

**Consolidated Annual Performance
and Evaluation Report**

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I, Jennifer Paley Ambro, being duly sworn, depose and say: that I am the Publisher of The Observer, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, State of New York; and that a notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, was duly published in The Observer once on 10/31/24.


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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Huntington, 2023 New York Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), covering the period from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024, reflecting the Town's performance under the Community Development Block Grant Program, has been prepared. These reports are available for citizens' review and comment at the Huntington Community Development Agency, 100 Main Street, Room 309, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Huntington N.Y. 11743. The Town will provide accommodations to individuals with disabilities. Interested citizens are invited to review this report and provide written comments on it to Timothy Francis, Deputy Director of the ECTDA. Any comments received before November 7, 2024 will be reviewed and answered.

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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

In PY 2023, the Town of Huntington identified six areas for addressing the Town's goals and objectives:

1. Improve the condition of existing housing for owner-occupied households for low and moderate income families, which is accomplished through our home rehabilitation program. In PY 2023 we assisted 9 home owners with this project.
2. Increase the supply of affordable owner-occupied households for low and moderate income families utilizing the Town of Huntington affordable housing code. The Town of Huntington town code that oversees the affordable housing laws requires developers who increase density or change zone use to meet minimum standards for affordable units to be built within their developments. The outcome of these laws has produced 25 new home owners' units as well as leased 6 rental units in PY 2023.
3. Facilitate the location of housing for the homeless and households with special needs- The Huntington Community Development Agency provides this through two shelters and six housing units. CDBG funds also go to assisting local service partners who provide Home Share opportunities, as well as Tenant and Landlord Counseling to prevent evictions and future homelessness from occurring.
4. Expand employment opportunities for low and moderate income families- The Huntington Community Development Agency provides office space to local service agencies at the Huntington Opportunity Resource Center (HORC). The HORC is now a hub for services provided by Family Service League and a plethora of organizations and community support service programs. Included is the services of BOCES and Department of Labor who saw over 300 individuals come in for service. CDBG funds also directly fund service partners who provide job training, skills training, career development and other economic focused activities to increase job creation and retention.
5. Increase public facilities to low and moderate income families- The Huntington Community Development Agency continues to provide funding to improve facilities such as street and sidewalk improvements, increasing access for those with limited mobility, and park rehabilitations. In addition, services are facilitated at the HORC. The HORC served over 3225 unduplicated individuals this past year with programs like, Advocacy, Pre-School day care, Crisis Intervention, Project TOY, Baby Blessings, Back to School supply drives, Wellness drives, STEM Activities, and other formal adult and youth counseling.

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Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)
Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

| Goal | Category | Source / Amount | Indicator | Unit of Measure | Expected - Strategic Plan | Actual - Strategic Plan | Percent Complete | Expected - Program Year | Actual - Program Year | Percent Complete |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Assisted Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 18 | | 0 | | |
| Assisted Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 10 | 0 | 0.00% | 15 | 18 | 120.00% |
| Assisting Homeless | Homeless | CDBG: \$ | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 1000 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| CDBG Planning and Administration | CDBG Planning and Administration | CDBG: \$ | Other | Other | 1 | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Counseling Services | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 32 | | 0 | | |

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---|------------------------|-------|------|--------|------|------|---------|
| Counseling Services | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 1 | 0 | 0.00% | 30 | 32 | 106.67% |
| Decent Housing | Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$ | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 50 | 9 | 18.00% | 8 | 9 | 112.50% |
| Economic Development | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 143 | | 0 | | |
| Economic Development | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ | Jobs created/retained | Jobs | 50 | 0 | 0.00% | 30 | 52 | 173.33% |
| Economic Development | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ | Businesses assisted | Businesses Assisted | 20 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| Facilities | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 250 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| Public Facilities and Infrastructure | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 10000 | 6630 | 66.30% | 0 | 6630 | |
| Public Facilities and Infrastructure | Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG: \$ | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | 2500 | 0 | 0.00% |

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--|---------------------|------|------|--------|-----|------|---------|
| Public Service | Affordable Housing Food Bank | CDBG: \$ | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 3000 | 1248 | 41.60% | 300 | 1248 | 416.00% |
| Public Service | Affordable Housing Food Bank | CDBG: \$ | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | 30 | 30 | 100.00% |
| Public Service | Affordable Housing Food Bank | CDBG: \$ | Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added | Beds | 0 | 0 | | 30 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Public Service | Affordable Housing Food Bank | CDBG: \$ | Homelessness Prevention | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | 20 | 20 | 100.00% |
| Youth Counseling Services | Youth Counseling Services | CDBG: \$ | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 38 | | 0 | | |
| Youth Counseling Services | Youth Counseling Services | CDBG: \$ | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 20 | 0 | 0.00% | 30 | 38 | 126.67% |

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

As identified in the tables above Community Development Block Grant funds, Town of Huntington funds and private funds have worked to address the priorities and objectives identified in the Town's Consolidated and Action Plans. The Huntington Station revitalization program is moving forward, the project has a delay due to additional funding needed to ensure ADA compliance which currently does not exist at the

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site. This is a high priority for the Town of Huntington. Completion of this is a multi-level program with private and CDBG funds will be completed during PY 2024.

