

**Town of Huntington**  
**Community Development Agency**

**Second Year Consolidated Plan**

**Annual Action Plan**

**First Year 2021**

**Town of Huntington**  
**Community Development Agency**  
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## **Executive Summary**

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

#### **1. Introduction**

The Town of Huntington is required by law every five years to prepare a Consolidated Plan to receive federal funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan combines in one report important information about Town of Huntington demographics and economic activity as well as information on the housing and economic needs of its low and moderate-income residents.

In program year 2018, The Town of Huntington at the request of Suffolk County during our public outreach changed the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) year end from March 31, 2019 to August 31, 2019. This has changed the Town of Block Grant fund year start date for our Program Year (PY) 2019 to September 1, 2019 and an end date of August 31, 2020.

In March of 2020, The United States experienced the COVID-19 Pandemic. The immediate shutdown caused many of the programs to slow down. People were expected to distance themselves as much as possible from others leading to many home rehabilitation projects to go on hold. This significantly impacted the completion of many goals.

In April of 2020, HUD notified the Town of Huntington that we were to receive additional CDBG funding in the amount of \$510,015 in CDBG-CV funding under the CARES Act, to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. A virtual public hearing was held, and funding was allocated in accordance with the needs of the community to service agencies that had been working with residents directly impacted by COVID-19.

Through the CARES ACT, the Town of Huntington received an additional round of the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding at approximately \$1.3 million dollars. The Huntington Community Development Agency amended the Annual Action Plan of 2019 on two separate occasions to facilitate programing to plan, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus utilizing CDBG-CV funding.

We have applied for and been granted a waiver to being PY 2020-2021, thereby extending the current year due to the coronavirus pandemic. During this time, we have been granted a total of \$1.8 million in funding to assist those residents that had been hardest hit by COVID-19.

All funding recommendations for programs operated with these funds were evaluated based on their ability to help the Town of Huntington and HCDA meet the goals and priorities established in this plan.

The Town of Huntington via HCDA is required to prepare a one year action plan to notify citizens and HUD of the Town's intended actions during that particular fiscal year. This will be the first year Action Plan (fiscal year 2020) of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Action Plan, which includes citizen input that is now due annually to HUD by September 1st. The action plan is developed under HUD guidelines and serves as the application for Community Development Block Grant funds.

The Consolidated Plan identifies current situations, assesses and prioritizes community needs, and develops a strategy according to the Towns' long-term objectives to distribute and allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resources. These programs provide primary benefits to low and moderate-income persons, but also serve to eliminate blight conditions throughout the Town.

This document presents a strategy to address the following program goals in fiscal year 2020: a) provide decent housing, b) provide a suitable living environment and c) provide expanded economic opportunities and d) with the CARES Act funding, respond to, prevent and prepare for the coronavirus pandemic. The programs to address these goals are primarily aimed at families and individuals of low and moderate income, i.e. 80% of median family income.

## **2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

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The programs aim to provide decent housing. Included within this broad goal are the following:

- First, assist homeless persons to obtain affordable housing; retain the affordable housing stock; increase the availability of permanent housing that is affordable to low-income Americans without discrimination, and increase supportive housing that includes structural features and services enabling persons with special needs to live in dignity.
- Second, provide a suitable living environment.

Providing a suitable living environment includes improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods, increasing access to quality facilities and services, reducing the isolation of income groups within areas

by increasing housing opportunities and revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods, restoring and preserving natural and physical features of special value for historic, architectural, or aesthetic reasons; and conserving energy resources.

- The third major statutory goal of the program is to expand economic opportunities.

Within this goal is facilitating the creation of jobs accessible to low and very low-income persons; providing access to credit for community development that promotes long-term economic and social viability, and empowering low and very low-income persons in federally assisted and public housing to achieve self-sufficiency.

Housing and community development needs:

- The needs analysis provides a comprehensive evaluation of housing needs in the Town of Huntington, an estimate of needs based on HUD data, analysis of housing problems, and the analysis will be utilized to define priorities for the allocation of community development block grant funds. Community development needs can be included in:
  - Rehabilitation of private property.
  - Infrastructure improvements.
  - Economic development/job creation.

The fourth goal is to prepare, respond to and prevent the spread of the coronavirus. With the cap to service agencies lifted on the CDBG-CV funding allocations, The Town of Huntington CDA was able to directly assist organizations providing services to those directly impacted by the pandemic. Specifically, those who are low and extremely low income.

