

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF THIBODAUX**



Annual Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Thibodaux's 2024 Annual Plan is the fifth and final year of the 2020-2024 five year consolidated plan 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 estimate was \$150,000.00. The City of Thibodaux planned to utilize \$30,000 for Administration; \$10,000 for Bus Vouchers; and \$110,000 towards Phase I of the Bobby Street sidewalks. Additional unprogrammed funding in the amount of \$169,809 will also be used for a project total of \$279,809. As indicated in the publications any changes in allocation would result in the money being distributed as such: Administration will receive the 20 % max, Bus vouchers will be funded \$10,000, sidewalks funding will receive the overage of the difference in grant minus administration and bus vouchers.

Amended 5/10/2024 - HUD announced the City of Thibodaux's 2024 award to be \$133,345.00. Administration will be funded \$26,600, Bus vouchers \$10,000, and the Sidewalk project will be funded at \$96,745 with an additional \$175,000 of unprogrammed funding to equal \$271,745.

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. Due to limited funding each year, necessary improvements must be performed in phases. All progress is reported and evaluated through the CAPER process.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Office of Housing and Community Development provided the City of Thibodaux residents with an opportunity to participate in the planning process of the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan. The 2024 Annual Plan is the year 5 of the 5-year consolidated plan process and annual plan process for the City of

Thibodaux. Adhering to public comment periods and public hearings in the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process, allowed for early participation opportunities where the citizens could comment and voice their opinions on the needs of the city, as well as, how the funds should be spent.

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's public hearings resulted in no adverse comments. Comments expressed by citizens during the year are taken into consideration.

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

No comments were declined or not accepted.

7. Summary

The City of Thibodaux provided the public and interested agencies with information regarding opportunities to have input on the planning process of the CDBG program by publications in the local newspaper, formal and informal reports throughout the year, and notifying 80 service agencies in the consolidated planning process.

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)

The Department of Housing and Community Development administers CDBG under the direction of the Mayor of The City of Thibodaux.

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 office frequently links individuals with needs to appropriate services in the community such as Community Action, Start Corporation, Options for Independence and/or other service organizations. This occurs on a daily basis when people call with questions and/or needs. The City of Thibodaux Office of Housing & Community Development participates in local Resource Exchange Fairs. Local providers attend and professionals share information among the group. Local agencies included: Housing Choice Voucher Program, State and Local Governmental Agencies, Disability Services, Medicaid Funded Providers, Home Health Agencies, Assisted Living Developments, Home Health Agencies, Homeless Services, Catholic Charities, Food Banks, etc. Prior to Covid, the Director also attended local quarterly community meetings to hear the concerns of Thibodaux Residents. The COT is a member of the Bayou Region ReEntry Workgroup.

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.

The Louisiana Coastal Homeless coalition (formerly the Houma-Terrebonne Homeless Coalition) is an independent 501.c.3 organization that operates the 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 Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition requests qualifications from non-profit organizations interested in possible participation in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Continuum of Care application. New or renewed projects are submitted in accord with new HUD Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing priorities. In addition, applicants highlight how the proposed program will address one or more of the following: 1) ending chronic homelessness; 2) ending family homelessness; 3) removing barriers to CoC resources; 4) maximizing use of mainstream resources; and 5) building partnerships.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulting data regarding homelessness for Consolidated Plan
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Thibodaux Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Data on Public Housing
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Lafourche Arc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Disability Services

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
4	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Thibodaux
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Data on HCV
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Chamber of Commerce
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation regarding demographics
6	Agency/Group/Organization	LAFOURCHE PARISH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Collaboration of services for the low income population
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Lafourche Parish School Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Collaboration re: McKinney Vento Program and Benefits to homeless residents
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Houma-Thibodaux
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Teamed up with Catholic Charities to provide ongoing rental, mortgage and utility assistance due to COVID

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	Start Corp	The strategic plan provides for a set of goals addressing homelessness.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Over 80 agencies were contacted during the Consolidated Planning process. Any comments received were considered in the development of annual plans contained within the 5 year plan.

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 Office of Housing and Community Development provides residents of the City of Thibodaux the opportunity to take part in the planning process. Written guidance presented in the consolidated planning process is followed which includes public notices and public meetings.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	www.ci.thibodaux.la.us
3	Public Hearing	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 \$150,000 in the 2024 grant year.

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	133,345	0	175,000	308,345	0	CDBG Entitlement Funds

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

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 land, such as, park facilities and recreation fields. The City also has servitude rights where some of the Drainage and Sidewalk projects are planned.

Discussion

Although the City of Thibodaux has many priority needs, the limited funding impacts the scope of projects the Office of Housing and Community Development can carry out.

