



TRANSMITTAL MEMO

To: The Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators

From: Hon. Kenneth W. Jenkins, Westchester County Executive

Date: May 4, 2026

Re: An Act authorizing the County to submit an Urban County application for Community Development Block Grant, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, including an amendment to FY 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan, and to accept such grants.

Transmitted herewith for your consideration and approval is an Act which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would i) authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for \$5,970,202.77 in grant funds ("Grant Funds") from three (3) federal sources: the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME"), and the Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") Program (together the "Programs") on behalf of the thirty-one (31) municipalities that comprise the Westchester Urban County Consortium (the "Consortium"); ii) authorize the County to submit to HUD an amendment to the Five Year 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan (the "Consolidated Plan") that includes the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan for the Consortium ("FY 2026 Action Plan") consistent with the requirements of federal regulations; and iii) authorize the County to accept and receive the Grant Funds for the purpose of the housing and community development program.

The Department of Planning (the "Department") has advised that the development of the Consolidated Plan began on the local level, included citizen participation with members of the County Planning Board, the Westchester Urban County Council, and the Community Development Advisory Group. Further, I have been advised that prior to the submission of project applications to the County for the FY 2026 Action Plan, each local municipality held hearings for public comment. Copies of the draft FY 2026 Action Plan, budget and a separate listing of projects and locations are annexed to the Committee Report herewith for your Honorable Board's consideration.

The Department has advised that the Grant Funds will provide \$4,529,567 from CDBG, \$1,032,577.77 from HOME and \$408,058 from ESG for Fiscal Year 2026.

I am further advised that your Honorable Board, by Act Nos. 2018-86 and 2021-114, authorized the County to enter into cooperation agreements ("Cooperation Agreements") with Westchester County municipalities for the purpose of a housing and community development program pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These Cooperation

Agreements qualified the participating municipalities (“Participating Municipalities”, or individually “Participating Municipality”) to receive funds from the aforementioned Programs during Fiscal Years 2019-2021 and 2022-2024 (commencing May 1 and ending April 30), respectively.

I have been advised by the Department that the Cooperation Agreements automatically renew for successive three-year periods unless the County or the Participating Municipality exercises their option to terminate their Cooperation Agreement and notifies the County and the New York HUD Field Office by letter of its intent to terminate its Cooperative Agreement at the end of the current qualification period.

The County’s Planning Department has advised that all Participating Municipalities under the Consortium did not terminate their Cooperative Agreements. As such, all Cooperative Agreements were automatically renewed. A list of the Participating Municipalities that currently have Agreements with the County under the Consortium, is annexed to the Committee Report herewith for your Honorable Board’s information.

In past years, the County has received over \$216,000,000 of non-repayable federal funding to undertake activities such as housing rehabilitation, public improvements in designated target areas, code enforcement, and a complete array of community development activities on behalf of the municipalities participating in the program.

Based upon the importance of the housing and community development program, I respectfully request your Honorable Board’s approval of the annexed Act.

KWJ/BPL/mb
Attachments

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending that your Honorable Board adopt an Act which, if approved would i) authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”), to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for \$5,970,202.77 in grant funds (“Grant Funds”) from three (3) federal sources: the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (“HOME”), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) Program (together the “Programs”), on behalf of the thirty-one (31) municipalities that comprise the Westchester Urban County Consortium (the “Consortium”); ii) authorize the County to submit to HUD an amendment to the Five Year 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan (the “Consolidated Plan”) to include the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan (“FY 2026 Action Plan”) for the Consortium; and iii) authorize the County to accept and receive the Grant Funds for the purpose of the housing and community development program.

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The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the authorization of these actions may be classified as a Type “II” action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617

("SEQR"). Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

In past years, the County has received over \$216,000,000 of non-repayable federal funding to undertake activities such as housing rehabilitation, public improvements in designated target areas, code enforcement, and a complete array of community development activities on behalf of the Participating Municipalities.

Your Committee has been informed that passage of the Act requires a majority of the voting members of your Honorable Board. Your Committee has carefully considered this matter and recommends that your Honorable Board adopt the proposed annexed Act.

Dated:

White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: _____

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense _____

Total Current Year Revenue _____

Source of Funds (check one):
Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing
Additional Appropriations Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount _____

Describe: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount _____

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: _____

Next Four Years: _____


Prepared by: _____ **Approved by:** _____

Title: _____ **Budget Director**

Department: _____ **Date:** _____

Date: _____

TO: Blanca P. Lopez, M.S

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM
Assistant Commissioner 

DATE: April 6, 2026

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR AN AMENDMENT OF THE FY 2024-2028 CONSOLIDATED PLAN TO INCLUDE THE FY 2026 ACTION PLAN**

PROJECT/ACTION: Filing of an application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. Also, submission of an amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan to HUD including the Action Plan for FY 2026 for the County's administration of HUD funds.

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required because the project/action may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section(s):

- **617.5(c)(26):** routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment.
 - **617.5(c)(27):** conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action.
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COMMENTS: The submission of a Consolidated Plan every five years and an Action Plan every year are prerequisite routine administrative procedures that are required by HUD in order for the County to administer HUD funds for housing and community development programs. Environmental reviews are conducted for the specific projects in the annual Action Plan at the time that they are to be funded. Funds will not be released by HUD until all environmental review requirements pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act have been met. Additionally, environmental reviews pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act will also be undertaken prior to state or local approvals for each individual project where applicable.

DSK/oav

cc: Theresa Fleischman, Program Director
Kim Holland, Program Administrator
Gaitre Rambharose, Program Administrator
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. - 2026

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, submit the Fiscal Year 2026 Action Plan and to accept said grant funds.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the “County”), is hereby authorized to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for \$5,970,202.77 in grant funds (“Grant Funds”) from three (3) federal sources: the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (“HOME”), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESD”) Program (together the “Programs”) on behalf of the thirty-one (31) municipalities that comprise the Westchester Urban County Consortium (the “Consortium”) including all understandings and assurances contained therein for Grant Funds from the Programs.

§2. The County is further authorized to submit to HUD an amendment to the Five Year 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan to include the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Action Plan for the Consortium, as required by federal regulations, for the purpose of the housing and community development program pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

§3. The County is hereby further authorized to accept and receive the Grant Funds from HUD for the purpose of the housing and community development program.

§4. The County Executive, or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

§5. This Act shall take effect immediately.