- Strategic Plan:

The Huntington Community Development Agency Consolidated plan has set forth initiatives to address Town needs and priorities. Priority will be given to the locally-defined CDBG projects funded and must be consistent with applicable Town laws.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

In the past, the Town of Huntington via the Huntington Community Development Agency and its various partners, including not-for-profits, state and county governments, has provided over 178 units of affordable housing for first time homebuyers in the Town of Huntington. In the most recent years, the Town has increased the affordable housing stock by providing residents with 2 brand new homes for qualified first time homebuyers, 14 condos with a Veteran's preference, 3 luxury affordable rentals, and 43 new units for seniors. Additionally, there are several projects that are either under construction or have been approved which will provide 14 new affordable rentals, and 60 new condominiums or town homes. The Town and HCDA assisted in the rehabilitation of over 135 units of low to moderate income homeowners in Huntington.

Utilizing stimulus funding, the Town has provided money to the Huntington Housing Authority for its Family Self Sufficiency Program. This assists families in connecting with services such as child care, access to better health care and grant opportunities for educational programs while they pursue a new career, certificate or degree, and provides a financial incentive for their increase in salary, leading to self-sufficiency.

The Town of Huntington has provided assistance to the Weekday Nursery School, Huntington Freedom Center, Rainbow Chimes and Millennium Hills. These organizations provide (or provided) support services for children whose parents are low and moderate income.

The Town of Huntington and HCDA continue to partner with Long Island Housing Services, Long Island Housing Partnership, Community Development Corporation of Long Island, Family Service League, Housing Help, Inc., Tri-CYA, United Way of Long Island, Project HOPE, Island Harvest, REACH CYA, and other various not-for-profit housing organizations to provide housing counseling, other support and education services.

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The first announcement was made on July 26, 2021, that a public hearing on July 29, 2021. looking for views, applications and comments for inclusion in the second year plan(2021). A second announcement on August 5,2021 that the agency was accepting applications for the Public Hearing was held on August 11,2021 for inclusion in the 2021 one year action plan. Requests for funds for CDBG funds were due on (TBD). The Action Plan (2021) which will be part of the Consolidated Plan was available on July 29,2021 at all Huntington libraries. A public hearing was held on the Annual Action plan on July 29, 2021 and comments on the plan were to be submitted by ( TBD). The Huntington Community Development Agency will hold a public meeting before the vote and comments can be made before the vote to adopt the plan on (tbd).

#### **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.

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

There were no comments not accepted. All comments are taken into consideration as staff utilizes these comments to compile a list of common and recurring themes to assist in establishing priorities and goals for annual and consolidated plan.

## **7. Summary**

The Town of Huntington Community Development Agency understands and recognizes that despite the Town's many accomplishments to date, the need for affordable housing of all types and sizes continues to exist throughout the Town. The Town and the HCDA pledge to continue working closely with housing advocates and groups to ensure best efforts and fairness to all concerned in attempting to address the affordable housing needs of the community, given the inherent development and economic challenges, and regulations.. This partnership must include open communication, education, and a desire to understand and accept mutual realities.

The Town of Huntington was one of the hardest hit communities on Long Island during the coronavirus pandemic, particularly in the lower income hamlet of Huntington Station. Hundreds of families were without income, struggled to put food on the table, and in extreme cases, were not able to quarantine safely in their own homes. With the cap lifted on the amount provided to service agencies, the CDA was able to greatly assist these needs through the CDBG-CV funding.

After the fall out from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we believe there will be many displaced individuals due to financial hardship. The need for affordable units in the town may end up at an all-time high demand due to evictions, loss of jobs and or loss of household income due to the pandemic.

## 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		HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP	Huntington Community Development Agency

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative (optional)

Huntington Community Development Agency, has been delegated the responsibility for the preparation and the administration of the consolidated plan. HCDA is part of an extensive network that provides the services described in this submission. Over its many years, HCDA has cultivated collaborative partnerships with reputable not for profits and other organizations with outstanding track records that specialize in the provision of myriad housing, economic and human services to populations in need.

### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The Consolidated Plan is the collaborative effort of the following Town of Huntington Departments: Planning and Human Services, as well as the Town of Huntington Housing Authority. At the County level (Suffolk) the following Departments also interact regularly with HCDA: Departments of Labor, Social Services, Health, Planning, and Community Development. The CDA also partners with many not-for profit agencies including the Long Island Housing Partnership, Long Island Housing Services, Inc., Housing Help Inc., Huntington Housing Coalition, Family Service League; Huntington Chamber of Commerce, Tri-Community & Youth Agency (TRI-CYA), The Transitional Services of New York for Long Island, Inc., Haven Houses/Bridges Inc., Huntington Station and Huntington Village Business Improvement Districts, among others. After receiving the input from various organizations along with information from the U.S. Census and other HUD-provided statistical information the Agency has developed this Consolidated Plan.

