \$187,737	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10700 Persons Assisted
4	Increase Access to Jobs, Education, Transportation	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services	CDBG: \$177,962	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6032 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Planning and Administration	2020	2024	Planning and Administration		Affordable Housing Economic Development Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks Public Services	CDBG: \$230,026	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve the Condition of Existing Housing
	Goal Description	<p>Funding will be used on capital improvements to existing affordable rental housing in the Caritas Communities portfolio. Capital improvements include rehabilitation to improve the safety, accessibility, and functionality of bathrooms, a kitchen, a garage, paved driveways and connected exterior walkways and retaining walls, security features, and a roof repair for two multi-unit affordable housing residences.</p> <p>Funding will also support the Housing Corporation of Arlington’s predevelopment costs including environmental reports and investigations, title review, land survey and examination of floodplain issues as the organization pursues potential acquisition and development of affordable housing.</p>

2	Goal Name	Increase Economic Development Opportunities
	Goal Description	<p>CDBG Funding will support two Town-run programs aimed at enhancing economic viability of small businesses and creating and retaining low- to moderate-income jobs. A Technical Assistance Program will enable the Town to continue efforts to make education and training available to Arlington small businesses with a purpose of increasing business resiliency to changes in the economy, technology, and commerce. The program will provide up to 10 local businesses with individualized and group training and will result in the creation or retention of at least one (1) low- to moderate-income job.</p> <p>A working capital grant program will benefit approximately 25 small businesses and will support the creation or retention of six (6) low- to moderate-income jobs.</p>
3	Goal Name	Enhance Parks, Public Facilities, and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	<p>Funding will be used to support Food Link with the purchase and installation of a generator and air filtration system for the generator at their new hub, to ensure continuity of operations and services in event of prolonged power outages.</p> <p>Funds will also support the Department of Public Works and the Arlington Disability Commission's annual curb ramp project. Curb ramps will be improved and made accessible at approximately 54 locations.</p> <p>CDBG funds will support the Recreation Department/Arlington Parks and Recreation Commission with design funding for capital improvements to the Parmenter Playground, a park rated Hazard Level 1 in a recent audit and located in a CDBG-eligible census block. Improvements will include accessibility and safety.</p>
4	Goal Name	Increase Access to Jobs, Education, Transportation
	Goal Description	11 public service programs provided by seven (7) service providers will be funded to support vulnerable populations and improve the quality of life for residents who make a low- to moderate-income.

5	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Funding will be used to pay a portion of salaries for three staff planners and a CDBG administrator. Responsibilities will include data gathering and analysis, local and comprehensive planning, affordable and fair housing studies and implementation, along with daily financial administration of the CDBG program and coordination of grant activities with program directors. The Administrator is also responsible for maintaining all records and completing the reporting requirements of the CDBG program as required by HUD. Administrative costs will also cover overall program development, management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. This line item also includes funding legal advertising and training and travel costs for the Administrator. Finally, funding will allow for the administration of an annual town survey.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

During Program Year 47, there are a variety of new and continuing activities projects planned across six categories that will be funded by CDBG.

#	Project Name
1	Affordable Housing
2	Economic Development
3	Public Services
4	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks
5	Planning
6	Administration

Table 7 – Project Information

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

CDBG funds are intended to provide low- and moderate-income households with viable communities, including improved neighborhoods accessible to all, safe, decent, and affordable housing, and expanded economic opportunities. The Town continues to plan for the preservation and production of and investment in affordable housing to address the limited affordable rental housing stock in the Greater Boston area. A portion of this year's CDBG funds are allocated for capital improvements to Arlington's affordable rental housing. The Town has also prioritized economic development activities in light of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, which has impacted small businesses and low- to moderate-income jobs.

The system for establishing the priority for selection of the Program Year 47 projects is predicated upon the following criteria:

- **Community Need:** Does the proposed project address a pressing or significant need in the Town and is there demonstrated familiarity with said need?
- **Resources and Capacity:** Does the organization have the appropriate level of experienced staff and resources to execute the proposed project and the aptitude to meet the need?
- **Encouraging Partnerships:** Does the proposed project involve new or existing partnerships with other service providers in the community?
- **Cost Benefit:** How does the cost of the proposed project compare to its proposed output and outcome accomplishments?
- **Leveraged Funds:** Has the organization secured additional funding sources or in-kind support to cover the proposed project?
- **Self Sufficiency:** Will the proposed project be self-sufficient and no longer required CDBG

funding after one year? A few years?

- New Public Service Program: Is the proposed project offering a new service and is it available from any other providers in the community?