CDBG Consortium Communities

Members of the Westchester County Urban County Consortium – FY 2026

Ardsley	Bedford	Briarcliff Manor	Bronxville	Cortlandt
Croton on Hudson	Dobbs Ferry	Elmsford	Greenburgh	Hastings on Hudson
Irvington	Larchmont	Lewisboro	Mamaroneck Village	Mamaroneck Town
Mount Kisco	New Castle	North Salem	Ossining Town	Ossining Village
Peekskill	Pelham Village	Pleasantville	Port Chester	Rye Brook
Rye Town	Scarsdale	Sleepy Hollow	Tarrytown	Tuckahoe
Yorktown				

FY 2026 Projected Allocations
Program Year: May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	
Public Facility & Improvements	\$ 2,414,650.60
Public Services	\$ 375,000.00
Housing	\$ 834,003.00
Administrative Funds	\$ 905,913.40
TOTAL FY 2026 ALLOCATION (CDBG)	\$ 4,529,567.00
HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)	
Housing - Construction, acquisition & rehabilitation	\$ 774,433.33
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Funds	\$ 154,886.67
Administrative Funds	\$ 103,257.78
TOTAL FY 2026 ALLOCATION (HOME)	\$ 1,032,577.77
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	
Homelessness Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing & HMIS	\$ 377,453.65
Administrative Funds	\$ 30,604.35
TOTAL FY 2026 ALLOCATION (ESG)	\$ 408,058.00

APPLICANT & PROJECT TITLE	2026 RECOMMEND
MUNICIPALITY	
ELMSFORD - VILLAGE	
Legion Park Playground Improvements	\$ 100,000
HASTINGS ON HUDSON - VILLAGE	
Main Street-North Side Streetscape Improvements	\$ 182,724
OSSINING - TOWN	
Louis Engel Park - Playground Equipment and Surfacing	\$ 200,000
OSSINING - VILLAGE	
Spring Street Walkability - Improvements Phase 2	\$ 200,000
RYE BROOK - VILLAGE	
Senior Center - Generator Replacement	\$ 124,811
Senior Center - Fence Replacement	\$ 38,400
TARRYTOWN - VILLAGE	
Cottage Place Sidewalk Replacement	\$ 200,000
TUCKAHOE - VILLAGE	
Tuckahoe Sanitary Sewer Relining	\$ 200,000
NON PROFIT/HOUSING	
CARING FOR THE HOMELESS OF PEEKSKILL, INC.	
Solid Ground	\$ 125,000
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, INC. (DOBBS FERRY)	
D'Assern Housing Complex - HVAC upgrades	\$ 200,000
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PEEKSKILL	
Sidewalk Repair	\$ 33,372
Parking Lot Repairs <i>(Pemart site)</i>	\$ 104,690
NICHOLAS CENTER (PLEASANTVILLE - CONSORTIUM WIDE)	
Building Bridges Autistic Adults - Community Life & Employment	\$ 50,000

APPLICANT & PROJECT TITLE	2026 RECOMMEND
PEEKSKILL HOUSING AUTHORITY	
Bohlmann Towers Bath Revitalization Phase II - Floors 5 & 6	\$ 200,000
Bohlmann Towers Bath Revitalization Phase III - Floors 3 & 4	\$ 200,000
RYE YMCA (PORT CHESTER) <i>Former All Soul's Church on Parkway Drive</i>	
Boiler Replacement	\$ 120,000
Roof Replacement	\$ 110,000
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (GREENBURGH)	
Parking Lot Remodel	\$ 170,000
New Walk-In Center	\$ 127,000
	\$ 2,685,997



2026 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Westchester County is designated as an entitlement urban county by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), allowing it to receive several federal formula grants annually. These include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), which are designed to address the housing and community development needs of residents. The Westchester County Department of Planning (WCDP) administers the Westchester Urban County Consortium (the Consortium) programs and manages the annual grant funds. The Consortium consists of 31 members and accepts CDBG applications from these members. Applications are held and considered for funding over a three year period. Each year, funds are awarded based on objective criteria, such as meeting national objectives, conducting cost-benefit analyses, and evaluating the members' compliance with the regulations set for each program.

HUD's CDBG Program provides annual funding on a formula basis to entitlement cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing safe, decent and affordable housing; suitable living environments; and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. The HOME Investment Partnerships Program is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for LMI households. The grant funds a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership, or providing direct rental assistance. The ESG Program is designed to assist people with quickly regaining stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

This plan represents the PY 2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which is a subset of the Strategic Plan addressing the overall goals of the five-year 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan. The AAP provides a concise summary of the actions, activities, and specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan. The AAP also serves as the baseline for measuring program effectiveness, as reported in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) required by HUD for each fiscal year's funding allocation. PY 2026 begins on May 1, 2026, and ends on April 30, 2027.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Consortium has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data presented in the Needs Assessment, the Market Analysis of the Consolidated Plan, and the community participation and stakeholder consultation process. Through these efforts, the Consortium has identified five (5) priority

needs and associated goals to address these needs. Over the 5-Year plan period, the Consortium will work to accomplish the following outcomes, which are listed by Priority Need.

Priority Need: Public Facilities and Infrastructure

Goal - 1A Improve & Expand Public Infrastructure

Provide public infrastructure improvements or expand infrastructure in low/mod income areas. These activities may include improvements to streets, sidewalks, water and sewer, and ADA improvements.

Goal - 1B Improve Access to Public Facilities

Provide public facility improvements in low/mod areas. These may include improvements to neighborhood facilities, parks and recreational facilities, and community centers that serve those with special needs.

Priority Need: Public Services

Goal - 2A Provide Supportive Public Services

Provide public supportive services that address the needs of low- to moderate-income communities with particular emphasis on children and youth, unemployed and under-employed individuals. The County may also support special needs groups with programs that provide vital services that offset basic costs such as health services and food programs for the elderly and persons with a disability.

Priority Need: Affordable Housing Development & Preservation

Goal - 3A New Housing Development

Provide new homeownership opportunities such as new construction of affordable homeowner housing and/or direct financial assistance for eligible first-time homebuyers.

Goal - 3B Rental Housing Opportunities

Provide rental housing development activities for low- to moderate-income households. These activities will be carried out by local housing developers under the County housing programs. Rental housing opportunities may also include rental assistance.

Goal - 3C CHDO Housing Development

The County will reserve at least 15% of annual HOME funds to support affordable housing development activities from CHDOs.

Goal - 3D Housing Rehabilitation

Provide homeowner and rental housing rehabilitation activities to help preserve the housing stock of low-to moderate-income households. Small grants or loans will be awarded to make repairs for eligible single-family households.

Priority Need: Addressing Homelessness

Goal - 4A Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing and Street Outreach

Provide homeless prevention rental assistance for individuals at-risk of homelessness, street outreach services for the homeless, and rapid rehousing rental activities to transition individuals and families into permanent housing. .

Goal - 4B Emergency Shelter and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Provide support for emergency shelter operations at local homeless shelters and shelter renovations to keep residents safe. Homeless individuals and families will receive wraparound services to help them towards stable housing and economic self-sufficiency.

Priority Need: Effective Program Management

Goal - 5A Effective Program Management

Effective program management will include general administration of CPD grant programs, monitoring subrecipients, and keeping strict grant-based accounting. Comprehensive planning requirements will include the development of AAPs, an evaluation of the performance of the programs through annual reports, and meeting citizen participation requirements.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The Westchester Urban County Consortium, with its city members and other public, private, and nonprofit community housing providers and community development service agencies, have made significant contributions addressing needs in the Consortium area. These include providing safe, decent, and affordable housing, improvements to public facilities and infrastructure, and providing for vital public services for LMI and special need groups. There has been considerable progress made; however, addressing homelessness, continued public improvements in low/mod areas, and the need for more affordable housing remain some of the most prolific issues facing Consortium residents. These are documented by the current Consolidated Plan and the most recent PY 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER provides an assessment of progress towards the five-year goals and the one-year goals of HUD entitlement grants CDBG, HOME, and ESG. The evaluation of the Consortium's performance is summarized in the annual CAPER report. The following is a summary of accomplishments by priority:

Housing: The Consortium's CDBG and HOME-funded programs have addressed the housing needs of low-to moderate-income (LMI) residents across the Consortium. According to the PR-23 Summary of Accomplishments, the CDBG program assisted 120 LMI residents through public housing modernization rehabilitation activities, 9 LMI residents with multi-unit residential rehabilitation, and 3 LMI households with homeowner housing rehabilitation. No HOME units were completed in PY 2022; however, several rental and homeowner housing units are in various stages of development. These activities are detailed in the PR-22 Status of HOME Activities report. New rental construction activities at 29 Grant Street in Rye Brook, 100 Beekman Lane in Goldens Bridge, and 1 Dromore Road in Scarsdale will add a total of 25 affordable housing units. These activities have since been completed. Additionally, there are two rental rehabilitation projects currently in development that will assist a total of 28 LMI renter households. Three new homeowner housing development projects will aid 7 LMI households once they are completed.