The CDA has also collaborated with the Health and Welfare Council of LI, Long Island Cares, Inc.; United Way of LI, and Project Hope for the purpose of assisting residents most impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, particularly those residing in the designated census tracts in Huntington Station. The CDA has also partnered with Island Harvest and with the second round of funding, is providing economic assistance to several businesses throughout the Town that were impacted by the pandemic.



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

### **1. Introduction**

This section provides information on the coordination of services and organizations that provide services throughout the Town of Huntington.

#### **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 Town has an approved Five year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024), this is our second year update, fiscal year 2021. The Agency will continue to outreach with the cooperation of the Town of Huntington Departments, Huntington Housing Authority, not-for-profits, and other governmental entities to provide services to those in need. All of the organizations that are list below are not just contacted for the Annual Plan, they are our partners throughout the year, with the non-profits, local, State and federal grants the Town would not be able to help those in need.

The Huntington CDA, on behalf of the Town, partners with several non-profit, governmental and private agencies that provide an array of services to Town residents, particularly those low to moderate income. These include, but are not limited to: counseling, access to services, and providing a location at the Huntington Resource Center where residents can come and be connected to many services at one place.

#### **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 Town of Huntington has endorsed the "Continuum of Care" philosophy for chronic homelessness by planned activities that provide assistance to homeless persons and those in danger of becoming homeless. The Town of Huntington Community Development Agency will continue to work with not-for-profits and Suffolk County which makes up of the "Continuum of Care" network.

The CDA also continues to own two shelters, which provide much needed housing for families that would otherwise be homeless. Services are provided through Haven House/Bridges, and in coordination with the Suffolk County Department of Social Services. The CDA also owns 6 rental units ranging in size from 2-bedrooms to 5-bedrooms, which are rented below market value, and many of the tenants are recipients of a Section 8 voucher, issued by the Huntington Housing Authority.

#### **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 of Huntington does not receive ESG funds.

**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	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Town of Huntington
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Town government is consulted on a daily basis to implement the 5 year strategy. Since the HCDA's offices are situated in Town government the Agency has access to all the resources and personnel in Town government needed to fulfill our mission.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Huntington Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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 Housing Authority and the Huntington Community Development consult on a regular basis by telephone and in meetings to keep respective agencies updated on housing needs and trends.

3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SUFFOLK COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Employment 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>	Various Departments of Suffolk County government are in regular contact with HCDA, especially the Department of Labor and Social Services that are our programming partners with HCDA at the Huntington Opportunity Resource center (HORC).
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment 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 Long Island Housing Partnership is a not-for-profit that helps provide housing assistance to mostly first time home buyers on Long Island. The Town interfaces with the partnership throughout the year regarding all aspects of housing.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Reach CYA
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education Regional organization

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	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 HCDA /Town maintains an open line of communication with Reach CYA a not for profit organization regarding the needs of youth in public housing and after school programs.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Long Island Housing Services, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment 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 Town of Huntington Community Development Agency coordinates with Long Island Housing Services a not-for-profit to help foster fair housing education in Huntington.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Housing Help, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services- Counseling
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	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 CDA partners and collaborates with HHI to provide counseling services to those homeowners who may be at risk of foreclosure, have partnered with them regarding distribution of financial assistance, and their staff are HUD certified counselors.

8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Huntington Chamber of Commerce
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Business Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<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 Town works the Huntington Chamber of Commerce which provides the business community a place to gather monthly to discuss current community issues and making Huntington a better place to live and do business. The chamber has a yearly state of the Town, in which all Town officials are there to discuss everything from sewers, sidewalks, parking etc...
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Health Agency Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special 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>	Family service league provides individual in need from newborns to centenarians. Town provides space, they provide over 60 social services programs. They help individuals, children and families to improve their quality of life.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Huntington Station BID
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<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 Huntington Station Business Improvement District is located in the only low income area in Huntington. The organization is a mix of civic leaders and local business in Huntington Station; they formed the group so they could get town funds to improve Huntington Station. The mission is to improve the Huntington Station main business district, and clean up the surrounding area by promoting beautification and safety with the support of the local business.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Huntington Youth Bureau
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Youth