The Town has provided vast support for these programs using general funds due to the use of CDBG funding. In the future some of the goals that are not funded through CDBG will be attenuated.

CDBG funding has been allocated to service agencies with direct connections to the low-moderate income communities, providing housing assistance, counseling, economic development programs, and other invaluable services.

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CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).
91.520(a)

| | CDBG |
|---|--------------|
| White | 940 |
| Black or African American | 244 |
| Asian | 29 |
| American Indian or American Native | 0 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0 |
| Total | 1,213 |
| Hispanic | 799 |
| Not Hispanic | 414 |

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

The persons listed above in this program year are directly affected by CDBG funding, Town of Huntington and not for profits. Through partnerships with our service agencies during the program year, residential repair program and revitalization programs we have been able to reach a total of over one thousand nine hundred people directly with CDBG funds.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

| Source of Funds | Source | Resources Made Available | Amount Expended During Program Year |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CDBG | public - federal | 907,361 | 553,468 |

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Coming out of the pandemic the 2019 CDBG PY was interrupted. Many projects were put on hold and some had to be sent out for rebid with the cost of material and thus programs vastly increasing. Some programs have taken longer to expend funds than expected. As we have returned to a "new normal" we have seen an increase in the applications and production of home rehabilitation work over the past two program years. Funding will continue to be dispersed in the future at an expedited rate to ensure timeliness of spending and goals are achieved as we close out the 5 year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Funding allocated for Huntington Station Revitalization projects have been earmarked to support improvements at parks within Huntington Station. Town has bid out the project and is in the final stages of completion with construction set to finish in the year 2025.

This marks the 4th year of the 5 year Consolidated Plan. Town of Huntington continues to outpace its goals for the 5 year period in nearly every category.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

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| Target Area | Planned Percentage of Allocation | Actual Percentage of Allocation | Narrative Description |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Huntington Station | 96 | | |
| Town wide | 4 | | |

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The Town has allocated CDBG funds to assist in the rehabilitation of Huntington Station a low-and moderate-income area that was never completely transformed during urban renewal efforts. The efforts have produced two new private mix use development in the previous years.

Two more affordable units were constructed at Creekside which went out to lottery in August of 2022. Three workforce rental units were created at Northridge Square, and Three affordable rentals at Gateway Plaza. Sixteen units were created at the Seasons of Dix Hills. Working with the Town and under the affordable housing code, the CDA oversees the Town's affordable housing program, ensuring that there is an increasing number of new units to moderate income residents.

The Town of Huntington Community Development Agency with assistance from New York State Completed construction of 14 new condominium units of affordable housing in Huntington Station. All 14 units have been sold and occupied by the end of 2023.

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Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The Community Block Grant Program does not have any leveraging requirements.

However,

CDBG funds, Town of Huntington and not for profits are leveraged funds that provide additional services to low- and moderate-income individuals/families throughout the Town of Huntington. The Town's senior center, sidewalk improvements and park improvements are all examples of increasing public facilities for this group. The Huntington Opportunity Resource Center which is the place of business for the Family Service League, provided programs and services to a total of approximately 3225 unduplicated individuals in program year 2023.

The Town continues to work with Suffolk County in seeking affordable housing opportunities through the Counties 72H program which provides tax lien properties to a municipality for the purposes of developing affordable housing. The town also works with the County to provide a multitude of services to low- and moderate-income individuals out of the Agency's Huntington Opportunity Resource Center located in Huntington Station.

