

# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

The City of Thibodaux's 2026 Annual Plan represents the second year of implementation within the City's 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan. This annual plan outlines the specific goals, activities, and funding priorities scheduled for the 2026 program year, building on the long term strategies established in the consolidated planning process.

### 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.

During the planning process, the City's funding was estimated at \$150,000. The City of Thibodaux planned to allocated \$30,000 for Administration, \$10,000 for Bus Vouchers, and \$110,000 for Park Improvements at the Thibodaux Housing Authority located near Pelican Drive

As indicated in the program publications, any change in the total grant allocation will result in the funds being distributed according to the following structure:

- Administration -Funded at 20% of grant total
- Bus Vouchers - Funded at \$10,000
- Park Improvements - Remaining funding will be dedicated after allocations determined for administration and bus vouchers.

The City of Thibodaux was notified on April 6, 2026 that its annual award for the 2026 program year would be \$157,228. Therefore the city proposed the following allocation of funds:

- Administration: \$31,400
- Transportation: \$10,000
- Park Improvements: \$115,828

### 3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Past performance is evaluated on an ongoing basis. Due to limited funding each year, necessary improvements have been completed in phases. All progress is reported and evaluated through the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) process. Evaluation of past performance indicates that the program continues to require oversight through the administration of the grant to ensure compliance with federal requirements and effective management of funds. In addition, the continued allocation of funding for bus vouchers remains necessary to assist residents who rely on public transportation to access employment, healthcare and essential services.

Park improvements were selected as a priority project within the Thibodaux Housing Authority because the area serves a large number of low to moderate income residents and families. Enhancing the park space located near Pelican Drive will provide safe and accessible recreational opportunities, improve neighborhood quality of life, and support community engagement for residents living within and around the housing authority.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Office of Housing and Community Development provided City of Thibodaux residents with an opportunity to participate in the planning process for the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan. The 2026 Annual Action Plan represents Year 2 of the 2025–2029 Consolidated Plan cycle for the City of Thibodaux.

In accordance with HUD citizen participation requirements, public comment periods and public hearings conducted during the development of the 2025–2029 Consolidated Plan provided early opportunities for residents to comment on community needs and the proposed use of funds.

For the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan, public comment was solicited through a public hearing notice published in *The Daily Comet* on April 2, 2026 and April 17, 2026. The public hearing was conducted on April 20, 2026. Positive written comments were received and considered in support of the proposed projects.

Additionally, the Proposed Use of Funds was published in *The Daily Comet* as a legal advertisement on April 29, 2026. No comments in opposition to the proposed activities were received during the comment period.

The City published a legal advertisement on May 13, 2026 to initiate the required 30-day public review and comment period for the proposed CDBG Annual Action Plan, in accordance with the Citizen

Participation Plan. The plan was made available for public review throughout the designated comment period to ensure transparency and opportunity for input.

A public hearing notice was published on May 28 and June 12, 2026, providing adequate advance notice of the public hearing held on June 15, 2026, at the Office of Housing and Community Development. No members of the public were in attendance, and no comments, objections, or disputes were received during the hearing or public review period.

## **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.

The City of Thibodaux Recreation Department and the Thibodaux Housing Authority submitted letters in strong support of the proposed recreational improvements, emphasizing expanded access to safe, quality recreational spaces for low-income residents and the importance of locating these investments in underserved areas to better serve targeted populations. Both agencies highlighted that these improvements would promote youth and family engagement, strengthen neighborhood stability, and enhance overall community well-being.

This support directly aligns with the mission of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by advancing activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons and improve conditions in underserved neighborhoods. The proposed investments reflect CDBG goals of promoting equitable access to community facilities, fostering neighborhood revitalization, and enhancing quality of life through meaningful public infrastructure and recreational opportunities.

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

The City of Thibodaux did not receive any comments during the public participation process that were rejected or not accepted.

## **7. Summary**

The City of Thibodaux is in Year 2 of its five-year Consolidated Plan Cycle. For the 2026 program year, the City identified program administration, transportation assistance and park improvements as priority activities.