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Located in the Town owned Village Green facility this organization promotes the growth, development and well-being of youth in the Town of Huntington through programs and services that are responsive to the needs of youth, their families and the community. Here is a list of the a few programs: Huntington Sanctuary Project; strengthening families to stay together and helping runaway kids stay safe: Project Excel; helping youth excel in school, home, in the workplace, in the community through the arts, community services, tutoring, college prep, job help and training: Huntington Drug & Alcohol Counseling Center; Providing education, prevention and treatment for individual, group and family counseling. researching
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Long Island Cares, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Health Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Food Insecurity
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Long Island Cares is a local agency that provides food and other services to residents in need. After recently opening a location in Huntington Station, they reached out to the CDA to collaborate to help residents in need. LI Cares has been distributing food to those directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with CDBG-CV funds.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Project Hope/St. Vincent De Paul
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless Regional organization Neighborhood Organization



	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special 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>	Project Hope is a local agency that provides food and other services to residents in need. Located in Huntington Station, they reached out to the CDA to collaborate to help residents in need. Project Hope has been distributing food to those directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with CDBG-CV funds.
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Health and Welfare Council of Long Island
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-homeless Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Neighborhood Organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	HWCLI is part of the Continuum of Care, and is a new partner with the CDA in light of the coronavirus pandemic. They assisted in providing financial assistance to residents of Huntington to pay for rent, mortgage, food and utility bills.

15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	United Way of Long Island
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	United Way of LI is part of the Continuum of Care, and addresses homeless needs and those of the elderly. Through CDBG-CV funding, United Way created a Safe at Home program for seniors, which will provide seniors with essentials during the quarantine, as well as teach them to stay connected digitally.
16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Island Harvest
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special 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>	Island Harvest is a local agency that provides food relief to residents on Long Island, who reached out to the CDA to collaborate to help residents in need. They have been distributing food to those directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with CDBG-CV funds.

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

The Town has not coordinated directly with Huntington Hospital or mental health facilities on our annual plan, our partners have more direct contact with individuals that are receiving the benefits and there are HIPPA laws that do not allow hospitals to release some information. We do ask from the hospital certain statistical information during our researching the needs for the community. Lead based paint is just one example in our report.

**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		

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 Town of Huntington followed HUD guidelines for citizen and community involvement in the development of the second year Action plan (Fiscal Year 2021).

The process included consultations with various not-for-profits, Town of Huntington Departments, Suffolk County and New York State on issues and recommendations that would establish priorities for meeting those needs.

The first announcement was made on July 26, 2021, that a public hearing would be held on July 29, 2021. Huntington CDA was looking for views, applications and comments for inclusion in the second year plan(2021). A second announcement on August 5,2021 that the agency was accepting applications for the Public Hearing was held on August 11,2021 for inclusion in the 2021 one year action plan. Requests for funds for CDBG funds were due on (TBD). The Action Plan (2021) which will be part of the Consolidated Plan was available on July 29,2021 at all Huntington libraries. A public hearing was held on the Annual Action plan on July 29, 2021 and comments on the plan were to be submitted by ( TBD). The Huntington Community Development Agency will hold a public meeting before the vote and comments can be made before the vote to adopt the plan on (tbd).

## 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 Meeting	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Persons with disabilities	8	none	First public hearing was held on July 29, 2021. CDA Director Spoke.	
2	Public Meeting	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Persons with disabilities	15	Second public hearing held in conjunction with Town Board meeting on August 11, 2021,		

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The Town of Huntington is a federal entitlement jurisdiction and the CDBG funds total for 2021 is estimated at \$1,015,039 with program income. A majority of the CDBG funds are directed to housing needs, through the Agencies town wide home rehabilitation program.

#### 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	865,039	150,000	0	1,015,039	0	

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 of Huntington receives only CDBG funding which does not require a match. However because of collaboration and partnerships between the many agencies we work with it enhances the levels of services to low and moderate income residents. These Agency partners understand the need to bring additional resources to the table to be successful.

In the wake of the pandemic, several agencies have partnered to increase resources to better serve those low income residents who have been impacted the most.

**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 Town has acquired a former New York State armory in Huntington Station which will become a community center. The agency will be providing funding for activities dedicated to low-income residents local to the site. The Town/Agency has constructed 15 affordable units for housing in the Huntington Station area with the assistance of both a New York State Grant and a Suffolk County grant for the construction and street rehabilitation. No federal funds were used in this project. The Town is improving public infrastructure (parking lots, sidewalks, roads, street lighting, curbs, etc.) in downtown shopping districts with Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization grant funds.