The Town of Huntington participates with Suffolk County and the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless in development of a continuum of care strategy.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

| | One-Year Goal | Actual |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units | 0 | 0 |
| Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units | 15 | 39 |
| Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 15 | 39 |

Table 5 – Number of Households

| | One-Year Goal | Actual |
|--|---------------|-----------|
| Number of households supported through Rental Assistance | 0 | 0 |
| Number of households supported through The Production of New Units | 0 | 25 |
| Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units | 8 | 9 |
| Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 | 5 |
| Total | 8 | 39 |

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

During fiscal year 2023, the Town's fourth year of the 5-year Consolidated Plan, we have made progress towards most of our performance goals. The rehabilitation program completed working with 9 families in program year 2023, and will continue assisting low-to-moderate income families in 2024. The Town of Huntington affordable housing ordinance has produced new development units at Kensington Estates, Columbia Terrace and Seasons at Dix Hills, Seasons at East Northport, and The Mansion that produced

the sale of 25 new affordable units. In addition, there were resales of current affordable housing units to new eligible applicants.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Even though the Town does not receive HOME funds, the Town has been successful in providing new affordable units to low-to-moderate income families, through local legislation. The Huntington Community Development Agency will put a major focus towards producing more home rehabilitation and other home initiatives for Home owners within the Town of Huntington.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

| Number of Households Served | CDBG Actual | HOME Actual |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Extremely Low-income | 1,080 | 0 |
| Low-income | 341 | 0 |
| Moderate-income | 44 | 0 |
| Total | 1,465 | 0 |

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

In the Town of Huntington 96% of the CDBG funding is allocated to low-to-moderate income activities. The Town of Huntington with non-CDBG funds, partnerships with not-for-profits and Suffolk County continue to provide services that enable self-sufficiency in low-to-moderate income families. There continues to be a need to address issues with families and individuals facing unforeseen crises due to financial uncertainty. Attention was shifted to providing safe shelter to the homeless, addressing food insecurity for those in need, and providing essentials to those who were unable to obtain them. We continue to making home rehabilitations and expanding affordable housing opportunities a priority.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

The Town of Huntington does not receive Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) funding. However, the Town of Huntington does use general funds to assist those individuals and families in need through grants to not-for-profits.

The Town is a participant in Long Island Coalition for the Homeless a county wide collaboration between not-for-profit homeless service providers, community leaders, advocacy groups and legislators. The Long Island Coalition for the Homeless purpose is to prevent duplication of effort and better serve the most vulnerable homeless individuals, families and persons at risk of homelessness. The not-for-profits provide case workers to assist the homeless through their journey to self-sufficiency. The Town has contracted with Haven House Bridges to run the two shelters, which are consistently at capacity. The Town also provides funding for Home Share programs, and tenant and landlord assistance to provide more opportunities to affordable housing, transitioning from homeless to self sufficient, and reducing evictions within the township.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Town of Huntington through the Community Development Agency continues to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of the homeless by owning two (2) shelters. The financial support of the programs is operated by not-for-profit agencies. The Agency Shelters are run by Haven House Bridges and the Family Service League runs an additional shelter in the Town of Huntington. Suffolk County Department of Social Services provides financial assistance to the not -for -profits in which they provide the services to the residents of the shelters.

In PY 2019, the Town provided CDBG-CV funds to the Family Service League for the purpose of providing shelter to homeless individuals in a safe environment. Funding was also used to provide personal protective equipment to individuals and families. this funding has led to a major renovation of the shelter which provides 50 beds each night to homeless individuals.

During the pandemic our shelters faced many challenges. Shelters were forced to be outfitted to meet new guidelines for social distancing and to prevent virus spreading. new protocols and equipment were needed to address these new requirements which limited capacity to many shelters around New York. PY 2022 saw a large influx of inquiries and new individuals visiting the shelter as the eviction moratorium has concluded and financial assistance for rent has nearly been exhausted. Many family's financial impacts have outlasted the pandemic.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The requirements of helping low income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless are reached by the Town of Huntington through the Community Development Agency utilizing the home rehabilitation program to rehabilitate homes, the Huntington Housing Authority section 8 vouchers when available, and partnering with the County and local service agencies to provide counseling, financial assistance and access to care. The Town of Huntington youth program guides youth through Drug and Alcohol programs, Project Excel assisted with tutoring, GED classes, interviewing skills workshops, planning for the future, and Sanctuary Project provides counseling, crises intervention and short-term emergency housing. The Opening Word Program, and the services provided at The Huntington Opportunity Resource Center aided by the Suffolk County Department of Labor also provide job interviews and job skill training with the purposes of creating new employment, retaining employment or improving working conditions.

The Town also works with the Suffolk County Department of Social Service and a myriad of not-for profit organizations to reach out and assist families and individuals with the services that will provide the assistance needed to avoid becoming homeless.

During the COVID-19 pandemic a moratorium was placed on all rental properties and shelters to prevent evictions while the state experienced mandated shutdowns. For many, this eased the burden placed by the pandemic. Ultimately the moratorium ended in the last quarter of 2022. It is anticipated that counseling services and assistance provided by groups like Housing Help Inc. will be critical. According to the New York State Unified Court System evictions within the Town of Huntington have returned to Pre-pandemic averages. There were 473 eviction filings within the township in 2023 and we anticipate close to 400 eviction cases to be processed in 2024. These programs are extremely essential.