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the limited funding resources available to address identified priorities. The Town of Arlington continues to collaborate with other public agencies and non-profit organizations, when feasible, to leverage resources, and maximize outcomes in housing and community development.

A secondary obstacle was outlined in a prior section with regard to the preservation and creation of affordable housing. The Town's Master Plan adopted in 2015 states that this creating and preserving affordable housing is an important townwide goal. The Town also has an adopted and approved 2016 Housing Production Plan noting several strategies that will help the town achieve housing goals. One obstacle that requires administrative and political persistence relates to amending local zoning to improve opportunities to create new affordable housing. The plan is slated to be updated in the coming year and must work to match the community's desire for more affordable housing with practical strategies to make it happen.

Finally, the Covid-19 pandemic has created numerous challenges. Delivery of services by subrecipients was delayed, particularly at the beginning of the program year when federal, state, and local regulation for physical distancing and health guidelines were just emerging. Moreover, the pandemic resulted in the cancelation of a job training program that would have been funded by CDBG. The pandemic also affected Arlington's spring 2020 Town Meeting, which was held on a limited basis in fall 2020. Large-scale planning was challenging in light of the immediate needs and obstacles presented by the pandemic.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve the Condition of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$270,860
	Description	Capital improvements will be made at two Caritas Communities properties. Improvements to enhance the safety, accessibility, functionality, and longevity will be made to 35 units across two properties. This program is expected to benefit 35 individuals and complies with the national objective LMH. An activity to support affordable housing predevelopment reports and surveys conducted by the Housing Corporation of Arlington (HCA) will be funded.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	35 units in the Caritas Communities affordable housing rental portfolio will be rehabilitated and will benefit 35 low-income households. 36 households making a low- to moderate-income will benefit from HCA's predevelopment reports and surveys.
	Location Description	Multiple addresses.
	Planned Activities	The funding supporting Caritas Communities will be used on capital improvements to existing affordable rental housing at 12 Russell Terrace and 22 Fessenden Road. Capital improvements include rehabilitation to improve the safety, accessibility, functionality, and longevity of bathrooms, a kitchen, a garage, paved driveways and connected exterior walkways and retaining walls, security features, and a roof repair for two multi-unit affordable housing residences. This project will be funded at \$220,860. The HCA project will entail environmental reports and investigations, title review, land survey and examination of floodplain issues in order to support HCA in making informed decisions regarding potential development of affordable housing. This project is expected to benefit 36 households and complies with the national objective LMH. The project will be funded at \$50,000.
2	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Increase Economic Development Opportunities Increase Access to Jobs, Education, Transportation

	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$350,000
	Description	The Technical Assistance Program and Small Business Recovery Grant Program are both designed to support small businesses in sustaining their business through and beyond the Covid-19 pandemic.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 individuals (job creation/retention)
	Location Description	Town-wide, primarily in business districts
	Planned Activities	<p>The Technical Assistance Program will enable the Town to continue efforts to make education and training available to Arlington small businesses with a purpose of increasing business resiliency to changes in the economy, technology, and commerce. The program will provide local businesses with individualized and group training. This program is expected to benefit ten (10) Arlington businesses and create or retain at least one (1) low- to moderate-income job. This program complies with national objective LMJ. Funding of \$50,000 will be dedicated to this program.</p> <p>The Small Business Recovery Grant Program will equip small businesses (those with twenty or fewer employees and a brick-and-mortar location patronized by customers in-person) with working capital grants. It is expected to assist 25 small businesses and to retain or create six (6) low- to moderate-income jobs. This activity meets the national objective LMJ and will be funded at \$300,000.</p>
3	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Jobs, Education, Transportation
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$177,962
	Description	Public services include activities for low to moderate income residents of various ages. Activities help to provide and increase access to transportation, year-round recreation programs, health services, academic support, and job opportunities.
	Target Date	6/30/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6,032 individuals. These activities will primarily and directly benefit youth and elderly residents of families who make a low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Multiple addresses.
	Planned Activities	Services include skilled care, transportation and volunteer organization for senior activities, summer and year-round scholarships for income eligible children/families to participate in programs offered by the Town's Recreation Department, the Arlington Boys and Girls Club, Fidelity House, and Arlington High School Athletics, academic support, teens employment, and mental health and domestic violence counseling.
4	Project Name	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Enhance Parks, Public Facilities, and Infrastructu
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks
	Funding	CDBG: \$187,737
	Description	Improving accessibility in targeted areas in town and conduct fit out work on a new food bank facility in town.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10,700 people who make a low- to moderate-income; All residents of Arlington.
	Location Description	108 Summer Street (Food Link); CDBG-eligible census blocks (Curb Ramps); Irving Street (Parmenter Playground)
	Planned Activities	The Food Link Capital Funding project will fund the purchase and installation of a generator to provide backup power in the event of prolonged power outage(s) and to ensure continuity of operations residents who make a low- to moderate-income. The Annual Action Plan will also fund the Department of Public Work's annual curb ramp project. Approximately 54 curb ramps will be improved and made accessible. This Annual Action Plan will also fund the design and plannign work for the Parmenter Playground project.
5	Project Name	Planning
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Improve the Condition of Existing Housing Increase Economic Development Opportunities Enhance Parks, Public Facilities, and Infrastructure Increase Access to Jobs, Education, Transportation Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Economic Development Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$134,235
	Description	Staff work on CDBG-related projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Town-wide
	Planned Activities	Duties and responsibilities involve data gathering and analysis, local and comprehensive planning and zoning, affordable housing studies and implementation. These funds will also be used to fund planning studies including a nexus study to inform future amendments to the inclusionary zoning bylaw; anti-displacement strategies; studying the needs of extremely low-income and underhoused individuals and families to inform future funding applications and allocation of resources; study senior non-housing needs to maximize resources and services that enable seniors to continue living in the community, and coordinate with other non-housing services to support aging in community; identify resources to preserve homes that are on track to lose affordability due to expiring deed restrictions; and other activities which advance affordable housing planning. The annual town survey will also be funded.
6	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	