Public Facilities and Improvements: As of PY 2022, Westchester County UCC has assisted over 9,800 persons living in low/mod areas with park and recreational facilities, water/sewer and sidewalk improvements. These activities will help to improve the quality of life of LMI residents in the Consortium.

Public Services: The Consortium continues to fund activities that provide vital services that meet the needs of LMI residents in the Consortium. There were 658 LMI and special needs residents assisted in PY 2022 with senior services, transportation services and health services.

Homelessness: The Consortium funds homeless prevention and emergency shelter operations with ESG funds. These activities help assist homeless individuals and families in times of crisis and also help them to avoid returning to homelessness. ESG activities are now reported in the ESG Sage Reporting system.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The Consortium has adopted its HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as per 24 CFR 91.105, which sets forth the Consortium's policies and procedures for citizen participation in the PY 2026 AAP. The CPP provides guidance for public notices for the various stages of Consolidated Plan development, public hearings, and the public review of the proposed plan. Details of the Consortium's outreach efforts are provided below:

PUBLIC HEARING: The Consortium held a public hearing to gather feedback on needs in the County on April 22, 2026 at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Consortium held a public comment period from **April 22, 2026 to May 22, 2026** to give citizens an opportunity to review and make comments on the recommended FY 2026 projects.

A summary citizen participation efforts can also be viewed in AP-12 Participation.

5. Summary of public comments

PUBLIC HEARING: A summary of comments will be provided after the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A summary of comments will be provided after the public comment period.

All comments and views are accepted. A summary citizen participation efforts can also be viewed in AP-12 Participation.

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

All comments and views are welcome.

7. Summary

The PY 2026 AAP is the third program year of the 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan. The activities funded address the needs of the community and further build on the accomplishments of the goals established in the 5-Year Strategic Plan. The Consortium anticipates receiving \$4,529,567 in CDBG funds, \$1,032,577.77 in HOME program funds, and \$408,058 in ESG funds. The Consortium proposes to fund the following projects:

CDBG Administration (20%): \$905,913.40
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CDBG Housing Programs: \$834,003.00
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HOME CHDO Set-Aside 15%: \$154,886.67
HOME Housing Development Projects: \$774,433.33
ESG26-Westchester County: \$408,058.00

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	WESTCHESTER COUNTY	Planning Department
HOME Administrator	WESTCHESTER COUNTY	Planning Department
ESG Administrator	WESTCHESTER COUNTY	Planning Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The Westchester County Department of Planning (WCDP), representing the Consortium, organized a series of meetings to engage as many community stakeholders as possible during the citizen participation process. Additionally, WCDP remains in contact with the Westchester County Continuum of Care (CoC) to address the homeless needs within the Consortium. As part of the application process, WCDP encourages non-profit organizations in the Consortium municipalities to participate by submitting an application and attending meetings to discuss planning.

In preparation for the 2026 AAP, WCDP conducted a significant number of consultations with non-profit agencies, public housing agencies, government offices, and various other organizations. WCDP held a public hearing, and a 30-day public review and comment period. These efforts guided the WCDP in the development of the priority needs and goals that will be used in the plan. The table below lists the agencies that participated in the development of the PY 2026 AAP.

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))

WCDP invites non-profits in participating municipalities to apply for funding and to justify their need providing insight into the local concerns. Further, a representative of CDAG must sign the application and often advocates on their behalf.

WCDP also contacted various agencies from the health, mental health, housing providers and community development service agencies. These agencies and departments included the local public housing authorities who are operating in and located in the Westchester Urban County Consortium; local County departments such as the Westchester County Public Works & Transportation, Department of Social Services and Senior Programs and Services; and nonprofits such as Human Development Services of Westchester, The Guidance Center and Caring for the Hungry & Homeless.

WCDP also actively seeks consultation from local high-speed internet providers and the Westchester Library System to bridge the digital divide for LMI residents.

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 Westchester County Continuum of Care (CoC) is the lead organization in the region. It coordinates homeless programs and initiatives in the area. The CoC leads a network of local homeless services and

housing providers involved in planning and coordinating programs and service delivery systems that reach across the County to assist homeless persons. These activities range from homeless prevention rental assistance to street outreach services, rapid rehousing rental activities, homeless shelters, HMIS data collection, and planning and coordination.

Other services provided by the large CoC network include permanent housing and rental assistance to transitional housing, case management, self-sufficiency programs, and other emergency assistance. The goal of the CoC is to end homelessness in Westchester County.

The Westchester County CoC Coordinated Entry Program (WCCEP) provides universal services to all people who are experiencing homelessness throughout Westchester County. Individuals and families at-risk or experiencing homelessness may access Coordinated Entry at several access points across the County. All of these access points result in a Comprehensive At-Risk of homelessness assessment Tool (CART) being completed for the household and their enrollment in Coordinated Entry. Details on the Coordinated Entry Program can be found at the link: <https://www.wcochomeless.org/Coordinated-Entry>

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

WCDP focuses ESG funds on homelessness prevention so that very low-income households and the working poor, who fall behind on their rental payments do not end up displaced. They do so by (1) eviction prevention programming, (2) counseling services, (3) street outreach to provide essential services to unsheltered homeless people and (4) providing renovations and essential supplies and materials to support operations of emergency shelters for individuals and families. The CoC is consulted as the programs are created and feedback is solicited. All sub-recipients are trained and added to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS is a web-based information management system used by the County and CoC members to enable data sharing which assists providers to connect services to homeless and low-income persons in the CoC region.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Westchester County Department of Planning
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Homeless Needs - Seniors
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Westchester County Department of Planning is the lead department responsible for the plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWN OF MAMARONECK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town of Mamaroneck is a Consortium member, and consulted with community development needs.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Peekskill Presbyterian Church
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Peekskill Presbyterian Church consulted with community development needs through an application for funding.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	OSSINING CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency consulted with community development needs through an application for funding.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Nicholas Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Nicolas Center provides services for autistic adults in their Building Bridges Community Life and Employment program. The agency consulted with community development needs through an application for funding.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Greenburgh, NY Parks & Rec Dept
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The department consulted with community development needs through an application for funding.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Port Chester Carver Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Port Chester Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Port Chester Housing Authority was consulted to determine needs of the at-risk community.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Westchester Jewish Community Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Housing Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health consulted with community development needs through a survey.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWN OF CORTLANDT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.

13	Agency/Group/Organization	Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership to End Homelessness
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership to End Homelessness is the lead agency addressing homelessness in the region. The COC is engaged in ongoing communication with the County.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Elmsford
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Hastings on Hudson
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Westchester Community Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization consulted on community development needs.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Sustainable Westchester
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency consulted on community development needs.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Lewisboro
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Sleepy Hollow
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	WESTHAB, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency consulted on community development needs.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Housing Innovations, Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency consulted on community development needs.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Lifting Up Westchester, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Nonprofit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency consulted on community development needs.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity New Your City and Westchester County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency consulted on community development needs.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Port Chester
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The village consulted on community development needs.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Mount Kisco
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The town consulted on community development needs.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Peekskill
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.