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 Plan to end chronic homelessness has been developed by Suffolk County as lead agency. The Suffolk County Department of Social Services directly and through not-for profit providers, provide a full range of services. These services include: counseling programs to meet emotional/ social needs of the clients

including such things as basic family life management skills; psychological services; day care centers for emotionally disturbed adults; programs of recreation, social, health, counseling and vocational activities provision and transport of food; housing referrals and resolving school registration problems for homeless children. These programs are designed to help families and individuals to become self-sufficient.

Other programs are offered for tenants and landlord rights to offer counseling to those who may experience homelessness or are currently undergoing the eviction process and require legal assistance and counseling.

The Huntington Community Development Agency developed a 14- unit condominium complex (Columbia Terrace) that had 2 priorities set to support Veteran preference thus creating opportunity to those looking to become first time homebuyers. The CDA was able to sell all 14 units by end of 2023. Two of which were to veterans on the verge of being homeless.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

In an effort to further our mission to create and maintain access to decent and affordable housing, the Huntington Housing Authority has issued Housing Choice Vouchers each month to applicants on the waiting list. In addition, the board of Commissioners are actively seeking to acquire land to develop affordable housing within the Town of Huntington.

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

The Huntington Housing Authority has canvassed the participants and residents for participation as a resident member, on the Board of Commissioners. In addition, the authority holds special meetings to address specific management issues and routinely provide residents with written communication to encourage engagement in the operations. Moreover, the Housing Authority broadened the scope of the family Self Sufficiency Program to include homeownership as a targeted goal and program feature.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The HHA has been rated as a high performer in both Public Housing and the Housing Choice Voucher Program areas. Therefore, the agency does not require technical assistance to administer programs. THE HHA has seen administrative turnover over the last year and they continue to work through these new challenges of training staff while still producing results at a high level for their clients.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

Government regulation, while a necessary and inevitable, in the Town of Huntington, through affordable housing town policy, the Town of Huntington Planning Board has the ability to spur the creation of affordable housing units in as applicant-initiated zone change resulting in the lot yield or density. In exchange for the public benefit, per Town Code, the developer is obligated to provide affordable units and contribute to the Town of Huntington Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The increased density enables developers to produce affordable housing without the need for direct financial government subsidy.

The CDA also oversees the Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB) which makes recommendations to the Town with regard to creating new affordable housing stock, both ownership and rentals. This past year produced the new development of 3 affordable/workforce housing units, 3 affordable rentals, and 30 homeownership opportunities.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Identified was the high cost of housing/land in the Town of Huntington. Circumstances that cause the highest cost of housing/land include: construction cost, lack of undeveloped land, high property taxes, and high homeownership and rental cost. These concerns continue to contribute to the high cost of housing/ land in the Town of Huntington.

Actions to Overcome Concern:

Continue to work with fair housing advocates; Expanded efforts to make individuals and housing organizations aware of local HUD approved housing counseling/financial education; Community Development Agency to continue to offer persons of low and moderate income the financial services to rehabilitate their homes.

Look to expand upon current down payment assistance programs to further efforts for affordable homeownership.

The Town of Huntington will be a participating jurisdiction in the New York State Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program in 2024. The Program will provide home owners with funding to renovate their homes in order to produce a legal accessory apartment. Accessory apartments not only create an avenue for making housing affordable for the home owner, but also produces additional housing units within fair market rent values or lower. The addition of new units creates a reduction in scarcity and allows for more option at both affordable rates to be obtained by low to moderate income individuals

and families.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Lead base paint abatement is a component of the Town's rehabilitation program. All clients are asked to read the pamphlet renovate right "important lead hazard information for families, child care providers" to learn about the hazards of lead base paint. The clients are also asked to fill out and return paperwork stating they have been given a copy/read the dangers of lead base paint. Every home selected for rehabilitation is tested if not statutory exempt. All lead base paint is eliminated or encapsulated remedies are implemented if lead is detected. All contractors must have been trained in lead base paint procedures through the EPA to be eligible to work on the town's rehabilitation program.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