Goals Supported	Improve the Condition of Existing Housing Increase Economic Development Opportunities Enhance Parks, Public Facilities, and Infrastructure Increase Access to Jobs, Education, Transportation Planning and Administration
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Economic Development Public Facilities, Infrastructure, and Parks Public Services
Funding	CDBG: \$95,791
Description	Staffing related to CDBG administration.
Target Date	6/30/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
Location Description	Town-wide
Planned Activities	Sub recipient management, program development, community engagement, plan development, and fiscal responsibilities.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

During Year 2 of the Consolidated Plan, Program Year 47, the Curb Ramps project will take place primarily in CDBG-eligible Census block groups.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Discussion

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The demand for affordable housing outpaces the supply of affordable housing in Arlington. The Town has a very low vacancy rate and the cost of housing continues to rise. As a dense community with very little vacant land for new development, almost all development is through redevelopment. Moreover, the cost to build affordable housing is high and the market is very competitive. Even with these challenges, the Town has a local community development corporation that will complete two new affordable housing developments with a total of 48 new units in Arlington. As is the case with developing affordable housing, however, these developments have been in the works for years, due to assembling financing, zoning and permitting approvals, and site remediation. Additional barriers include the cost per unit; Arlington has access to HOME funds which were allocated to these projects through the North Suburban HOME Consortium, but the high cost of land and to the cost to create these homes means the average cost per unit can be higher than is acceptable under HOME regulations.

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

At Arlington's 2021 Annual Town Meeting, there were several zoning and town bylaw amendments aimed at addressing the creation of affordable housing and more housing options. Notably, Town Meeting voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). ADUs are self-contained housing units, inclusive of sleeping, cooking, and sanitary facilities on the same lot as a principal dwelling. ADUs are now an allowed use by right in all residential and business districts in single-family, two-family, and duplex dwelling units. This effort is intended to encourage housing for persons of all income levels and ages. Additionally, passage of a real estate transfer fee article will impose a fee assessed on the transfer of title of real property that supports a sustainable, continuous, and dedicated revenue source for the Arlington Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which itself was adopted by the November 2020 Special Town Meeting. In July, Arlington released a fair housing action plan, which supplies recommendations to achieve equitable access to housing choice in Arlington. Moreover, in designating the Town's American Rescue Plan Act funding, \$5,350,000 has been allocated toward affordable housing efforts, in addition to nearly \$2,000,000 in preventing and addressing homelessness. Lastly, the Town will be advancing zoning amendments aimed at housing affordability goals after the new Housing Production Plan is adopted. This CDBG-funded plan will help advance goals and address barriers to affordable housing. Together,

these efforts will lead to increased funding and housing options, including for affordable housing.