27	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Pleasantville
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village consulted on community development needs through an application for funding.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consulted on community development needs through a survey.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	VILLAGE OF RYE BROOK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Village consulted on community development needs.
30	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Peekskill Section 8 Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the City of Peekskill (Section 8) was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Greenburgh Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Greenburgh Housing Authority was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Mount Kisco Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Mounty Kisco Housing Authority was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.

33	Agency/Group/Organization	MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Yonkers Housing Authority was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community. Note that this agency serves Yonkers, which is not part of the Consortium.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	WHITE PLAINS HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, White Plains Housing Authority was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community. Note that this agency serves White Plains, which is not part of the Consortium.

35	Agency/Group/Organization	North Tarrytown Housing Authority (PH units)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, North Tarrytown Housing Authority was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.
36	Agency/Group/Organization	Peekskill Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, Peekskill Housing Authority was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.
37	Agency/Group/Organization	Tarrytown Municipal Housing Authority (PH units)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, Tarrytown Municipal Housing Authority was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.
38	Agency/Group/Organization	Town of Mamaroneck Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, Town of Mamaroneck Housing Authority was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.
39	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWN OF YORKTOWN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, Town of Yorktown (Section 8) was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.
40	Agency/Group/Organization	TUCKAHOE HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, Tuckahoe Housing Authority was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.
41	Agency/Group/Organization	Village of Ossining
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The county continues to be engaged with the agency in the development and implementation of the plan. During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the Village of Ossining Section 8 Program was consulted to determine strengths and needs of the at-risk community.

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

No agency types will be intentionally excluded from the consultation process. All comments are welcome.

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	Westchester County Continuum of Care	The Strategic Plan is consistent with the goals and strategic plan of the Continuum of Care and the plan to end homelessness.
2024 Analysis of Impediments	Westchester County	The 2024 AI is an analysis of factors that may be potentially preventing access to fair housing choice in the community. Understanding the impediments to fair housing choice is an important step in addressing housing needs. The AI helps to provide information to decision makers in the community and assist in guiding the use of grant funds and other resources that target affordable housing. The AI was used to address sections of the Consolidated Plan related to fair housing issues within the Consortium.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

WCDP collaborates with other county departments and local governments to implement and coordinate housing and community development programs. Through its application process, WCDP provides funding for housing initiatives, homeless prevention efforts, community development, and public service programs aimed at enhancing the services available throughout Westchester County. WCDP is dedicated to ongoing cooperation with local communities and actively participates in Consortium housing efforts as well as countywide homeless prevention initiatives. The department will continue to be an engaged member in regional meetings and will help coordinate services and initiatives that improve the quality of life for residents.

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**

On behalf of the Consortium, WCDP has adopted its HUD approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as per 24 CFR 91.105, which sets forth the Consortium’s policies and procedures for citizen participation in the PY 2026 AAP. The CPP provides guidance for public notices for the various stages of Consolidated Plan development, public hearings, and the public review of the proposed plan. Details of WCDP’s outreach efforts are provided below:

Citizen Participation Outreach Table

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Consortium will hold a public hearing on April 22, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Michaelian Office Building located at 148 Martine Ave., Conference Room #420, White Plains, NY 10601.	A summary of comments will be included after the public hearing.	All comments are accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL
2	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	The Consortium will hold a public comment period from April 22, 2026 to May 22, 2026 to give citizens an opportunity to review and make comments on the recommended FY 2026 projects.	A summary of comments will be included after the public comment period.	All comments are accepted.	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The Consortium will hold a public hearing on TBD at the Michaelian Office Building located at 148 Martine Ave., Conference Room #420, White Plains, NY 10601.	A summary of comments will be included after the public hearing.	All comments are accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Westchester Urban County Consortium anticipates it will receive the following community planning and development funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in PY 2026.

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

These grant programs will support community development programs, affordable housing development and preservation, and address homelessness. PY 2026 is the third year of the 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan, and the Consortium anticipates it will receive similar amounts in each year of the Consolidated Plan period.

Anticipated Resources Table

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	4,529,567.00	0.00	0.00	4,529,567.00	9,059,134.00	PY 2026 is the third year of the ConPlan period. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 2x more years of the annual allocation and program income.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,032,577.77	0.00	0.00	1,032,577.77	2,065,155.54	PY 2026 is the third year of the ConPlan period. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 2x more years of the annual allocation.

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: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	408,058.00	0.00	0.00	408,058.00	816,116.00	PY 2026 is the third year of the ConPlan period. The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 2x more years of the annual allocation.

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 County requires that all programs applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding must provide an equal match to the amount requested. Matching funds can come from staffing, other grants, or various funding sources. For the HOME program, there is a 25% match requirement for all developments, which must be met by developers and housing providers. Similarly, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) requires a 1-to-1 dollar match, which is typically provided through local and state funds received by organizations offering homeless services.

The County will use Federal HUD funds as leverage for other financial resources when funding affordable housing developments, such as LIHTC, NYS Low-Income Housing, Housing Tax Credits, the NYS Trust Fund, the NYS Housing Finance Agency, private bank mortgages, and County funds such as NHLA and HIF.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Planning Staff regularly review if there is any publicly owned land or property available that can be used to address affordable housing needs. At this time there have been none identified for the plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information Table

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	1A Improve & Expand Public Infrastructure	2024	2028	Non-Housing Community Development	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Public Facilities & Infrastructure	CDBG: \$1,207,325.30	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted
2	1B Improve Access to Public Facilities	2024	2028	Non-Housing Community Development	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Public Facilities & Infrastructure	CDBG: \$1,207,325.30	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted
3	2A Provide Supportive Public Services	2024	2028	Non-Housing Community Development	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Public Services	CDBG: \$375,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted
4	3A New Housing Development	2024	2028	Affordable Housing	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Affordable Housing Development & Preservation	HOME: \$387,216.66	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	3B Rental Housing Opportunities	2024	2028	Affordable Housing	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Affordable Housing Development & Preservation	HOME: \$387,216.66	Rental units constructed: 4 Household Housing Unit
6	3C CHDO Housing Development	2024	2028	Affordable Housing	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Affordable Housing Development & Preservation	HOME: \$154,886.67	Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit
7	3D Housing Rehabilitation	2024	2028	Affordable Housing	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Affordable Housing Development & Preservation	CDBG: \$834,003.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit
8	4A Homeless Prevention, RRH & Street Outreach	2024	2028	Homeless	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Addressing Homelessness	ESG: \$244,830.00	Homelessness Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted
9	4B Emergency Shelter & HMIS	2024	2028	Homeless	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Addressing Homelessness	ESG: \$132,623.65	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 500 Persons Assisted
10	5A Effective Program Management	2024	2028	Non-Housing Community Development	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	Effective Program Management	CDBG: \$905,913.40 HOME: \$103,257.78 ESG: \$30,604.35	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	1A Improve & Expand Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	WCDP will make public infrastructure improvements or expand infrastructure in low/mod income areas. These activities may include improvements to streets, sidewalks, water and sewer, and ADA improvements.
2	Goal Name	1B Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Goal Description	WCDP will make public facility improvements in low/mod areas. These may include improvements to neighborhood facilities, parks and recreational facilities, and community centers that serve those with special needs.
3	Goal Name	2A Provide Supportive Public Services
	Goal Description	WCDP will invest in public supportive services that address the needs of low- to moderate-income communities with particular emphasis on children and youth, unemployed and under-employed individuals. The County may also support special needs groups with programs that provide vital services that offset basic costs such health services and food programs for the elderly and persons with a disability.
4	Goal Name	3A New Housing Development
	Goal Description	WCDP will fund new homeownership opportunities such as new construction of affordable homeowner housing and/or direct financial assistance for eligible first-time homebuyers.
5	Goal Name	3B Rental Housing Opportunities
	Goal Description	WCDP will fund rental housing development activities for low- to moderate-income households. These activities will be carried out by local housing developers under the County housing programs. Rental housing opportunities may also include rental assistance.
6	Goal Name	3C CHDO Housing Development
	Goal Description	WCDP will reserve at least 15% of annual HOME funds to support affordable housing development activities from CHDOs.