The City provided the public with appropriate opportunities for participation throughout the development of the Annual Action Plan, including public notices and public hearings. This process ensured residents were able to review and comment on proposed activities and funding priorities.

Overall, the proposed use of funds received public support, and comments were considered in the finalization of the plan.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	THIBODAUX	Department of Housing and Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

**Narrative (optional)**

**Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

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

### **1. Introduction**

The Office of Housing & Community Development is responsible for administering CDBG for the Entitlement City of Thibodaux. The Director, Janice Landry, administers the program under the supervision of the Mayor, Kevin Clement. The department develops the Consolidated Plan, Annual Plan, and carries out all activities. The City consults with other agencies as needed, depending on the nature of current and future projects.

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

The City of Thibodaux Office of Housing and Community Development actively enhances coordination between public and assisted housing providers and a wide range of health, mental health, and supportive service agencies. The office routinely connects individuals with community resources such as Community Action, START Corporation, Options for Independence, Catholic Charities, food banks and other local service providers in response to daily inquiries and resident needs.

In addition, the Office of Housing and Community Development administers the City of Thibodaux Housing Choice Voucher Program, which includes the management of HCV, VASH, and Mainstream vouchers. Through this program, the City provides rental assistance to eligible households while maintaining compliance with federal requirements. The City also maintains a strong and ongoing working relationship with the Thibodaux Housing Authority to support the provision of public housing assistance.

While formal resource exchange fairs have been attended in past years, the City continues to maintain active partnerships and referral coordination with a broad network of agencies, including state and local governmental agencies, disability service providers, Medicaid-funded providers, and other community-based organizations. In particular, the City maintains a strong connection with disability services agencies throughout the region, ensuring residents with disabilities are effectively linked to appropriate support services.

Collectively, these ongoing partnerships and coordination efforts demonstrate the City's continued commitment to strengthen service delivery systems, fostering collaboration among providers, and improving access to housing stability and essential support services for low and moderate income residents.

**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.**

Start Corporation is the lead local COC organization for Terrebonne, Lafourche, Assumption, St. John the Baptist, St. James, and St. Charles parishes. The purpose of the organization is to influence local homeless policy, locate and secure funding for homeless services, and administer and evaluate homeless programs to meet community needs. This organization has an independent Board of Directors to oversee its operations.

**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 City of Thibodaux is an active member of the Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) and participates in the local Houma Regional Coalition. City representatives attend monthly and quarterly meetings to coordinate efforts aimed at preventing and ending homelessness throughout the region. As part of its participation, the City provides consistency certifications when requested to verify that proposed projects align with the goals and priorities outlined in the City's CDBG Plan.

The Continuum of Care periodically solicits applications from nonprofit organizations interested in participating in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program. Both new and renewal projects are evaluated in accordance with HUD priorities for Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how their proposed programs will address one or more of the following priorities: (1) ending chronic homelessness; (2) ending family homelessness; (3) removing barriers to accessing CoC resources; (4) maximizing the use of mainstream resources; and (5) building and strengthening community partnerships.

Through its continued involvement with the Continuum of Care, the City supports regional strategies that promote housing stability, improve service coordination, and expand resources for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Thibodaux Housing Authority</p> <p>Housing PHA</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>The City of Thibodaux consulted with this partner agency during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The agency provided data and information specific to its area of expertise to support the City's planning process.</p>
2	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Lafourche Arc</p> <p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>The City of Thibodaux consulted with this partner agency during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The agency provided data and information specific to its area of expertise to support the City's planning process.</p>
3	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>City of Thibodaux</p> <p>Housing PHA Services - Housing</p>

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Thibodaux consulted with this partner agency during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The agency provided data and information specific to its area of expertise to support the City's planning process.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	LAFOURCHE PARISH
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Thibodaux consulted with this partner agency during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The agency provided data and information specific to its area of expertise to support the City's planning process.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Business and Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Thibodaux consulted with this partner agency during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The agency provided data and information specific demographic information to support the City's planning process.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Lafourche Parish School Board
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless

	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy</p>
<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>		<p>The City of Thibodaux consulted with this partner agency during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The agency provided data and information specific to the McKinney Vento Program and benefits to homeless residents and students to support the City's planning process.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Services - Housing Services-homeless</p>
<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>		<p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children</p>
<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>		<p>The City of Thibodaux consulted with Catholic Charities of Houma during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. Catholic Charities provided data and information related to its service delivery areas, contributing to the City's understanding of community needs and available supportive services.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>Department of Veterans Affairs</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Other government - State</p>
<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>		<p>Homelessness Needs - Veterans</p>
<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>		<p>The City of Thibodaux consulted with this partner agency during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The agency provided data and information specific to its area of expertise to support the City's planning process.</p>

9	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p><b>START CORPORATION</b></p> <p>Housing  Services - Housing  Services-Children  Services-Elderly Persons  Services-Persons with Disabilities  Services-Health  Health Agency</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Families with children  Homelessness Needs - Veterans  Homelessness Strategy  Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>The City of Thibodaux consulted with this partner agency during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The agency provided data and information specific to its area of expertise to support the City's planning process.</p>
10	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p> <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p> <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p> <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>The Haven</p> <p>Services-Victims of Domestic Violence</p> <p>Domestic Violence</p> <p>The City of Thibodaux consulted with this partner agency during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The agency provided data and information on domestic violence and services to its area of expertise to support the City's planning process.</p>

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

No specific agencies were intentionally left out of the planning process

**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	Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (LA BOSCO)	The Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (LA BOSCO) establishes the regional framework for addressing homelessness. The City of Thibodaux supports this framework and ensures that its planning efforts are consistent with the goals and priorities set forth by LA BOSCO.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

**AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

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

The City of Thibodaux’s citizen participation process is designed to provide residents with meaningful opportunities to be involved in the development of its Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The City ensures public access through published notices, public comment periods, and public hearings, allowing residents to review proposed activities and provide input on community needs and funding priorities.

All comments received during the process are reviewed and considered in the development of the final plans. Through these efforts, the City ensures transparency, encourages community engagement, and complies with HUD citizen participation requirements.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Letters of Support - Thibodaux Housing Authority, Thibodaux Recreation Department	Strong support for plan	0	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	

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)
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The City of Thibodaux is an entitlement city. The City expects to receive \$157,228 in the 2026 program year

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Narrative Description	
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$		Total: \$
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	157,228.00	0.00	0.00	157,228.00	Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$  For planning purposes, the COT expects to receive 150,000 per year for years 2027-2029
							450,000.00

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**

No additional federal or leveraged funds are anticipated for the proposed activities. The City of Thibodaux will utilize CDBG funds as the sole source of funding for the identified projects and program activities.

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

The City of Thibodaux owns the land on which this project will be implemented, including existing park and recreation facilities. The proposed park improvement project will be carried out on City-owned property.

**Discussion**

Although the City of Thibodaux has numerous priority community needs, limited funding significantly impacts the scope of projects that the Office of Housing and Community Development can undertake. As a result, the City is committed to being a responsible steward of federal resources by strategically prioritizing activities that maximize impact and benefit the greatest number of low- and moderate-income residents. This approach ensures that available CDBG funds are used efficiently, effectively, and in a manner that addresses the most critical community needs.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	ADMINISTRATION	2025	2029	ADMINISTRATION	City Wide	ADMINISTRATION	CDBG: \$31,400.00	Other: 31400 Other
2	TRANSPORTATION	2025	2029	TRANSPORTATION	City Wide	Transportation	CDBG: \$10,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted
3	PARKS AND FACILITIES	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tract 205	Recreation	CDBG: \$115,828.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 830 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

#### Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	ADMINISTRATION
	<b>Goal Description</b>	To effectively manage and administer the City of Thibodaux's CDBG program in a manner that ensures full compliance with federal regulations, maximizes the use of funding, and advances the City's priority needs
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	TRANSPORTATION
	<b>Goal Description</b>	During the program year, the City of Thibodaux will provide transportation assistance to low- to moderate-income residents through the distribution of up to three (3) free bus vouchers per week per eligible household. This activity will increase access to employment, healthcare, education, and essential services. The City will track the number of households served and vouchers distributed to measure program impact and ensure compliance with CDBG national objectives.
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	PARKS AND FACILITIES
	<b>Goal Description</b>	During the program year, the City of Thibodaux will enhance public facilities by making improvements to the park area adjacent to Pelican Drive. Planned upgrades may include site improvements such as lighting, seating, accessibility features, and general park amenities. This activity is intended to provide a safe, accessible, and improved recreational space that benefits low- to moderate-income residents. The City will track project completion and the number of persons served to measure impact and ensure compliance with CDBG national objectives.

# Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

The projects identified in this plan were selected through a combination of community input, ongoing planning efforts, and the City's assessment of known and documented community needs. These priorities reflect areas where CDBG investment can have the greatest impact on improving quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents.

The selected activities were chosen to address critical needs. Each project represents a targeted investment intended to enhance livability, promote equitable access to public resources, and support long-term community development goals within the City of Thibodaux.

### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Transportation
3	Park Improvements - THA

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Because the City of Thibodaux does not use CDBG funds for the development or direct provision of affordable housing, the City does not anticipate a specific number of extremely low-, low-, or moderate-income families who will receive affordable housing assistance through CDBG-funded activities. However, CDBG-funded programs and projects—such as infrastructure improvements, public facilities, and housing-related support services—are designed to benefit and improve living conditions for low- and moderate-income residents citywide, including those who may be eligible for affordable housing assistance through other programs.

**AP-38 Project Summary**

**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	ADMINISTRATION
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	ADMINISTRATION
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$31,400.00
	<b>Description</b>	This activity provides for the administration and management of the City of Thibodaux's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Funds will support the costs associated with planning, coordination, compliance, reporting, and oversight of CDBG-funded activities in accordance with all applicable HUD requirements. Program administration ensures proper implementation of eligible projects. adherence to federal regulations, financial management, environmental review compliance, citizen participation requirements, and timely submission of reports such as the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). This activity is essential to maintaining program integrity and ensuring that CDBG funds are used effectively to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Administration of CDBG Entitlement Grant, including but not limited to program oversight, monitoring, compliance, education, fair housing initiatives, Davis-Bacon enforcement. public information
	<b>Location Description</b>	Administration of CDBG Entitlement Grant, including but not limited to program oversight, monitoring, compliance, education, fair housing initiatives, Davis-Bacon enforcement. public information
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration of CDBG Entitlement Grant, including but not limited to program oversight, monitoring, compliance, education, fair housing initiatives, Davis-Bacon enforcement. public information
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Transportation
	<b>Target Area</b>	City Wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	TRANSPORTATION
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Transportation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000.00

	<b>Description</b>	This activity provides transportation assistance vouchers to eligible low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Thibodaux. The program is designed to improve access to essential services by supporting transportation needs related to employment, healthcare, education, and other critical daily activities. CDBG funds will be used to provide direct assistance that helps reduce transportation barriers for individuals and households with limited resources. This activity promotes self-sufficiency and improves quality of life by ensuring residents have access to reliable transportation options necessary to meet basic needs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	It is the goal to utilize the funding to serve 100 residents.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City Wide - The vouchers will be administered to any eligible residents.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To receive a Transportation Voucher through the CDBG Program, applicants must first complete and sign an income verification application and provide documentation to confirm household income, residency, and eligibility under HUD's Low and Moderate Income guidelines (80% of Area Median Income). Applicants must also state the purpose for requesting the voucher, such as work, medical appointments, school, or other essential services. Once all required information is submitted and verified, eligibility is determined, and approved applicants are issued free all-day bus vouchers to support access to critical daily need.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Park Improvements - THA
	<b>Target Area</b>	Census Tract 205
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	PARKS AND FACILITIES
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Recreation
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$115,828.00