Discussion

Please see the discussion above.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The activities selected for Program Year 47 funding were chosen through a formal solicitation process and will provide services and address identified needs for residents of all ages, and make immediate impacts to residents who make a low- to moderate-income. Arlington is continuing to select projects that improve the condition of existing affordable housing, increase economic opportunities, enhance parks, public facilities, & infrastructure, and increase access to jobs, education, transportation, & other services.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The Department of Planning and Community Development continues to work to propose changes to the Zoning Bylaw which will help to address the region's housing shortage, including affordable housing. Secondly, the Town will continue to leverage additional funding for town-wide planning projects, including providing Community Preservation Act fund resources in partnership with CDBG-funded projects. Lastly, before Town Meeting this year will be the approval of accessory dwelling units which could allow residents to share their homes, another opportunity that could help offset the cost of housing.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As mentioned previously, the Town supports affordable housing financially and through policy. In Year 2 of the Consolidated Plan, funding has been allocated to the upkeep of affordable housing by Caritas Communities, and to the Housing Corporation of Arlington for studies pertaining to the feasibility of future affordable rental housing development. The update of the Housing Production Plan will include efforts to foster affordable housing as well as strategies to overcome obstacles to meeting underserved housing needs. All affordable housing activities will be held to the standards and priorities set forth in the recently adopted Fair Housing Action Plan.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Town and the Malden Redevelopment Authority will ensure compliance with Massachusetts lead laws on all homebuyer assistance and developer-driven projects, homeowner and rental. All new affordable housing is lead-free.

The Arlington Health Department was consulted on the Town's response to lead in homes. Once contacted by a resident, the Board of Health conducts a lead determination if there is a child under the

age of six residing at a property. An inspector tests painted areas in the home to determine if lead is present. If a positive result is found, the Lead Inspector orders the owner of the property to bring the home into compliance. In the past year the Health Department has not conducted a home inspection or issued an order to owners for compliance. The Health Department will continue this method of addressing lead in Arlington homes.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

CDBG funding to support small businesses with the creation and retention of jobs will assist at least 7 individuals in maintaining or finding employment. Funding to small businesses will also help approximately 35 businesses maintain viability and grow, enhancing their likelihood to stay in business and create future job opportunities. Additionally, the public services that provide childcare, including Fidelity House and the Arlington Boys and Girls Club, theoretically allow parents to hold jobs while their children are being cared for.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Again this year the CDBG Subcommittee utilized the Grant Evaluation Criteria, which were included in the annual application, to score each application. The final scores were provided at the public meeting to the Select Board and as part of the report to Town Meeting.

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

The Town benefits from a strong network of Arlington-based providers as well as a network of regional housing and human services providers. The Town directly operates quality programs through its Department of Health and Human Services, which will ensure coordination of its programs with regional providers. Also, the Town recently created a Human Services Network which is a chance for all service providers in Town to share resources. The Housing Corporation of Arlington and the Arlington Housing Authority communicate when there is a need for a unit, especially when there is an immediate need for housing and a person is facing homelessness. Finally, the Town acts as a first point of contact for people when they are in need of housing; while the Town does not have its own units to provide, the Town is able to provide residents information on how to contact the entities in Town that may have units and to get on their waitlists. The Town also coordinates its housing agenda with the surrounding towns through its membership in the North Suburban HOME Consortium.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The Town of Arlington maintains administrative capacity through the following: (1) continued contact with HUD staff, (2) participation in any HUD-sponsored training (either in person or via HUD Exchange), and (3) active membership in the National Community Development Association (NCDA). These contacts enhance and reinforce the capacity of capable staff in meeting regulatory requirements unique to the CDBG program, including but not limited to the specific requirement described in AP-90.

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	60,000
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:	60,000

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.	95.00%

Discussion

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

From: Stephanie Marlin-Curiel [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: Comments to CDBG Action plan

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I came across the example of Bayview from Madison, WI.

You may already be doing this and using other funds in addition to CDBG, but this is closer to what I was trying to get to in my comments yesterday.

Although here, they do not say explicitly that artists were involved in the design process, they used a design justice process to translate the community's spirit and desires into considering architecture, color on the buildings, light, greenspace, amenities, etc. In addition, artists were involved in creating public art and infrastructure art with the community to weave throughout the redevelopment project. The community was fully engaged with the process (artists can help with this to elicit creativity and human-centered thinking) and the result was building community, rather than just buildings.

https://madison.com/ws/j/news/local/govt-and-politics/low-income-residents-help-shape-what-could-be-one-of-the-coolest-places-to-live/article_7d300374-821b-5312-97d2-936f52a25b.html?fbclid=IwAR0zgG7yfkZzR1ii8T2kkig1cuxUPSeGGhXZwR7xnGCYH4lmlPTqDHZae8I#tracking-source=home-top-story

Stephanie

Sent on the go. Please excuse inevitable typos!