7	Goal Name	3D Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	WCDP will fund homeowner and rental housing rehabilitation activities to help preserve the housing stock of low- to moderate-income households. Small grants or loans will be awarded to make repairs for eligible single-family households.
8	Goal Name	4A Homeless Prevention, RRH & Street Outreach
	Goal Description	WCDP will continue to fund homeless prevention rental assistance for individuals at-risk of homelessness, street outreach services for the homeless, and rapid rehousing rental activities to help prevent individuals and families from returning to homelessness.
9	Goal Name	4B Emergency Shelter & HMIS
	Goal Description	WCDP will continue to support overnight shelter operations at local homeless shelters. Homeless individuals and families will receive wraparound services to help them towards stable housing and economic self-sufficiency.
10	Goal Name	5A Effective Program Management
	Goal Description	Effective program management will include general administration of CPD grant programs, monitoring subrecipients, and keeping strict grant-based accounting. Comprehensive planning requirements will include the development of AAPs, an evaluation of the performance of the programs through annual reports, and meeting citizen participation requirements.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects were developed in consultation with nonprofit housing and community development service providers, as well as input from citizens in the Consortium communities. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) will fund improvements to public facilities and infrastructure, public service programs, and housing rehabilitation activities. The CDBG program allows for a 20% cap on administrative costs, and no more than 15% of the grant may be allocated to public services. The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) will fund the development and preservation of affordable housing, as well as activities required under grant guidelines for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). There is a 10% cap on administrative costs for HOME grants, and 15% of the HOME grant is reserved for CHDO activities. The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) will support homeless programs, including homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, street outreach, shelter operations, and Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS). The ESG program has a 7.5% cap on administrative costs. The County has proposed the following projects:

CDBG Administration (20%): \$905,913.40
CDBG Public Services: \$375,000.00
CDBG Public Facilities & Infrastructure: \$2,414,650.00
CDBG Housing Programs: \$834,003.00
HOME Administration (10%): \$103,257.78
HOME CHDO Set-Aside 15%: \$154,886.67
HOME Housing Development Projects: \$774,433.33
ESG26-Westchester County: \$408,058.00

Projects Table

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	CDBG Public Services
3	CDBG Public Facilities & Infrastructure
4	CDBG Housing Programs
5	HOME Administration
6	HOME CHDO Set-Aside 15%
7	HOME Non-CHDO Housing Development
8	ESG26 Westchester County

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The Consortium's funded projects will address the housing and community development needs as identified in the 2024-2028 ConPlan. The following needs are categorized by priority.

Public facilities and infrastructure improvements have been identified as a need in the Consortium region. Public facilities and infrastructure improvements are addressed through CDBG funds and will only target low/mod income areas as identified by HUD LMISD data or towards specific special need groups such as the elderly, persons with a disability and the homeless.

Public services that improve the quality of life for LMI residents have also been identified as a need in the Consortium. A 15% grant cap is allocated for public services; however the needs of residents far exceed the available grant funds.

One of the Consortium's highest priorities remains the preservation and development of affordable housing for both rental and owner-occupied households. CDBG and HOME funds address these needs as eligible under each grant. Activities include direct financial assistance, rental housing construction, existing homeowner housing rehab, and other homeownership opportunities.

Homeless housing and supportive services that work to end homelessness in the area are a high priority, and the ESG program addresses this need. The WCDP will award funds to programs that help with homeless prevention and rapid rehousing activities, street outreach, HMIS as well as emergency shelter services for persons experiencing homelessness.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts
	Goals Supported	5A Effective Program Management
	Needs Addressed	Effective Program Management
	Funding	CDBG: \$905,913.40
	Description	Program administration of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A, Other: 1
	Location Description	Consortium-wide, eligible.
	Planned Activities	Program administration of the CDBG program (21A).
2	Project Name	CDBG Public Services
	Target Area	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts
	Goals Supported	2A Provide Supportive Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$375,000.00
	Description	WCDP will fund vital public services for LMI households and special needs groups.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Consortium-wide, eligible.

	Planned Activities	Planned activities will be services for LMI and special needs and may include senior services (05A), services for persons with a disability (05B), youth services (05D), health services (05M) and homeless programs (03T).
3	Project Name	CDBG Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Target Area	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts
	Goals Supported	1A Improve & Expand Public Infrastructure 1B Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,414,650.00
	Description	Improve and expand public infrastructure in low/mod areas. Improve access to public facilities that will benefit LMI persons and special need groups.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public facilities and/or Infrastructure other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10,000 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Consortium wide, eligible. Low/mod block group tracts.
	Planned Activities	Public facility and infrastructure Improvement throughout low/mod block group tracts in consortium communities. These activities may include improvements to homeless facilities (03C), youth centers (03D), neighborhood facilities (03E), parks and recreational facilities (03F), streets (03K), sidewalks (03L), and water/sewer systems (03J).
4	Project Name	CDBG Housing Programs
	Target Area	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts
	Goals Supported	3D Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Development & Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$834,003.00
	Description	WCDP will provide funding for minor owner-occupied housing rehabilitation for eligible LMI households.
	Target Date	6/30/2027

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit
	Location Description	Consortium-wide, eligible.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities will include owner-occupied housing rehab (14A)
5	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts
	Goals Supported	5A Effective Program Management
	Needs Addressed	Effective Program Management
	Funding	HOME: \$103,257.78
	Description	Administration of the HOME program.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A, Other: 1
	Location Description	Consortium-wide, eligible.
	Planned Activities	Administration of the HOME program.
6	Project Name	HOME CHDO Set-Aside 15%
	Target Area	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts
	Goals Supported	3C CHDO Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Development & Preservation
	Funding	HOME: \$154,886.67
	Description	Increase affordable rental availability for LMI households through CHDO development activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Rental units Rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit

	Location Description	Consortium-wide, eligible.
	Planned Activities	CHDO development activities.
7	Project Name	HOME Non-CHDO Housing Development
	Target Area	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts
	Goals Supported	3A New Housing Development 3B Rental Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Development & Preservation
	Funding	HOME: \$774,433.33
	Description	Provide affordable housing opportunities such as new construction of affordable housing for homeowners and renters.
	Target Date	6/30/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 LMI Household Housing Unit Rental units constructed: 4 LMI Household Housing Unit
	Location Description	Consortium-wide, eligible.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities will include new construction of affordable housing for homeowners and renters.
8	Project Name	ESG26 Westchester County
	Target Area	Consortium Communities Low/Mod Block Group Tracts
	Goals Supported	4A Homeless Prevention, RRH & Street Outreach 4B Emergency Shelter & HMIS 5A Effective Program Management
	Needs Addressed	Addressing Homelessness Effective Program Management
	Funding	ESG: \$408,058.00
	Description	WCDP will fund homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, street outreach, HMIS and emergency shelter.
	Target Date	6/30/2027

