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**FY 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Activities
Summary Report for the City of Rochester**

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This report has been prepared by the City of Rochester's Community Development Coordinator in compliance with the monitoring and reporting provisions of the Programmatic Agreement between the City of Rochester, NH and the Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer ("Programmatic Agreement"), entered into June 2016.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities undertaken during FY 2022 are:

Exempt and Categorically Excluded Activities

The following activities are administrative/management, economic development, or public services that have no physical environmental impact or result in any physical environmental changes. As a result, all have been reviewed under 24 CFR 58 and have been found to be exempt from the provision of the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws and authorities cited in 24 CFR 58.5. No Request for Release of Funds or further environmental review is required. Compliance with any applicable requirements of 24 CFR 58.6 is required.

Description of exempt and categorically excluded CDBG activities and citations of applicable activity under 24 CFR 58:

1. CDBG Administration and Planning – 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3)
2. Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Hampshire – 24 CFR 58.35(b)(3)
3. Dover Adult Learning Center – 24 CFR 58.34(a)(4)
4. Fair Housing- 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3)
5. HAVEN – 24 CFR 58.35(b)(2)
6. Job Opportunity Benefit (JOB) Loan Program – 24 CFR 58.34(a)(11) and 24 CFR 58.35(b)(4)
[individual loans subject to HUD's Categorically Excluded Statutory Checklist for §58.35 (a)(3)(iii) activities]
7. My Friend's Place – 24 CFR 58.34(b)(2)
8. MY-TURN – 24 CFR 58.35(b)(3)
9. SHARE Fund – 24 CFR 58.35(b)(2)
10. Strafford Nutrition Meals on Wheels – 24 CFR 58.35(b)(2)
11. Waypoint- 24 CFR 58.35(b)(2)

In FY 2021, the City of Rochester also received two rounds of CDBG CARES Act allocations (CDBG-CV) for prevention, preparation for, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During FY 2022, some of these funds were reallocated for 3 programs. Description of exempt and categorically excluded CDBG-CV first round activities and citations of applicable activity under 24 CFR 58:

1. Waypoint NH- For its Street Outreach Program for homeless youth- 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3)
2. My Friend's Place- Hazard pay for its homeless shelter employees- 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3)
3. Homeless Center for Strafford County- acquisition of a building for use as a decompression shelter– 24 CFR 58.5 (a)(1)

Non-Exempt Activities

1. Community Action Partnership for Strafford County – Weatherization Program

This activity performs small-scale weatherization renovations on single-family homes owned by low to moderate income residents. Many of these homes are manufactured homes less than 50 years old. During FY 2022, all thirty-eight individual projects performed under this activity have fallen within the activities stipulated as not requiring review by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, under Appendix I of the Programmatic Agreement. No projects involved ground disturbance, and all involved little to no work that affected the exterior of the residences. Projects primarily involved replacement of furnaces and water heaters, insulation installation, replacement of faulty plumbing, etc. Individual project files are available for review upon request.

No problems were encountered during any of the projects.

The City of Rochester did not receive any disputes or objections during its efforts to carry out the aforementioned activities and/or the terms of the Programmatic Agreement.

Public Involvement

The City of Rochester notifies the public about its CDBG program and CDBG activities through three formal processes—the Consolidated Action Plan, the Annual Action Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The Consolidated Action Plan is a five-year planning document for the CDBG program that is created with extensive input from the general public and low to moderate income residents in particular. The Annual Action Plan is an annual planning document that outlines specific activities for the upcoming program year, and it is also created with extensive input from the general public and low to moderate income residents in particular. The current Consolidated Action Plan, as well as the Annual Action Plans for each year under the current Consolidated Plan, are made available at the City Clerk's Office, the Rochester Public Library, and the Office of Economic & Community Development. They are also posted on the city's website at <https://www.rochesternh.net/community-development-division/pages/action-plans>. (Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state stay-at-home orders, the draft FY 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan and draft FY 2021 Annual Action Plan were made available on the city's website and via email.)

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report provides a summary of all activities and accomplishments for the completed program year. CAPERs dating back to 2010 are posted on the city's website at <https://www.rochesternh.net/community-development-division/pages/annual-reports>. Before the CAPER is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for review and approval, an official public notice and solicitation of public comments is posted in the local newspaper as well as on the city website.

In addition, all of the non-exempt FY 2022 CDBG activities, before they commenced, were disclosed to the public in a combined Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request the Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF). The FONSI/NOIRROF for the Community Action Partnership of Strafford County

weatherization program and lead remediation matching funds program was published on July 9, 2021. No comments were received.

This report, after its submission to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, will also be made available to the public through publication on the city's website at <https://www.rochesternh.net/community-development-division/pages/annual-reports>.