<b>Description</b>	The proposed park improvement project will include the construction of a new pavilion within the existing recreational area serving the Thibodaux Housing Authority neighborhood and surrounding low- and moderate-income residents. The pavilion will provide a safe, accessible, and shaded gathering space for community activities, youth recreation, family engagement, and neighborhood events while enhancing the overall functionality of the park. This improvement is intended to promote positive community interaction, increase access to recreational opportunities, and improve the quality of life for residents by creating a secure and welcoming public space within a qualifying low- and moderate-income area.
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Census Tract 205.005 is a predominantly low- and moderate-income area within the City of Thibodaux, with approximately 830 LMI persons residing in the tract based on available census data. The proposed park improvement project will directly and indirectly benefit these residents by enhancing access to safe, accessible recreational space within their neighborhood.
<b>Location Description</b>	Census Tract 205.005 is a predominantly low- and moderate-income area within the City of Thibodaux.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	The park improvement project will upgrade an existing public park in a low- and moderate-income area to improve safety, accessibility, and recreational opportunities for local residents.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

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

The City of Thibodaux plans to devote 100% of the funding provided by the Community Development Block Grant Program to benefit low and moderate income residents in the City. Because of limited funding, the projects are rotated among target areas. This year the park improvement project occurs in target area 205.005.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Census Tract 204	
Census Tract 205	100
City Wide	

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

100 percent of the CDBG funding will be used to benefit low-and moderate-income LMI individuals throughout the City of Thibodaux through eligible activities. The City makes annual efforts to distribute projects equitably across the jurisdiction and has successfully implemented improvements in multiple areas rather than concentrating activities in a single location. All LMI areas are considered equally important in terms of priority and community needs.

The park improvement project will be located within a designated LMI geographic area to ensure it directly benefits the target population and supports neighborhood-level improvements for residents.

### **Discussion**

The City, through citizen participation, will determine the best utilization of funds according to available projects and need. All LMI areas are equally important.

# Affordable Housing

## AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

### Introduction

The City of Thibodaux continues to experience reduced CDBG funding levels. As a result, the upcoming program year will focus exclusively on eligible Transportation and Public Infrastructure activities. Due to these funding limitations, housing activities cannot be undertaken with CDBG funds at this time. However, the City will continue to support affordable housing efforts through coordination and referrals and will maintain its role in supporting the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing programs.

No new program goals are being established for housing activities at this time; however, the City remains committed to supporting affordable housing initiatives and will continue to administer the HCV program and collaborate with partner agencies to connect residents with available housing resources.

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

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

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

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

### Discussion

The City’s Department of Housing and Community Development currently administers and oversees 264 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) households. The City also administers two special purpose voucher programs, including the VASH program, which provides housing assistance to local homeless veterans, and the Mainstream Voucher Program, which provides 50 vouchers to support non-elderly persons with disabilities.

These programs are ongoing components of the City’s housing services and reflect its continued commitment to addressing housing needs through federal rental assistance programs. However, CDBG funds are not allocated to housing activities due to program funding limitations and eligibility

requirements. The City will continue to support housing stability through program administration, coordination, and referral to appropriate housing resources and partner agencies.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The Thibodaux Housing Authority is a separate entity and is not administratively affiliated with the City of Thibodaux Office of Housing & Community Development. The City values its ongoing partnership with the Housing Authority and continues to work collaboratively to support improvements that benefit residents in and around public housing sites.

The Housing Authority participated in the planning process and supported the proposed use of funds, including the park improvement project within the Housing Authority area, which will enhance recreational opportunities and improve the surrounding living environment for residents.

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

Thibodaux Housing Authority tenants reside in the target LMI areas in the City. The Bus Voucher Program is available to all Public Housing Tenants. The park improvements will positively impact the quality of life for public housing residents.

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

The City of Thibodaux will continue to serve as a referral agency to local home ownership programs such as Catholic Charities. Any information on upcoming events will be shared with the Thibodaux Housing Authority.