**Discussion**

Federal funds provide a crucial role in implementing the consolidated plan. Without partnerships between federal, state, local and private funds there would be a disconnect between partnerships and agencies that provide services to low and moderate income persons.

The Town will be utilizing funding provided through the CDBG to partner with service organizations to provide assistance to those residents of low to moderate income standards.



## 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	Decent Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing			CDBG: \$607,032	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
2	CDBG Planning and Administration	2020	2024	CDBG Planning and Administration			CDBG: \$173,007	Other: 1 Other
3	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$30,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3000 Persons Assisted
4	Public Service	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Food Bank	Town wide	Public Services	CDBG: \$55,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3000 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 30 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 30 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 10 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Assisting Homeless	2020	2024	Homeless			CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Households Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 30 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 30 Persons Assisted
6	Youth Counseling Services	2020	2024	Youth Counseling Services			CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20 Households Assisted
7	Counseling Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing			CDBG: \$20,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 60 Households Assisted
8	Assisted Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing				Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Households Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Decent Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provides for the conservation and rehabilitation of existing substandard housing stock on income eligibility. This included the rehabilitation of private homes and rental units, affordable homes initiatives. Also included are emergency repairs, handicap accessibility, historical buildings and weatherization. This program includes program income. In fiscal year 2020 we will use approximately 70% of the grant on this goal.

2	<b>Goal Name</b>	CDBG Planning and Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide for the planning and administration of programs that will benefit low and moderate income families in the Town of Huntington. The agency will be allocating 20% of the grant for this purpose.  The CDA will also be utilizing 20% of the CDBG-CV funding for the planning, reporting, and administration of the programs under this funding.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Improvements to Huntington Station: Includes Huntington Opportunity Resource Center, Rehabilitation of James Conte Center, Manor field, and other public works projects that enhance the Huntington Station Hamlet.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service
	<b>Goal Description</b>	To provide mortgage and homeowner counseling for the residents of the Town of Huntington through a not for profit. Agency will be expending 1 percent of the grant on this venture.
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Assisting Homeless
	<b>Goal Description</b>	REACH CYA will be providing same with additional round of funding to residents throughout the Town.
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Youth Counseling Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	A combined venture with the Huntington Housing Authority and Reach CYA a not-for-profit to provide counseling services at Millennium Hills community center.
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Counseling Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This Service brings together older homeowners with home seekers of all ages to share a single family home. It enables seniors to preserve their homes and independent living status utilizing the existing housing stock: enables persons of all ages to obtain decent, safe and affordable housing.

8	<b>Goal Name</b>	Assisted Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	This Service brings together older homeowners with home seekers of all ages to share a single family home. It enables seniors to preserve their homes and independent living status utilizing the existing housing stock: enables persons of all ages to obtain decent, safe and affordable housing.

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

The Town of Huntington Annual Goals and objectives are the same as projects. Allocations are estimated any increase or decrease in the actual HUD allocation will apply by percentage attached to the project.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Town wide Rehabilitation 2021
2	Huntington Station Revitalization 2021
3	Family Service League/ Home Share 2021
4	Millennium Hills 2021
5	Fair Housing 2021
6	Housing Help Inc. 2021
7	Huntington Community Development Agency 2021
8	Island Harvest 2021

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

Allocation priorities have been designed to meet the needs of low and moderate income residents, based on the assumption that this is a high cost area; they are at a greater risk of displacement, homelessness or other housing situations due to limited financial resources and other limitations they may face. Additionally, many were devastated by the effects and fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic making Housing stability a major priority.

The major obstacle include the high cost of housing, demand for public services, as well as the lack of funding.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Town wide Rehabilitation 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Town wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Decent Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$607,032
	<b>Description</b>	This program will provide for the conservation and rehabilitation of existing substandard housing stock based on income eligibility. This includes rehabilitation of private homes and rental units, historical buildings, affordable home initiatives and the development of legal accessory apartments. Also included are emergency repairs, handicap accessibility and weatherization.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The rehabilitation program will assist 10 homeowners in program year 2021.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The home owner rehabilitation program is available to homeowners who reside in the Town of Huntington and are income eligible.
2	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide rehabilitation services to homes in the Town of Huntington for low and moderate income families.
	<b>Project Name</b>	Huntington Station Revitalization 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Huntington Station
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$30,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide public improvements that will enhance the Huntington Station area.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	This activity will provide the approximately 4000 residents in this block group with up graded public improvements.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Huntington Station, New York