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	2020	2024	ADMINISTRATION	City Wide	ADMINISTRATION	CDBG: \$26,600	Other: 0 Other
2	TRANSPORTATION	2020	2024	TRANSPORATION	City Wide	Transportation	CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 75 Persons Assisted
3	INFRASTRUCTURE	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tract 204	Infrastructure	CDBG: \$271,745	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 775 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	ADMINISTRATION
	Goal Description	Administration of the 2024 Entitlement CDBG Grant
2	Goal Name	TRANSPORTATION
	Goal Description	Income qualified residents can apply for 3 bus vouchers per week to access needed services.
3	Goal Name	INFRASTRUCTURE
	Goal Description	Sidewalks will be constructed from Tiger Drive to Midland Drive along Bobby Street, in phases as funding allows. Plantation Sidewalk project will be added on to bid if funding allows.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects have been identified for the program year 2024-2025

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Transportation Voucher
3	Sidewalk Project - Bobby Street Phase 1

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The projects listed above were selected through community planning and known identified needs within the City.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	ADMINISTRATION
	Needs Addressed	ADMINISTRATION
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Program Administration of the entitlement Community Development Block Grant
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration is a city wide benefit.
	Location Description	Administration of CDBG Entitlement Grant, including but not limited to program oversight, monitoring, compliance, education, fair housing initiatives, Davis-Bacon enforcement.
Planned Activities	Administration of CDBG Entitlement Grant, including but not limited to program oversight, monitoring, compliance, education, fair housing initiatives, Davis-Bacon enforcement. public information	
2	Project Name	Transportation Voucher
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	TRANSPORTATION
	Needs Addressed	Transportation
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Distribution of bus vouchers to LMI clientele
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The residents of Thibodaux can complete an application for 3 free bus vouchers each week. They must provide a form of identification, proof of residency, and proof of income. Access to medical services, jobs, school, social services, groceries and other needs will be attainable.
	Location Description	City Wide - The vouchers will be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, 112 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301

	Planned Activities	The residents of Thibodaux can complete an application for 3 free bus vouchers each week. They must provide a form of identification, proof of residency, and proof of income. Access to medical services, jobs, school, social services, groceries and other needs will be attainable.
3	Project Name	Sidewalk Project - Bobby Street Phase 1
	Target Area	Census Tract 205
	Goals Supported	INFRASTRUCTURE
	Needs Addressed	OTHER FUTURE PRIORITY NEEDS
	Funding	CDBG: \$279,809
	Description	Construction of new sidewalks from Bobby Street to Midland Drive addressing drainage as needed, with Alternative Add on projects if funding exist.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Census Tract 205 with approximate benefit to 665 persons.
	Location Description	Construction of sidewalks along Bobby Street from Tiger Drive to Midland Drive addressing drainage as needed (completing in phases if necessary) Alternate add on sidewalk project Tiger Drive to Plantation Road.
Planned Activities	Construction of sidewalks along Bobby Street from Tiger Drive to Midland Drive addressing drainage as needed (completing in phases if necessary) Alternate add on sidewalk project Tiger Drive to Plantation Road.	

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 sidewalk project occurs in target area 204.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Census Tract 201	
Census Tract 204	
Census Tract 205	100
City Wide	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

100% of funding will be used to benefit LMI individuals from the entire jurisdiction for the project of sidewalk construction. Annually, efforts to disperse projects evenly through the city and has effectively developed projects in various locations instead of concentrating on only one area. All LMI areas are equally important in priority status. The sidewalks will be placed in a geographic area of LMI.

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 receive decreased CDBG funding. The upcoming year will only address Transportation and Public Infrastructure. It can not include housing due to the limited funding. The City of Thibodaux will continue to serve as a referral agency, and will lend support where needed by the HCV and Public Housing Programs. No new goals are established at this time

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 continues to grow and oversee 264 HCV tenants. The City was awarded 2 new housing programs. One program, VASH, provides housing to 5 local homeless veterans. The other, Mainstream 5, provides 50 vouchers for the non-elderly, disabled population. However, CDBG funds will not be allocated to Housing needs as the funding does not support it.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Thibodaux Housing Authority is a separate entity and not associated with the office of Housing & Community Development. During the planning process, the City of Thibodaux did not receive any specific request for funding of projects/activities relating to the housing authority. In previous years, CDBG funds have been used to improve the living environment in and around public housing sites. All requests by the Housing Authority are considered for funding, if the eligibility is met.

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.

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 Office of Housing and Community Development will continue to provide technical support.

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 and other special needs individuals and families; many non-profit agencies in Thibodaux and surrounding areas provide such services. Agencies serving persons with special needs are notified by the Office of Housing and Community Development when Housing Choice Voucher applications are being accepted. Stable, long term rental assistance provided by the Section 8 Program is often the only way persons with special needs can afford to maintain independence and live in decent/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 relationships with agencies in the community that provides assistance to homeless individuals.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will continue to refer needy families to:

Options for Independence provides services to identified mental health patients who are recently released from hospitals. They provide transportation, emergency services, and relocation to their communities when possible.

START Corp. provides assistance for persons suffering from mental illness to locate, secure and maintain housing.

Lafourche Arc is a private, non-profit organization providing services to people with developmental disabilities in Lafourche Parish. The agency provides residential-community homes, adult day rehabilitation, respite care and supervised independent living. The agency also operates center-based workshops in Thibodaux which provide vocational skills training to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Neighboring parish of Terrebonne: Beautiful Beginnings, Bunk House Shelter, The Haven, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Catholic Charities has a variety of services provided to individuals in need. They have assisted the City of

Thibodaux in dispersing the COVID CARES funding to those in need.