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

Neither the City of Thibodaux, nor the Thibodaux Housing Authority, is deemed troubled status.

### **Discussion**

The City considers all eligible project opportunities in coordination with community partners to ensure improvements align with identified needs and program requirements.

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

### **Introduction**

Although the City of Thibodaux does not directly fund programs that provide services to homeless individuals and other special needs populations, a number of nonprofit agencies in Thibodaux and surrounding areas continue to provide these critical services. The City maintains coordination with these providers to support access to available community resources.

Agencies serving persons with special needs are notified by the Office of Housing & Community Development when Housing Choice Voucher applications are being accepted to help ensure eligible individuals have the opportunity to apply. The Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program provides stable, long-term rental assistance that often enables persons with special needs to maintain independence and reside in decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

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

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

The City of Thibodaux will continue to foster and strengthen relationships with agencies in the community that provide assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness. The City actively supports and participates in Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (LA BOSCO) initiatives, trainings, and guidance efforts to remain informed of best practices and regional strategies for addressing homelessness.

In addition, the City engages in quarterly local coordination meetings with partner agencies to share information, discuss service gaps, and improve referral networks. These ongoing collaborative efforts enhance coordination among service providers and support a more effective, unified response to the needs of homeless and at-risk populations in the region.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The City of Thibodaux will continue to refer individuals and families in need to appropriate community-based service providers to ensure access to supportive services, housing assistance, and behavioral health resources.

The City works closely with regional partners that serve individuals with mental health needs, including organizations that assist with post-hospitalization transitions, transportation, emergency assistance, and housing stabilization. The City also coordinates with agencies that support individuals experiencing

serious mental illness in locating and maintaining stable housing.

In addition, the City refers individuals with developmental disabilities to established regional providers offering residential supports, day programming, respite care, independent living assistance, and vocational training opportunities.

The City also maintains coordination with homeless service providers and housing programs in neighboring jurisdictions that offer emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rental assistance support. Through its partnerships with nonprofit organizations and participation in regional Continuum of Care efforts, the City ensures residents are connected to available and appropriate resources.

Catholic Charities and other similar community-based organizations continue to provide a broad range of supportive services to individuals and families in need and remain key partners in the City's referral network.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

The City will also refer needy families to the VA, church organizations, Lafourche Parish Government's Community Action Agency, Catholic Charities and any newly identified agencies.

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

While the City does not directly fund homelessness prevention programs through CDBG, it plays an active coordination and referral role by connecting residents to appropriate community-based service providers. These include agencies that assist individuals with mental health needs, developmental disabilities, housing instability, and other barriers to self-sufficiency, as well as organizations that provide emergency assistance, supportive services, and housing stabilization resources.

The City also works within its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, including VASH and Mainstream vouchers, to provide long-term rental assistance that supports housing stability for vulnerable populations. Through ongoing collaboration with regional service providers and Continuum of Care

partners, the City helps ensure that individuals at risk of homelessness are linked to available housing, health, social services, employment, and other supportive resources.

These coordinated efforts support housing stability and help reduce the risk of homelessness among extremely low-income and high-need populations by ensuring access to a network of community-based assistance.

## **Discussion**

The City of Thibodaux does not anticipate receiving CDBG funds to directly address homelessness during the program year. Instead, the City relies on the existing regional Continuum of Care framework and its network of partner agencies to provide comprehensive services to individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Individuals known to be homeless or at risk of homelessness are referred to established service providers that offer both short-term and long-term assistance based on level of need. These providers include emergency shelter, transitional housing, and supportive service organizations, as well as community-based nonprofits and faith-based partners that assist with utilities, housing stabilization, and access to permanent housing solutions.

Through these coordinated referral relationships, the City ensures that residents are connected to appropriate resources within the broader service system, supporting housing stability and continuity of care across the region.

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

### **Introduction:**

The City of Thibodaux has comprehensive development regulations and existing zoning and planning ordinances that guide land use and development throughout the City. These standards are intended to support orderly growth, protect neighborhood character, and ensure adequate infrastructure and safety.