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The work will include but not limited to building facility improvements open to the public, sidewalks, street trees, and other activities that will improve the quality of public property.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Family Service League/ Home Share 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Town wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	This service provides older homeowners wishing to stay in their home and home seekers of all ages to share a single family home. It enables seniors to preserve their homes and independent living status utilizing the existing housing stock: enables persons of all ages to obtain decent, safe and affordable housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Family Service league estimates to assist 15 families in fiscal year 2021.
	<b>Location Description</b>	This program will be available town wide.
<b>4</b>	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Family service league will provide the counseling services to homeowners and persons willing to share their home.
	<b>Project Name</b>	Millennium Hills 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	A joint venture with Huntington Housing Authority and Reach CYA to provide counseling to youth residing at Millennium Hills.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Reach CYA estimates 50 youth will be assisted by the program.
	<b>Location Description</b>	



	<b>Planned Activities</b>	These activities will take place at the Half Hollow Hills School and at Millennium Hills Housing Complex.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Fair Housing 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Town wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funding for Long Island Housing Services, a well-established Suffolk County fair housing organization providing housing counseling and education.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Long Island Housing Services estimates it will provide 50 direct counseling services for Town of Huntington residents.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Long Island Housing Services will provide one on one counseling services at a private location, group counseling and educational seminars in the Town of Huntington about fair housing, mortgage and rental housing issues.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Long Island Housing Services, which is a well-established Suffolk County fair housing organization, will provide one on one counseling services at private locations, educational seminars in the Town of Huntington about fair housing, mortgage and rental housing issues.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Help Inc. 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Town wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000

	<b>Description</b>	These funds will be allocated to The Housing Help, Inc. will provide foreclosure prevention counseling for the residents of Huntington. This will include but not limited to homeowner education, modify mortgages, assist with providing financial assistance through the NYS Attorney Generals Mortgage assistance program, and provide referrals for free legal assistance if foreclosure is unavoidable.
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Housing Help Inc. estimate to provide 10 homeowners will be assisted through individual foreclosure prevention counseling including mortgage foreclosure and tax foreclosure.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Homeowners will be counseled at the Housing Help Inc. office located at 91 Broadway, suite 10, Greenlawn NY 11740, The Huntington Opportunity Center; and ST. Hugh of Lincoln RC Church.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Housing Help Inc. will provide mortgage counseling to homeowners in the Town of Huntington who are low and moderate income.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Huntington Community Development Agency 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Town wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Planning for Housing and Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$173,007
	<b>Description</b>	Long range program and planning and general management
	<b>Target Date</b>	8/31/2022
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1
	<b>Location Description</b>	Main office 100 Main St., room 309, Huntington, NY 11743
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide planning and general management of Community Development Block Grant
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Island Harvest 2021
	<b>Target Area</b>	Town wide
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide weekly food distribution to low income town of Huntington residents at the Northwell Health Dolan Family Health Center, as well as make weekly visits to local low income housing complexes, veterans programs, and other community outreach partners.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Island Harvest estimates to assist 300 individuals in fiscal year 2021.
	<b>Location Description</b>	This program will be available town wide, by providing weekly visits to partner organizations, low-income housing complexes, veterans programs and other community organizations providing services for low- income families.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Island Harvest will provide food to multiple partner organizations throughout the Town of Huntington.

## **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 Town of Huntington utilizes CDBG Funds for programs and projects operated in the Town of Huntington. That being said, public works projects are targeted to census tracts with more than 50% of the residents who are low to moderate income. Home Rehabilitation projects are based on family income.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Town wide	4
Huntington Station	96

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

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

The CDBG program is designed to help low and moderate income. The Town does not have many census tracts that are more than 51% of the residents are low and moderate income living in one census tract. The Town's program has been designed to meet the needs of low and moderate income families who live anywhere in the Town of Huntington, based on the assumption that in a high cost area, they is a greater risk of displacement, or other serious situations due to limited financial resources.

Funding from CDBG-CV is being designated based upon the needs of the residents and the devastating impact it has had and continues to have on the residents of the community. The primary focus will be low to extremely low income families. Specifically, Huntington Station.

### **Discussion**

The Town of Huntington utilizes CDBG for projects and programs Townwide. However public facilities and improvements are targeted to those census tracts with more than 51% of the residents who are low and moderate income.

## Affordable Housing

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

#### Introduction

There is a need to provide safe affordable housing in Huntington. The Long Island Continuum of Care will provide assistance to the homeless; the Community Development Agency maintains a shelter that can provide 8 homeless person/ families with emergency shelter.

