

AGENDA
City of Hot Springs
Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC)
Thursday, April, 2021 1:00pm
City of Hot Springs Board Chambers, 133 Convention Blvd, Hot Springs, AR 71901
In-Person and by Teleconference

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call: Terry Kent, Leslie Ramsey, Kelly Thomason, Kelly Cowart, Alice Marshall

3. Approval of March 4, 2021 meeting minutes

4. New Business: 2021 Annual Action Plan

Michelle Sestili will present the fiscal year 2020 Annual Action Plan. A copy of the Annual Action Plan can be reviewed or downloaded at: <https://www.cityhs.net/DocumentCenter/View/13998/2021-Annual-Action-Plan-v3-for-Public-Review-and-Comment>

This presentation will not include a full reading of the Annual Action Plan; highlights will be presented, but questions and comments on the entire plan are welcomed and encouraged.

Basic Overview

- The CDBG fiscal year was changed to July 1 – June 30th last year. Our 2021 fiscal year begins July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022
- The City was allocated \$439,471 in fiscal year 2021 CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in March
- HUD requires that the City submit an Annual Action Plan describing the activities that will be undertaken and how funds will be distributed
- Public questions and comments are welcomed as part of the Citizen Participation Process
- In December, an announcement was made that the City Board of Directors would dedicate fiscal year 2021 CDBG funding to the acquisition/rehabilitation or construction of a quarantine/shelter for homeless and at-risk households who cannot afford to quarantine away from their household
- The quarantine/shelter will also be funded with \$317,926 in CDBG CV-3 CARES Act funding, which was adopted in a prior amendment
- This annual action plan proposes:
 - \$71,106.04 in CDBG Planning and Administration (18% of the 20% allowable)
 - \$363,364.96 for quarantine/shelter acquisition/rehabilitation or construction
- Neither a building nor a location for the quarantine/shelter has been identified. A work group of experienced non-profits is currently touring similar sites across the state for ideas and coordinating with the City to define size, scope, etc.

Michelle will then review key points in each section of the plan, and answer questions throughout.

CDAC Chair will open the floor for in-person public comments. Michelle Sestili will then call upon each person on the teleconference for questions and comments.

CDAC will publicly discuss and consider recommending the 2021 Annual Action Plan to the City Board of Directors with or without revisions, or remand the Annual Action Plan to the CDBG Administrator for substantial changes.

5. Old Business

Michelle Sestili will provide CDBG project updates:

-----Funded-----	
CV-3 Quarantine Shelter	\$317,926 Pending HUD approval. NOTE: Building/site not identified at this time.
CV-1 Homeless Assistance	\$76,824 total allocation; \$10,510.18 balance after purchasing the homeless shower/restroom trailer, insurance, supplies and cleaning services
CV-1 Rent Emergency Subsistence Payments	\$100,000. Ouachita Behavioral Health & Wellness (subgrantee) launched the program in February. Applications being accepted. Referrals can be sent to Case Manager Loren Eitel-Morphew LorenE@obhaw.org or (501) 762-9038
CV-1 Utility Emergency Subsistence Payments	\$26,825. Ouachita Behavioral Health & Wellness (subgrantee) launched the program in February. Applications being accepted. Referrals can be sent to Case Manager Loren Eitel-Morphew LorenE@obhaw.org or (501) 762-9038
2018 Home Buyer Education Classes	\$3,969 balance. Next class April 10, 2021 from 9:30am-2pm at the Transportation Depot, 100 Broadway Terrace. Registration required at 501-372-2611
2019 RA Psychle 4C Elderly & Disabled Lawn Care and Youth Landscape Mentorship Program	\$8,619.74 balance for youth landscape certifications. Program launched 8/14. 17 lawns serviced, 1 youth engaged in training before winter break at the end of November. Restarting soon!
Malvern Avenue Gateway Improvement Project	\$141,241.56 Contractor should be able to start some aspects of the project in March while waiting for Entergy to bury the power lines.
2018 & 2020 Garden Street Sidewalk & ADA	\$51,899.64 Survey complete. Garden, Bell & Jefferson to start soon.
2020 Bell Street Sidewalk Phase II	\$10,000 Garden Bell & Jefferson to start soon.
2020 Jefferson Street Sidewalks & ADA	\$31,510 Garden, Bell & Jefferson to start soon.
2019 Bus Shelter at Ouachita Behavioral Health	\$2,709.77 balance to be reprogrammed in a 2021 amendment. Concrete pad complete. Shelter to be installed.
Reallocate Bus Shelter to Indiandale Plaza on Malvern	Concrete pad poured by Engineering Dept. Shelter to be installed.
2019 Crosswalk on Malvern to Silver Street	\$11,680 ARDOT consultation in progress.
Habitat for Humanity Lot Acquisition	\$15,000 Environmental review in progress for potential lots.
Off Cycle Infrastructure Improvements	\$35,418.52 Projects to be identified.
2020 Home Buyer Education, Credit Counseling, Refinance and Foreclosure Avoidance Services	\$25,000 Request for proposals to be prepared and released
2020 John Lee Webb House Brick Masonry & Ancillary Roofs	\$44,867.06 balance of \$60,000 total. Weather wrapping complete. Ancillary roof repair in progress.
2020 Cedar Street Sidewalk & ADA Phase III	\$10,261 Funded.
2020 Whittington Avenue Drainage Improvements	\$44,850 Environmental Review <i>to be completed</i>
2020 Chelsea Street Sidewalks & ADA	\$40,800 Environmental Review <i>to be completed</i>

2020 Creek Street Sidewalks & ADA Accessibility	\$32,343.75 Environmental Review <i>to be completed</i>
2020 Park Avenue at Tom Ellsworth Sidewalk, ADA & Drainage Improvements	\$38,875 Environmental Review <i>to be completed</i>
-----Completed in 2021-----	
2020 Spot Blight Nuisance Abatement	\$25,621.02. 5 condemned structures removed: 1023 Mineral, 302 Highland, 407 Mississippi, 142 Greenwood and 248 Hobson.
CV-Homeless Assistance Shower/Restroom Trailer, ULV Cold Fog Sprayer and disinfectant cleaner	Delivered 10/6/2020. 34 showers at free COVID testing day 11/4/2020. 29 showers at homeless count 1/28 & 1/29/2021. 20 showers 3/9/21. Next shower day being scheduled. Daily and full cleaning/sanitation fees paid for warming shelter 2/12-2/22 with 85 day use and 71 overnight maximum.
CV-1 Food/Meals Services and Supplies	\$50,824 Arkansas Foodbank food credits provided to Jackson House (pantry & prepared lunches), Salvation Army (pantry & dinner services), LakePointe Church (food boxes) and FaithPointe Ministries (food boxes).
2019 Dell & Ravine Sidewalk, ADA Accessibility & Drainage Improvements	\$42,121. Completed in March 2021
2019 Park Avenue Sidewalk & ADA Accessibility Improvements – East Side	\$42,132. Completed in March 2021
2019 Habitat for Humanity 115 Watt Street	\$5,350 for water line relocation. Home dedicated in February 2021

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6. Announcements

Comment sheets are available on the back table if you wish to comment on the 2021 Annual Action Plan including projects proposed for funding. You can also email msconsulting@outlook.com. Written comments received by May 3, 2021 will be considered. It is anticipated that the 2021 Annual Action Plan will be considered by the City Board of Directors during their May 4, 2021 meeting at 7:00pm in City Hall Board Chambers, 133 Convention Blvd.

The next scheduled CDAC meeting is Thursday, May 6, 2020 at 1:00pm in City Hall Board Chambers. We will likely continue to offer the dial-in teleconference service.

CDAC Chair will open the floor for community announcements.

7. Adjournment