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 500 Persons Assisted Homeless Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted
Location Description	Consortium-wide, eligible.
Planned Activities	Planned activities for ESG 2026: Admin will be no more than 7.5%: \$30,604.35 Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach will not exceed 60% of the ESG annual allocation: \$132,623.65 Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing and HMIS: \$244,830.00

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 Westchester County Department of Planning (WCDP) does not allocate funding based on geographic requirements when requesting applications; rather, funds are made available Consortium-wide through applications from eligible persons/households, organizations, and eligible community projects. For the CDBG program, individuals or households must meet income qualifications in order to receive direct assistance from affordable housing activities and public services. For eligible public facilities & infrastructure improvements, WCDP will target low/mod-income block group tract areas in need. For the HOME program, individuals or households must meet income qualifications for affordable housing program assistance. ESG serves homeless or at-risk homeless individuals and households. Please see the Discussion for a description of areas with low-income and minority concentrations.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Consortium Communities	50
Low/Mod Block Group Tracts	50

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Within the Consortium Communities, activities are targeted towards low- to moderate-income individuals and households (less than 80% AMI) and must be located within the Consortium Communities as outlined in the SP-10 of the Consolidated Plan. WCDP provides funding to Consortium Communities through an application process and proof of need.

When the WCDP has identified public facility or infrastructure improvement activities, the activities will primarily serve a community or neighborhood. These activities are said to have an “area-wide” benefit. Per HUD requirements, these areas must be within an eligible census block group tract, as defined by HUD-CDBG regulations, whereby the majority of the residents are at least 51% low- to moderate-income, however the Consortium is an exception grantee as few of the Low/Mod Eligible Block Group Tracts meet the 51 percent criteria. Due to this, HUD considers eligible Low/Mod Eligible Block Group Tracts for the Consortium to be 44.7% low/mod or more. In PY 2026, WCDP will allocate 50% of CDBG funds towards these activities.

To determine census block group tracts, the WCDP will be utilizing HUD’s CDBG Low Mod Income Summary Data (LMISD) from the HUD Exchange website, which has defined the eligible tracts within the jurisdiction. The identified census block group tracts that are considered low-moderate income can be found on the HUD Exchange website at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod->

Discussion

Low Income & Minority Concentration

1. Low-Income Households

A “low-income concentration” is any census tract where the median household income (MHI) is 80% or less than the MHI for Westchester County. According to the 2020-2024 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the MHI in the County is \$118,976. A tract is considered to have a low-income concentration if the MHI is \$95,180 or less. There are a few areas in the County that have a concentration of low-income families, with the largest concentrations centered around White Plains, Yonkers and Mount Vernon. There are also several concentrations around Mount Pleasant, Port Chester, Peekskill, Pelham and Cortlandt.

2. Race/Ethnicity

For the purposes of this analysis, a concentration is any census tract where the racial or ethnic minority group makes up 10% more than the countywide average. Minority groups with a population less than 1% were not factored. Data was taken from the 2020-2024 ACS.

Black, non-Hispanic persons made up 12.7% of the population, and a tract with a concentration would be 22.7% or more. The largest concentrations are between White Plains and Mount Pleasant, and there are also concentrations in and around Mount Vernon and Yonkers.

Asian, non-Hispanic persons were 6.2% of the population, and a tract with a concentration would be 16.2% or more. Most concentrations are just southwest of White Plains in Greenville and Scarsdale. There are also scattered tracts with a concentration near Mount Kisco, Mount Pleasant and Yonkers.

Hispanic persons were 27.4% of the population, and a tract with a concentration would be 37.4% or more. The concentrations are primarily around Yonkers, White Plains, Port Chester and Ossining.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Westchester Urban County Consortium is committed to supporting the development and preservation of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and households. In PY 2026, the WCDP on behalf of the Consortium will fund four activities that address these needs: homeowner and renter housing rehab, new rental housing development, and homebuyer opportunities.

The annual goals listed in this section specify the following goals for affordable housing assistance for non-homeless populations. The terms for affordable housing are defined in 24 CFR 92.252 for rental housing and 24 CFR 92.254 for homeownership. This section only reports grant program activities under the CDBG and HOME programs.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	28
Special-Needs	0
Total	28

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	6
Rehab of Existing Units	22
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	28

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Homeowner Housing Added: 2 LMI Household Housing Units

Rental units constructed: 4 LMI Household Housing Units

Rental units Rehabilitated: 2 LMI Household Housing Units

Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Units

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public housing was created to offer safe and decent rental options for eligible low- and moderate-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. The WCDP does not own any public housing authority; rather, each housing authority operates independently, featuring its own waiting list for assistance, program guidelines, and areas of service. Public housing consists of federally subsidized affordable housing managed by public housing authorities (PHAs). Additionally, PHAs oversee the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, which provides financial assistance to residents for renting their chosen units. There are seven (7) Public Housing Authorities that administer public housing (PH) units or combined programs with both PH and Section 8 HCV vouchers. There are also four (4) Section 8-only programs within the Consortium:

- City of Peekskill (Section 8)
- CVR New York (Section 8)
- Greenburgh Housing Authority (Combined)
- Mount Kisco Housing Authority (Combined)
- North Tarrytown Housing Authority (PH units)
- Peekskill Housing Authority (PH units)
- Port Chester Housing Authority (PH units)
- Tarrytown Municipal Housing Authority (PH units)
- Town of Yorktown (Section 8)
- Tuckahoe Housing Authority (PH units)
- Village of Ossining Section 8 Program (Section 8)

Each PHA, as needed, will continue to work to increase the number of accessible units available to all current and potential future residents, including those who are disabled and protected under the Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement. To address the needs of individuals and families with disabilities, the public housing authorities, along with the WCDP, will seek to increase educational opportunities for landlords and property managers to better understand and implement Section 504 Compliance and ADA requirements, in addition to providing resources to improve accessibility in publicly supported housing units as needed.

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

WCDP will accept applications that address the affordable housing needs of the local housing authorities. WCDP has recently used CDBG funds for electrical upgrades and bathroom rehabs in several sites owned by the PHAs. WCDP will also disseminate materials and discuss fair and affordable housing opportunities through presentations. ESG funds will also help with homeless prevention and eviction

prevention through the housing authorities.

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

Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) collaborate with resident advisory boards or councils in each public housing community. Their main goals include implementing and enforcing standards and expectations that encourage families to strive for self-sufficiency. Additionally, resident advisory groups have opportunities to provide feedback and participate in the development of PHA plans.

Each PHA is eligible to run a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, which can provide case management services to targeted families in public housing and the Section 8 Program. The main focus of the FSS program is to help families achieve goals in education, employment, and homeownership. Through these activities, they may work to become economically self-sufficient.

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

N/A. WCDP does not operate any PHA and refers all public housing needs to PHAs in their respective areas.

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

Introduction

The Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership to End Homelessness (CoC) is the primary organization responsible for homeless prevention initiatives in Westchester County. It leads a network of service providers aimed at ending homelessness. This section outlines how the Westchester County Department of Planning (WCDP) and the CoC coordinate their efforts within the Consortium and the broader county area, and it highlights some of the service providers that assist individuals at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.