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 Town of Huntington Home Rehabilitation Program with CDBG funds will assist at least 10 households in the coming year. Family Service League with a program named Home Share will provide 10 persons a match to provide housing in existing units, both of these programs are made possible with CDBG funds.

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

### **Introduction**

The Huntington Housing Authority is a local public agency that provides safe, decent, and quality affordable housing and supportive services to eligible persons with limited incomes.

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

Huntington Housing Authority Plan provides the participants, tenants and other community stake holders with basic programmatic information, as it relates to the specific programs administered by the Housing Authority of the Town of Huntington.

- Provide the communities we serve with state of the art closed circuit television system, as a means to maintain safe, decent and affordable housing.
- Preserve and improve the physical conditions of the public housing stock through the use of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) capital grant funds.
- Maintain the Housing Authority's level of direct service through accurate budget authority analysis and the proper implementation of HUD administrative directive, such as eligible screening, rent calculation and rent reasonableness.

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

The resident association composed of residents of public housing works with residents on a regular basis. When a resident of public housing comes to the office with a problem, other than a request for routine maintenance he or she is referred to the residents association for a solution. The Resident's Association either deals with the concerns or makes a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners as to what action the board should take.

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

Not Applicable

### **Discussion**

The Housing Authority is always working to address the needs of public housing and encouraging public residents to become more involved and participate in homeownership. The Town will continue to support the residents by providing services through Huntington Opportunity Resource Center (HORC) which has service providers there on different days, Department of Social Service (myriad of services), PSEG and National Grid for programs to help residents pay for those services. Seniors can go the John J

Flanagan Senior center which provides a low cost meal or meals on wheels. Huntington youth bureau has program for free, or for a little cost according to income. Reach CYA we support directly with CDBG to help with youth at Millennium Hills.

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

### **Introduction**

The Town's goal would be to have a seamless continuum of care for the homeless. The Town will continue to work with the Suffolk County and the not-for-profits that provide the direct services to the homeless.

### **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 Town does not receive ESG Funds; however we are working with organizations that make up the local Continuum of Care which have implemented a multi-pronged effort to provide adequate housing and social services to this very vulnerable segment of community.

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

The Town of Huntington has endorsed the “Continuum of Care” philosophy to chronic homeless with planned activities which provide assistance to homeless persons and those in danger of becoming homeless. This takes in account assistance to emergency shelter programs, transitional housing with associated services and development of permanent rental housing for formerly homeless families and individuals. Programs serving homeless needs have been funded through CDBG and local funding. The CDBG has funded the rehabilitation of shelters and transitional sites and will continue to provide assistance to other housing and service providers who have or will receive funding from other Federal and State programs.

#### **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 Continuum of Care providers achieve this by assisting homeless individuals and families make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. This is accomplished with additional support services which are funded by New York State and Suffolk County Department of Social Services.

#### **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.**

The Town of Huntington does not receive ESG funds, however, with the services of Suffolk County Department of Social Services (DSS) and local Continuum of Care providers have developed a myriad of programs that help individuals and families avoid becoming homeless. The Huntington Opportunity Resource Center in Huntington Station has DSS there twice a week. Family and children services, include protective services, adoption services, foster care, child care and more: The Suffolk Works Employment program (SWEP) helps temporary assistance applicants and recipients obtain the skills they need to find employment: The supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issues electronic benefits that can be used like cash to purchase food. SNAP helps low-income working people, senior citizens, the disabled and others feed their families. Eligibility and benefit levels are based on household size, income and other factors: The home energy assistance program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes: Temporary Housing assistance helps persons who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

## **Discussion**

The Town of Huntington does not received ESG Funding, however it is committed to the “Continuum of Care” philosophy to end homelessness by working with local Continuum of Care providers. The Huntington Community Development Agency will continue to provide assistance to the two Homeless Shelters.

The CDA will partner with service agencies to provide financial assistance, access to programs, food, and necessities to families experiencing homelessness through the use of CDBG-CV funds.

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

### **Introduction:**

The high market price of housing, limited available vacant land, the age of the housing stock, and high property taxes contribute to the barriers for low-moderate income residents to find quality 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**

The Town and the CDA will continue to partner with local non-profits such as the Community Development Corporation of Long Island (CDCLI) and Long Island Housing Partnership to assist residents in achieving the dream of homeownership through down payment assistance. The County often has funding available as well. Also new developers needing a zone change in the Town of Huntington as per our local affordable housing ordinance will create subsidized units for low-moderate income persons.