On Apr 28, 2021, at 1:26 PM, Mallory Sullivan <MJSullivan@town.arlington.ma.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon Stephanie,

Thank you for taking the time to review the CDBG Annual Action Plan and submit a comment.

All comments will be responded to in the final plan submitted to HUD in May.

Sincerely,
Mallory

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Date: Wed, 28 Apr 2021 12:37:21 -0400
Subject: Comments to CDBG Action plan

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Hi, Mallory,

In regards to the CDBG plan, I wonder if you would consider incorporating an artist- in-residence into one of your projects to work with the design team as a pilot. This is becoming a more common practice in cities and towns in the Commonwealth, the country, and around the world.

The Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture would be happy to assist in procuring the right artist for you. For example, in improving affordable housing or open space facilities, an artist working with the community can help design space or add artistic elements that incorporate the values of a community, helping them to feel more of a sense of belonging, ownership, and stewardship of a particular space. Art can improve behavior, bring people together and build a stronger community. Often the community will participate in creating the project itself or at least its ideation. Art projects run by an artist from the community or experienced working with communities can also help build trust between the planning team and the community they are working with.

CDBG grants do cover works of art under Public Facilities and Improvements (2-11) and it is a way to make improvements that are meaningful and valued by the community. I know for a fact that the Director of Menotomy Manor wants a mural on their interior walls to brighten up the place. It is so blank and institutional inside. Adding a mural would make the place feel more lived-in and help people feel part of a community.

Murals can also be placed on the outside of a building as a landmark or expression of what the residents value, how they identify, or their connection to a particular place. Aside from murals, there can be artistically designed benches, bike racks, fountains, pavement, signage, so many things that may already be included in the plan. Or it can be an artistically designed play space, interactive elements, outdoor game areas, or gardens. Any of these types of artist elements can provide a sense of place and help connect people to where they live.

I am happy to explore this further with you based on any of the specific projects you have planned.


Thank you for your consideration.

Stephanie Marlin-Curiel
Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture
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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

View Burden Statement		OMB Number: 4040-0004 Expiration Date: 12/31/2022	
Application for Federal Assistance SF-424			
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
		* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 3. Date Received: 06/01/2021		4. Applicant Identifier: B-21-MC-25-0001	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-21-MC-25-0001	
State Use Only:			
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
* a. Legal Name: Town of Arlington			
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 046-001-070		* c. Organizational DUNS: 0738021260000	
d. Address:			
* Street1:	730 Massachusetts Avenue		
Street2:	<input type="text"/>		
* City:	Arlington		
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>		
* State:	MA: Massachusetts		
Province:	<input type="text"/>		
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code:	02476-4906		
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: <input type="text"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
Prefix:	<input type="text"/>	* First Name:	Mallory
Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>		
* Last Name:	Sullivan		
Suffix:	<input type="text"/>		
Title: Community Development Block Grant Admin.			
Organizational Affiliation: Town of Arlington			
* Telephone Number:	781-316-3094	Fax Number:	<input type="text"/>
* Email:	njsullivan@town.arlington.ma.us		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
<p>* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</p> <input type="text" value="C: City or Township Government"/> <p>Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:</p> <input type="text"/> <p>* Other (specify):</p> <input type="text"/>	
<p>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</p> <input type="text" value="United States Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
<p>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</p> <input type="text" value="14.218"/> <p>CFDA Title:</p> <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant"/>	
<p>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <input style="background-color: yellow;" type="text"/> <p>* Title:</p> <input style="background-color: yellow;" type="text"/>	
<p>13. Competition Identification Number:</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Title:</p> <input type="text"/>	
<p>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</p> <input type="text"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> Add Attachment Delete Attachment View Attachment </div>	
<p>* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</p> <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant"/>	
<p>Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> Add Attachments Delete Attachments View Attachments </div>	

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant	5th * b. Program/Project 5th
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date:	07/01/2021 * b. End Date: 06/30/2022
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	1,106,603.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	60,000.00
* f. Program Income	1,166,603.00
* g. TOTAL	
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix:	* First Name: Adam
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	Chapdelaine
Suffix:	
* Title:	Town Manager
* Telephone Number:	781-316-3010 Fax Number:
* Email:	achapdelaine@town.arlington.ma.us
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	 * Date Signed: 06/01/2021

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Town Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Town of Arlington	05/14/2021

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature of Authorized Official

04/30/2021
Date

Town Manager
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year 47, shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature of Authorized Official

04/30/2021
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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.