### **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**

These regulations are not considered barriers to the development of affordable housing. The City's zoning framework allows for a variety of residential development consistent with local requirements and community needs. Overall, the City does not identify its planning or zoning regulations as impediments to affordable housing development.

### **Discussion:**

The City of Thibodaux supports affordable housing efforts through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, lending institutions, and housing developers. These partners play a key role in expanding homeownership opportunities, providing homebuyer education, and assisting eligible households with down payment and closing cost assistance. Habitat for Humanity continues to support affordable homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income families through below-market, no-profit home sales.

The City also coordinates with housing and community partners to support the development of affordable rental housing by providing planning information, housing data, and program context to interested developers. Local financial institutions further support first-time homebuyers through accessible mortgage products and incentives.

A continuing challenge to expanding affordable housing in the City is the limited availability and high cost of developable land, which affects housing development across all income levels, including affordable housing opportunities.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

Limited funding is the City of Thibodaux's biggest obstacle in addressing all of the concerns of the Consolidated Plan.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The City will continue to comply with all HUD rules and regulations as the allocation, although limited, is needed to address critical needs. The funding supports many priority needs.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Outside of the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the City relies on non-profit agencies and other lending institutions to provide assistance.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City of Thibodaux maintains coordination with the Louisiana Department of Health, including programs that screen children through WIC and Child Health Services and administer the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. This program supports lead hazard prevention through blood lead screening, case management, environmental investigations, and education.

To reduce lead-based paint risks, the City's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program inspects all assisted units prior to lease approval and requires property owners to correct any identified deteriorated paint in accordance with HUD safe work practices. Units are also inspected on a biennial basis. All Housing Authority units have been assessed and found to have no lead-based paint hazards. Participants are also provided HUD's "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home" brochure for education and awareness.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The City of Thibodaux reduces poverty by supporting housing stability and connecting residents to essential community services. Through the Housing Choice Voucher Program, including VASH and Mainstream vouchers, the City provides rental assistance to vulnerable households to help reduce housing cost burden.

The City also coordinates referrals to local partners that offer employment, emergency assistance, and supportive services. These efforts help improve access to resources and promote long-term stability for

low-income families.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City of Thibodaux will continue to strengthen its institutional structure through ongoing coordination with local, regional, and state partners involved in housing, community development, and supportive services. The City maintains established relationships with nonprofit agencies, housing providers, and service organizations to ensure effective delivery of programs and resources to low- and moderate-income residents.

The City also administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program and participates in regional Continuum of Care activities, while maintaining coordination with the Thibodaux Housing Authority and other housing partners to support consistent program administration and service delivery. Through these partnerships and continued staff training and compliance efforts, the City works to ensure efficient management of CDBG and related housing programs.

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

The City of Thibodaux enhances coordination between public and private housing providers and social service agencies through active participation in regional and statewide housing networks. The City is a member of the Louisiana Housing Council and regularly meets with representatives from District F to collaborate on best practices, share information, and identify strategies to better serve local communities.

These ongoing meetings and partnerships provide opportunities for training, education, and coordination among housing and service providers, strengthening communication and improving service delivery for low- and moderate-income residents.

### **Discussion:**

No significant obstacles have been identified that would impede the implementation of planned activities, other than the continued limitation of available funding resources. The City will continue to affirmatively further fair housing through outreach, education, referral services, complaint processing, and compliance with applicable federal fair housing laws. All activities will be carried out in accordance with applicable procurement, environmental review, labor standards and federal requirements.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

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

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

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

#### 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.	100.00%

The City of Thibodaux plans to devote 100 percent of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the City. However, the City's CDBG allocation continues to decline, limiting the ability to address all identified community needs. As a result, many critical needs of low- and moderate-income populations remain unmet each year due to funding constraints.

The City utilizes the citizen participation process to help prioritize and ensure the most effective use of available funds for the highest-need projects annually. The City does not receive program income under the CDBG program.