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 WCDP collaborates closely with the Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership to End Homelessness (CoC) when reaching out to homeless persons in the region. Whenever possible, WCDP attends the monthly CoC member meetings to discuss program initiatives and address current community issues. Additionally, WCDP and CoC jointly provide training for ESG sub-recipients and review program directives and monitoring processes to ensure comprehensive coverage of sub-populations. The two organizations also meet periodically to discuss funding opportunities and the release of requests for proposals. This coordination is essential for improving service delivery, maximizing resources, and minimizing duplication of efforts in reaching out to the homeless and assessing their needs.

The CoC administers the Westchester County Coordinated Entry Program (WCCEP), which provides universal services to all people who are experiencing homelessness throughout Westchester County. Coordinated entry is one of the main tools in assessing the needs of the homeless in Westchester County. Coordinated entry appoints an assessor to quickly coordinate a housing provider, and if this referral is accepted by the client, then placement can be made to safe and suitable housing. Referrals can be made for any homeless persons living or sleeping in places not meant for human habitation, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, those staying in shelters, and those exiting institutions where they stayed up to 90 days and were homeless before staying in these systems of care.

WCDP focuses ESG funds on homelessness prevention so that very low-income households and the working poor, who fall behind on their rental payments don't end up displaced. They do so by (1) eviction prevention programming, and (2) counseling services. Other activities that help are street outreach to identify and provide essential services to unsheltered homeless people and providing renovations, essential supplies and materials to support operations of emergency shelters for individuals and families

as these shelters address those in crisis working to regain self-sufficiency.

The CoC is consulted as the programs are created and feedback is solicited. All sub-recipients are trained and added to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS is a web-based information management system used by the WCDP and CoC members to enable data sharing which assists providers to connect services to homeless and low-income persons in the CoC region.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The WCDP refers to the CoC for the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of the homeless in the Consortium. Emergency shelters reporting to the CoC Homeless Assistance Programs Housing Inventory Count are CHOP Inc., Emergency Shelter Partnership, Hope's Door, Lifting Up Westchester, My Sister's Place, Providence House, Sharing Community, WestCOP, Westhab, WestHELP, the YWCA and more. The shelters range in the number of services provided beyond beds and target populations they specialize in. Most offer wraparound services that help meet the unique needs of each person during their time of crisis.

Transitional housing is provided by CHOP, HOPE Community Services, IFCA, Westhab, and the YWCA. These services include short-term residences that help individuals and families stabilize while they work towards becoming self-sufficient. The White Plains YWCA offers an ex-offender program that helps individuals with reentry services while they transition back into the community.

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

Several agencies in the area help homeless individuals and families, veterans, and youth make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. Many of these providers are part of the local CoC network and are connected through the coordinated entry program.

The Westchester County Department of Social Services (DSS) offers temporary shelter for homeless families, individuals, and childless couples. The office collaborates with nonprofit organizations that provide case management services in shelter facilities, transitional residences, and emergency apartments. These homeless programs are designed to assist individuals in transitioning to permanent housing and achieving independence. Organizations like CHI Inc., CHOP, IFCA, and Westhab also offer family transitional housing programs and manage transitional housing sites that provide family units and

comprehensive support services.

Westhab runs the Vet Home 3 facility for veterans, which houses up to 6 adults and provides services to help them transition to permanent supportive housing. The Veterans Administration also has three programs in the County that help provide veterans with permanent housing. HUD VASH vouchers are a solution for over 80 veterans in permanent housing.

The Children's Village offers shelters and transitional housing programs for runaway youth. Services offered at these sites help youth return to positive housing destinations while providing a stable living situation in which to work towards their goals.

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 WCDP focuses ESG funds on homelessness prevention, which includes rental housing assistance, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, street outreach and HMIS activities. WCDP is connected to a network of experienced service providers, which provide the eligible services granted by the ESG program.

Several rapid rehousing programs in the County include Westhab's New Start and Rapid Road to Housing programs. HOPE Community Services also runs a TBRA program in Rochelle. CHOP runs the RISE Rapid Rehousing program, which also provides rental assistance to help households avoid returning to homelessness.

Westchester Disabled on the Move helps individuals and their families with disabilities find stable housing after they are released from nursing homes and similar care institutions. The agency also helps them obtain affordable healthcare and housing subsidies.

The Westchester Guidance Center helps children, teens, adults, and families who are dealing with mental health, substance use, and co-occurring complex challenges. Individual, group, and family psychotherapy, as well as psychiatric evaluations and medication management, are available. These services help families avoid becoming homeless after receiving care.

The White Plains YWCA offers an ex-offender program that helps individuals with reentry services and housing options while transitioning back into the community.

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

Introduction:

The Westchester Urban County Consortium completed its most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) in conjunction with the most recent ConPlan. The AI outlines 10 identified impediments to fair housing choice. Numbers 7-10 are related to affordability:

1. Uneven Growth Patterns
2. Varied Concentrations of Non-White Population
3. Language Barriers to Affordable Housing Information
4. Older Population Aging in Place
5. Accessible Jurisdictional Housing Strategies and Zoning Regulations for All
6. Lack of New Housing Construction in Several Communities
7. Lack of Affordable Housing for Renters
8. Racial/Ethnicity Income Inequality
9. High Number of Cost-Burdened Renters
10. Unequal Home Ownership by Race

In the Consortium, the ten barriers to fair and affordable housing, while not directly resulting from current policies, reflect the legacy of historic discrimination and persisting disparities, such as uneven access to credit and opportunity. Policies that do not provide sufficient incentives for affordable housing development can lead to a lack of investment in this critical sector. These factors collectively contribute to a reduced supply of affordable units, hindering accessibility for low- and moderate-income households. The Consortium is dedicated to addressing these issues through specific programmatic actions and policy revisions, aiming to improve housing affordability for all. This initiative also includes addressing the residual impact of historical policies to ensure contemporary housing accessibility aligns with modern standards of fairness and inclusivity.

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

In an effort to overcome or ameliorate barriers to affordable housing, the Westchester Urban County Consortium identified corresponding strategic actions for consideration and implementation. The actions listed will be addressed over the next five years, aligning the accomplishments of these actions with the consolidated planning cycle. Although it is likely that not all impediments will be eliminated in the short period of five years, the Consortium will strive to further fair housing and reduce these barriers to promote fair housing choice. Strategic actions include:

1. Reform regulatory barriers to facilitate missing middle housing;

2. Establish new financial incentives;
3. Offer surplus land for affordable housing;
4. Rezone vacant or underutilized commercial or industrial land;
5. Expand the Housing Flex Fund; and
6. Promote the use of the Mortgage Credit Certificate.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The Westchester County Department of Planning (WCDP) is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its citizens, especially those with low to moderate incomes (LMI) and special needs. The Consortium's grant programs, which include CDBG, HOME, and ESG, focus on housing and community development initiatives. These initiatives involve providing public services, improving public infrastructure and facilities, offering affordable housing programs, and supporting homeless assistance programs. Below are additional actions planned by the WCDP to address the needs of residents in the Consortium.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

WCDP will continue to seek new funding sources for programs that address the needs of underserved populations within the Consortium. According to the Needs Assessment outlined in the Consolidated Plan, cost burden remains the most significant housing issue in the Consortium, and these challenges have intensified due to rising housing costs. A general lack of funding and available local programs hamper efforts to provide the necessary services that help individuals and families escape poverty and secure affordable, decent housing. To tackle this issue, the WCDP will leverage federal funds to obtain local and state grants whenever possible. Existing funds will focus on the most underserved populations in the Consortium and will be prioritized based on need.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The WCDP will work with housing providers to assist LMI households with affordable housing programs. Planned activities will include homeowner-occupied housing rehab, homebuyer assistance, and developments. In addition to these, WCDP will work to increase affordable rental housing opportunities for LMI households through both new rental development and the rehabilitation of existing units.