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.

Through the resources attained at the local service fair spearheaded by the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, the City will, to the best of its ability, pair needy families with available resources.

Discussion

The City of Thibodaux does not expect to receive funds to provide assistance to address homeless needs during the program year. Instead, the City relies on existing framework of agencies participating in the Continuum of Care. The agencies provide comprehensive programs which effectively provide services to the homeless. Persons who are known to be homeless or at risk to become homeless are referred to the existing framework of agencies who are already providing short and long term assistance, depending on the need. The Haven, The Bunk House, Chez Hope and other agencies and churches provide services to residents in need. Services range from assistance with payments of utilities to permanent housing.

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

Introduction:

The City of Thibodaux has comprehensive development regulations, along with, existing zoning and planning laws; however these are not considered barriers to the development of affordable housing.

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 this time, the City of Thibodaux does not receive HOME funds for the housing activities.

Discussion:

The City relies on non-profit agencies and other lending institutions to provide assistance. Habitat for Humanity provides first-time homeowners with the opportunity to purchase a home at below market rates. The homes are sold at no profit/no interest to eligible applicants. In 2010, the City of Thibodaux partnered with Habitat for Humanities in order to increase homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income families and individuals. The City funded the purchase of properties where affordable housing will be built and then sold to low and moderate income families. Catholic Housing Services and Lafourche Community Housing Organization provides homebuyer education courses to first-time homebuyers. Participants who satisfactorily complete the course are eligible to receive grants to be used toward closing cost and down-payment expenses. Many local lending institutions provide opportunities for first time homebuyers by providing lower interest rates and other incentives. Lack of affordable rental housing is one of the most pressing problems for low income residents of the City. The City of Thibodaux continues to cooperate with developers who are interested in the production of affordable rental units in the City. The agency provides such developers who are interested in the production of affordable rental units in the city. The agency provides such developers information they may need to apply for funds (ie waiting list numbers, available vouchers, copies of the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan) The major barrier to meeting the affordable housing needs within the City is the lack of available and affordable land. The high cost of land is city-wide and includes properties in low income areas.

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 contact with the Louisiana Department of Health who screens all children in the Women, Infant, Children and Child Health Services Programs. The Office of Public Health administers the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program whose purpose is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning through a comprehensive approach to prevention of lead poisoning and the management of children found to have elevated blood levels. Some of the services provided include: Monitoring of blood levels in children six years of age and under, identification of children with elevated blood lead levels, care coordination for these children with elevated blood lead levels, environmental inspection for the children with elevated blood levels, community and professional education on childhood lead poisoning.

In an effort to eliminate the hazards of lead paint for families with children under the age of 6 and pregnant women, the Office of Housing & Community Development, through its Housing Choice Voucher Program, inspects all rental units for deteriorated paint before rental subsidies are approved and families are allowed to move in. Property owners are required to mitigate or abate any deteriorated paint found, using safe work practices as required by HUD. All units are also inspected on a biennial basis.

All units owned by the Thibodaux Housing Authority have been inspected for lead-based paint and none has been found.

"Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home" pamphlet is given to all recipients of a Housing Choice Voucher, as an educational tool and to further protect the family from the hazards of lead in housing

built before 1978.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Although the City of Thibodaux does not directly fund programs targeted to eliminate poverty (other than the Housing Choice Voucher Program), it will continue to refer families in need to agencies providing services throughout the community. Programs administered by churches and other non-profits agencies that provide emergency assistance to low income residents are supported by the City. The City of Thibodaux Housing Choice Voucher Program provides rental subsidies to low and extremely low income families. The program allows families to live in standardized housing with rental payments proportionate to their household income. The program presently provides rental assistance to approximately 260 families. Terrebonne Parish's Good Earth Transit's Transportation System began providing bus service in the City of Thibodaux in October 2011. This service provides economic opportunities to low and moderate income residents including access to transportation for employment opportunities in nearby Terrebonne Parish, where jobs are more plentiful. The City's budget allows \$10,000 to provide bus vouchers, free of charge, to low and moderate income residents. The Lafourche Parish Office of Community Action administers many programs which provide emergency assistance to low-income residents who may be at risk of becoming homeless. They provide weatherization grants, distribution of food/nutrition goods provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The agency also administers the LIHEAP program which provides low income families assistance to pay a portion of their energy bills. The Good Samaritan Food Bank operated by the Catholic Social Services in Lafourche Parish provides food and household items to families in need with funds from COVID CARES.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Thibodaux will continue to network with the public and private sector to develop institutional structure.

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

The City will continue collaboration with public and private housing and social service agencies to identify available opportunities.

Discussion:

No major obstacles in the institutional structure have been identified.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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 of the City. The City does not expect any program income.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

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 of the City. The City of Thibodaux's CDBG budget continues to be reduced. Many critical needs of the LMI populations go unmet each year due to the limitation of funding. The City will attempt, through the citizen participation process, to ensure the best utilization of funds to the most needed projects each year. The city does not receive program income.