### **Discussion:**

The Town of Huntington will continue its efforts, with its many partners to address barriers to affordable housing.

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

### **Introduction:**

The Town of Huntington will undertake the following actions listed in fiscal year 2021 with the assistance of other government entities and not-for-profits.

The CDA will continue to partner with community service agencies to provide additional assistance to families and individuals affected by COVID-19 with CDBG-CV funding.

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

The greatest obstacle is getting the information to the underserved. With this in mind, the Agency will continue its efforts to reach these individuals by advertising all the programs which are available to low and moderate income, homeless and special needs populations through brochures and contacting local churches and synagogues.

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

The Huntington Community Development Agency will continue to rehabilitate dwelling units of low and moderate-income families who own their home in the Township.

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

The Community Development Agency will continue the following activities concerning with lead base paint:

1. The Huntington Community Development Agency will implement new federal guidelines set forth in 24 CFR parts 35, for rehabilitation program participants.
2. The Huntington Community Development Agency will provide information to clients on lead hazards.
3. Provide testing for Lead Hazards at no cost to income qualified Homeowners for their homes and removal of any Lead Hazards if Homeowner wants to participate in the program.
4. In conjunction with Huntington Hospital, the Agency will continue monitoring for any lead based paint poisoning incidents, on a quarterly basis, occurring in the Town of Huntington.

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

To reduce the number of families with incomes below the poverty level, the Town of Huntington will continue working with the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Administration, and

the Labor Dept. to provide loans and technical assistance to new and existing businesses for job creation.

Through the New York State Department of Labor, the following programs/services are available:

- The Huntington Opportunity Resource Center (HORC) is a collaborative partnership between HCDA, the Town of Huntington and Suffolk County that leverages the resources of the County's Department of Social Services and Department of Labor to provide benefits, assistance, employment counseling, programs and assistance to address unemployment, underemployment and impediments to securing employment, and providing employment leads. The goal of the program is to have DSS clients through Family Self Sufficiency gain the necessary skills to secure long-term employment and eventually become independent and earn an income above the poverty level.
- At Hauppauge "One-Stop" Job Center, low and moderate-income residents are able to use computerized job hunt workstations at no cost. Job hunt stations list all current New York State, Federal, and county jobs as well as a selection of private sector listings, local and nationwide.
- Job Matching Service available for those interested in jobs located in Nassau/Suffolk.
- Free workshops in resume writing, job search skills, career planning. Job-hunt counseling and support group also provided.
- Through the Suffolk County Department of Labor, the following services/programs are available to assist low-income families with employment:
  - Low-cost or free (if income eligible) vocational training through accredited institutions.
  - Free placement assistance is available upon completion of training.

The Department of Social Services provides organizations with funds for transitional housing. This program includes working with the Suffolk County Department of Labor, and allows transitional-living individuals with lower tuition fees at local colleges for educational purposes. These programs are designed to help individuals become self-sufficient.

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

The Family Service League, Huntington Community Council, the Huntington Housing Authority, the Community Development Agency and the Town of Huntington's Department of Human Services are working together to provide a coordinated myriad of services to meet the needs of low and moderate-income families, including after school programs, occupational and work experience training.

Working relationships between the Huntington Township Chamber Foundation, Huntington Freedom Center, and Suffolk County Department of Social Services create daycare and housing. Local churches

and synagogues, Habitat for Humanity as well as the Town and Suffolk County are all working together to create affordable housing.

The Town of Huntington Planning Department and the Huntington Community Development Agency are working with private developers who are building new homes in Huntington to provide units that are affordable.

The Town will provide technical assistance to other entities that are applying for funds for affordable and supportive housing. The Town, where possible, will expedite the review process of such applications through Town departments.

The CDA will also be making significant improvements to the two shelters, in an effort to provide quality temporary housing for homeless families and individuals.

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

Coordination with public agencies, housing resources, assisted housing providers, mental Health And Human Services Agencies and not-for-profits are critical to the delivery of viable products and services the Town will be an active participant.

### **Discussion:**

The Town of Huntington continues its efforts to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing to reduce families in poverty and to enhance the coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. The Town of Huntington would like to the federal government to increase the funding of Community Development Block Grants enable us to provide more services to low and moderate income families.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

The Town has allocated all funds received for program income as per HUD regulations.

#### 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	150,000
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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>150,000</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.	95.00%

The Town of Huntington anticipates receiving \$175,000.00 in program income in Program year 2021; these funds are derived from our home owner rehabilitation program and will go back into this endeavor.