Rehabilitation is an important component of the housing program. The WCDP is given first refusal on tax-in-rem parcels, rehabilitates them, and then markets and sells them affordably to LMI homebuyers. Rehab is also requested through the application process from nonprofit developers/owners and housing authorities.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The WCDP will monitor all housing units that were either rehabilitated or constructed with federal funds to ensure that not only are the affordability requirements being met, but also that lead-based paint hazards are not present. In 2021, the WCDP was awarded a \$4.1 million Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant to reduce lead paint hazards in housing units with low- and moderate-income households. The WCDP maintains a computer database of all assisted units with Lead-based paint hazards funds and owners are required to promote these housing units to families with child under the

age of six years for a period of three years after the end of the period of work performance. In addition, in compliance with HUD grant program regulations, WCDP housing rehabilitation inspectors are trained and certified as EPA-certified lead risk assessors.

The Westchester County Department of Health's code requires blood level tests on all children at their two-year physicals and will make referrals to primary care physicians for affected children. The Health Department also administers a childhood lead poisoning prevention program to identify communities with high incidences of lead poisoning and to provide education and outreach to those communities that have a high number of children with elevated blood levels. The WCDP will work closely with the Department of Health to provide outreach services, referrals of property owners with notice and demand violations and identify elevated blood level cases through the Primary Preventive Childhood Lead Poisoning Pilot Program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The activities outlined in this plan aim to directly reduce poverty and alleviate homelessness in the Consortium area. Public service programs are designed to improve the quality of life for residents, while affordable housing preservation programs will focus on rehabilitating housing. This will help low- to moderate-income (LMI) households maintain living conditions that prevent homelessness. CDBG and HOME funds will primarily target households with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Additionally, ESG funds will support homelessness prevention activities and provide rapid rehousing rental assistance, which will help individuals and families avoid returning to homelessness.

Finally, the WCDP will ensure that all construction projects under the CDBG and HOME grant programs are in compliance with Section 3 Regulations. Section 3 helps to establish more economically sustainable communities by ensuring that employment and other economic opportunities generated by Federal assistance for development programs are directed towards very low- and low-income persons to the greatest extent possible, and in particular to those who are recipients of Federal assistance.

The WCDP will collaborate with multiple other municipal planning and community development departments as well as local nonprofit organizations that operate programs with similar goals of reducing the poverty level in the Consortium area. Actions that the WCDP may implement include:

- Targeting federal CDBG funds to neighborhoods that are low/mod as identified by HUD's LMISD data as these areas commonly have a higher poverty rate than the rest of the Consortium communities;
- Supporting public service programs to LMI households that encourage housing stability and improve the quality of life of residents;
- Continue to fund housing rehab activities for owners to maintain the condition of their homes,

which will prevent the risk of homelessness.

- Support affordable housing development opportunities;
- Support housing developments that set aside housing units targeted to households with incomes less than 30% of the County AMI;
- Provide direct rental assistance for LMI households and/or individuals and families at risk of homelessness.
- Provide assistance for special needs groups such as those with a disability, the elderly, and victims of domestic violence.
- Address homelessness through the use of federal ESG funds.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The WCDP will continue to work closely with its network of public service agencies, housing providers, developers, CoC members, other local homeless service providers, public housing authorities (PHAs), and the Consortium member government departments. This collaboration aims to expand opportunities that enhance the quality of life for citizens. These relationships are essential for building a strong institutional framework to effectively implement CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs for the Consortium's most vulnerable populations.

During the WCDP's grant application process, grant basics will be discussed with potential and long-time collaborators, and technical assistance will be provided. Subrecipients will receive guidance on the grant programs to stay in compliance and meet timely reporting requirements. Monitoring activities will not only measure each project's effectiveness in carrying out their program activities, but also help to improve and build the capacity of the subrecipient.

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

The WCDP will continue to coordinate planning activities with housing providers, public service agencies, members of the Continuum of Care, and the Consortium Communities. WCDP staff will also continue participating in local homeless initiatives and fair housing awareness efforts.

The WCDP will offer technical assistance to subrecipients of its federal grants to ensure the success of each program and improve the lives of the intended beneficiaries. Through activities such as monitoring and progress reports, the WCDP will enhance the coordination among grant recipients and help achieve its overall program objectives.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The following section provides details on program-specific requirements for each of the three entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). WCDP does not anticipate generating any program income for the CDBG program.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Program Requirements Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Program Requirements
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

Not applicable.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Please see the AD-25 grantee unique appendices for the County's Resale and Recapture Policy Provisions.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The affordability provisions may vary based on the factors in place when the deed restrictions were filed. The county's current standard is at least 50 years. The WCDP has a full monitoring program and staff to ensure compliance.

Please see the Resale and Recapture Policy Provisions Final attachment in the AD-25 grantee unique appendices.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Not applicable.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable. WCDP does not plan to fund TBRA activities with FY 2026 HOME program funds.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable. WCDP does not plan to fund TBRA activities with FY 2026 HOME program funds.

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR

92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

In accordance with 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3), an owner of rental housing assisted with HOME funds must comply with the marketing requirements established by Westchester County, which is the participating jurisdiction (PJ) pursuant to 24 CFR 92.351(a). The owner of the rental housing project must adopt and follow written tenant selection policies and criteria, which include that it may give a preference to a particular segment of the population if permitted in its written agreement with the PJ, such as persons with a disability or other special needs. However, at this time, there is no limit to eligibility or preference given to any particular segment of the population with rental housing projects funded by the Consortium's HOME program funds. HOME funds must, however, target low- to moderate-income households. The WCDP provides equal access to all eligible households.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Requirements
Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

- For Homeless clients - Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter Services. Street Outreach is for actual homeless individuals who reside on the street. Emergency Shelter benefits homeless individuals or families who currently reside in a shelter with either services or upgrades to the facility.

- For Homelessness Prevention clients - must be at or below 30% AMI, be within 21 days of an eviction and meet the criteria of “at risk of homelessness” as defined by HUD.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

All non-profits that interact with a client must ensure that forms are completed and entered into the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). A referral from the COC is forwarded to the appropriate nonprofit and a monthly log is submitted to the Program Specialist/Admin.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The County issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) for ESG related services and non-profit organizations submit proposals. Awards are issued based on services they provide, responsiveness and CoC yearly recommendations to focus activities and funds.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

Under the CoC Partnership, the County's Departments of Social Services and Community Mental Health administer the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program. A board was created that includes the participation of homeless and formerly homeless individuals to develop and implement policies and funding decisions. The WCDP requires that each non-profit that is funded, have a Board that includes meeting the conditions of the CFR.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Individuals must have income that is no more than 30% AMI and they must meet all of HUD requirements for getting services through ESG which can be challenging. Additional outreach methods are being considered to reach this population. Performance evaluations are conducted

when non-profits submit invoices for services which include a signed checklist that is used to confirm that all requirements have been met.