All programs administered through the Huntington Community Development Agency aim to provide housing, community development, economic development, career development, or public services to benefit eligible residents, including poverty-level families, so they can increase their opportunities for self-sufficiency. The Town of Huntington works with Huntington Housing Authority, Suffolk County Department of Social Services and local not-for-profits like Family Service League, Haven House Bridges, and The Opening Word Program to address the needs of poverty-level families.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The development of a Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and the CAPER provides for the development of an institutional structure. Each program administered needs support from other Town Departments, Suffolk County Departments and not-for-profits to be successful. The Town of Huntington plans for the future with many services to residents from home rehabilitation, drug and alcohol interventions, homeless shelters, public housing, meals on wheels, job preparation, English as second language, public transportation, protection of the environment, expanding sewer services, provide affordable housing through new development and economic development. Many of these initiatives are non-CDBG funded, however rely on the institutional structure to fulfill the CDBG goals stated in the Consolidated Plan and shown in the CAPER.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The coordination between the Town Agencies, Town of Huntington Departments, Town of Huntington Housing Authority, not for profit housing providers, not for profit service providers and Suffolk County Department of Social Services and Department of Labor are critical to the delivery of needed products and services.

The strong partnerships are providing dynamic proactive leadership that enhances the lives of low- and

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moderate-income persons/families in the Town of Huntington. Members of the Huntington Housing Coalition are also members of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board, and the CDA meets with that board on a quarterly basis. The CDA also partners and meets with developers to discuss the creation of more affordable housing.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The high cost of living, prices of homes and taxes are large impediments in the Town. The Town will continue to increase supply of affordable units by working with Suffolk County, New York State, and developers to construct affordable housing units under the towns affordable housing ordinance. The CDA will continue to oversee the affordable housing program and ensure new development includes adequate rental and ownership opportunities for moderate income families.

The lack of sewers is causing concerns with water in the Town of Huntington. The Town will continue to seek funding to increase capacity at existing plants, and to grow the service area of the sewer systems. The town of Huntington along with Suffolk County have partnered together to expand the sewer district within Huntington Station through the main Corridor known as New York Avenue. This will be a major expansion in this area that will lead to future economic and housing development not previously capable.

The Town of Huntington will continue to work with fair housing advocates to provide assistance to outreach and educate all on fair housing issues.

The Huntington Opportunity Resource Center (HORC) will provide low and moderate persons/families to find economic opportunities assistance to help them in employment to become self-sufficient.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The Community Development staff monitors the performance of Consolidated Plan and activities to assure that the time schedules are being met, activities are being accomplished and other performance goals are being achieved. Also, the staff conducts on site monitoring visits when applicable. The Agency also reviews every project for compliance with Federal and New York State labor Standards.

Public Service sub-grantees submit quarterly progress reports documenting clients served, expenses, and achievement of specific goals and objectives. The Agency conducts on-site visits to review program files, and observe the operation and management of the projects. The Agency assists its sub-recipients

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

Copies of the fiscal year 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report were made available to the public and interested parties in September 2024. Copies were available for public review at the Agencies website and in the public Libraries.

A Public Notice advertisement in the local newspapers on Thursday October 3, 2024 for the public comment period of review of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report. Any comments received prior to November 7th, 2024 will be reviewed and answered.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The Town of Huntington started off slow in wake of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The effects of the pandemic took a toll as life came to a standstill. Rehabs are slowly rebounding to a normal work flow as

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constituents have started to take on home projects again. We continue to see building and supply materials have reached records highs in building materials across New York. We will continue to dedicate time in the community to revitalize the flow of this program. The Town was able to achieve this through funding provided by HUD through the CARES ACT, and its partners who were able to continue to provide the much-needed services to low- and moderate-income residents.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The Town of Huntington started off slow in wake of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The effects of the pandemic took a toll as life came to a standstill. Rehabs are slowly rebounding to a normal work flow as constituents have started to take on home projects again. We continue to see building and supply materials have reached records highs in building materials across New York. We will continue to dedicate time in the community to revitalize the flow of this program. The Town was able to achieve this through funding provided by HUD through the CARES ACT, and its partners who were able to continue to provide the much-needed services to low- and moderate-income residents.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

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CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

| Total Labor Hours | CDBG | HOME | ESG | HOPWA | HTF |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Total Number of Activities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Labor Hours | 0 | | | | |
| Total Section 3 Worker Hours | 0 | | | | |
| Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours | 0 | | | | |

Table 8 – Total Labor Hours

| Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program | CDBG | HOME | ESG | HOPWA | HTF |
|---|------|------|-----|-------|-----|
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers | | | | | |
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers. | | | | | |
| Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships). | | | | | |
| Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training. | | | | | |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching). | | | | | |
| Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns. | | | | | |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts. | | | | | |
| Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services. | | | | | |
| Held one or more job fairs. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents with finding child care. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training. | | | | | |
| Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching. | | | | | |
| Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns. | | | | | |
| Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies. | | | | | |
| Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses. | | | | | |
| Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. | | | | | |

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| Other. | | | | | |
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Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

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