

# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

Each year, the City of Gastonia develops an Annual Action Plan which details specific activities to carry out its Five-Year Consolidated Plan's priorities and goals.

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

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The objectives for the PY2024 Program Year include:

- (1). Develop affordable housing through: CHDO set-aside, New Construction, Direct Homeownership Assistance,
- (2). Develop public infrastructure which provides support to individuals and families within the community,
- (3). Address homelessness communitywide, and
- (4). Provide the general administration and project delivery to support programs.

### 3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Gastonia based its goals and objectives for PY2024 on community participation and data. These aspects support the continued need for the following projects:

- Affordable Housing
- Direct Homeownership Assistance
- Rental Assistance
- Housing and Supportive Services
- Public Improvements and Neighborhood Revitalization

- Fair Housing: Education and Enforcement
- Program Administration

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Citizen participation is multi-faceted through a combination of committee involvement, public meetings, and public comment. Priority needs are developed based on community participation and stakeholder consultation for both the City of Gastonia and Gastonia-Gaston Consortium.

#### **5. Summary of public comments**

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

No public comments were offered.

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

Not applicable as no public comments or questions were offered.

#### **7. Summary**

The City of Gastonia and the Gastonia-Gaston Consortium prioritize needs through community participation and stakeholder consultation via committee involvement, public meetings, and public comments. However, in this instance, no public comments were received.

**PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)**

**1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan**

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

<b>Agency Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Agency</b>
CDBG Administrator	Gastonia	Community Development Division
HOME Administrator	Gastonia	Community Development Division

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative**

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

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Gastonia utilized its citizen participation process to engage citizens, non-profit agencies, developers and the like to comment on the planning of its PY2024 Annual Action Plan.

**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)).**

A public comment period and public hearings were used to field citizen comments as related to the preparation of the PY2024 Annual Action Plan.

**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 City of Gastonia regularly engages with the CoC to determine the areas of efforts needed for each defined category of homelessness.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

The City of Gastonia regularly engages with the Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland Continuum of Care throughout the program year to collaborate and understand the evolving needs as it relates to homelessness. It is through this engagement that the CoC performance standards, outcomes of projects and other related matters are conveyed. This information is taken into consideration when preparing the Annual Action Plan.

### **2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Citizens Advisory Board
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Annual Action Plan
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) was aware of the planning process and involved in the public hearing process and encouraged to provide input as to the needs of the community.

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

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	HealthNet Gaston	The goals of the Strategic Plan align with the CoC's plan to end homelessness. Both plans cover several years and outlines activities to reach accomplishment.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative**

**AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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**

Committee involvement, public notices, public hearings and comment periods are used to solicit citizen participation and input for proposed projects and activities. Each activity allows for input essential to public participation in developing plans and carrying out activities.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Non-targeted/broad community	In-person public hearing was held on Thursday June 6, 2024. No attendees were present.	No comments were received.	N/A	
2	Public Comment Period	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish  Non-targeted/broad community	Public Comment period was held May 22, 2024 thru June 22, 2024	No responses were received from the comment period	N/A	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

The City of Gastonia expects to receive a total allocation of \$1,383,914.75 in HUD grant funds for the 2024 program year, including \$561,053 in CDBG and \$708,500.75 in HOME grant funds.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	561,053	34,790	0	595,843	0	Funding to assist low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and households with housing, services, employment opportunities, and public improvements.

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			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	708,501	79,571	0	788,072	0	Funding to assist low- and moderate-income households obtain and maintain safe, decent, and affordable housing.

**Table 2 - 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 City of Gastonia will leverage resources through partnerships with local agencies, including nonprofit organizations and for-profit companies, that contribute additional funding and staff time to the projects funded through CDBG and HOME grant money. Over the next five years, Gastonia anticipates satisfying match requirements through a variety of means, such as:

- City of Gastonia funding and other support for HealthNet Gaston;
- Local funding provided by the United Way of Gaston County;
- Local funding provided by Continuum of Care member agencies;
- In kind services for new construction and rehabilitation by Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County;

- Waived fees provided by local banks participating in the City's Homebuyers Assistance Program; and
- Grant match funds for public facility and infrastructure projects.

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

CDBG funding may be used to develop public facilities or infrastructure on existing publicly-owned land to benefit low- and moderate-income people or households. Additionally, publicly-owned residential lots may be used to support additional housing/homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households. If CDBG or HOME grant funds are ever used to acquire property for public purposes, the City will follow acquisition requirements to determine fair market value.

**Discussion**

The PY2024 allocation for CDBG is \$561,053 with anticipated program income of \$34,790 from CDBG loan repayment. The PY2024 HOME allocation is \$708,500.75 with \$79,571 in program in come from HOME loan repayment.

## **Annual Goals and Objectives**

### **AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)**

## Goals Summary Information

<b>Sort Order</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Start Year</b>	<b>End Year</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Geographic Area</b>	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Goal Outcome Indicator</b>
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1	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Central Gastonia Gastonia Consortium	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing Homebuyer Assistance Rental Assistance	CDBG: \$301,332 HOME: \$711,235	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 0 Business Brownfield acres remediated: 0 Acre Rental units constructed: 0 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 6 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 8 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 3 Households
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2	Homeless Assistance and Services	2020	2024	Homeless	Central Gastonia	Homeless Housing and Supportive Services	CDBG: \$81,318 HOME: \$87,093	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 0 Business Brownfield acres remediated: 0 Acre Rental units constructed: 0 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 0 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 3 Households
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7	Fair Housing	2020	2024	Fair Housing	Central Gastonia	Fair Housing Education and Enforcement	CDBG: \$19,500 HOME: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 400 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 0 Business Brownfield acres remediated: 0 Acre Rental units constructed: 0 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 0 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 0 Households
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8	Program Administration	2020	2024	Administration	Central Gastonia	Program Administration	CDBG: \$116,189 HOME: \$76,837	Other: 650 Other

Table 3 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Assistance and Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	Fair Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	
8	<b>Goal Name</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	

## AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

### Introduction

The projects listed below represent the activities Gastonia plans to undertake during the 2024 program year to address the goals of providing decent affordable housing, promoting a suitable living environment, and encouraging economic opportunity.

Table 1 – Project Information

#	Project Name
1	CDBG-Administration
2	CDBG-Project Delivery
3	CDBG-Fair Housing
4	CDBG-Property Disposition/ Maintenance
5	Continuum of Care (CoC)
6	CoC Non-Profit
7	Cold Weather Shelter
8	Community Based Development Organization
9	Public Improvements and Neighborhood Revitalization
10	Housing Rehabilitation
11	Property Acquisition
12	Demolition and Clearance
13	Code Enforcement
14	HOME General Admin
15	CHDO Set-Aside
16	CHDO Operating
17	New Construction
18	Direct Homeowner Assistance
19	Tenant Based Rental Assistance

Table 4 – Project Information

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

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

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG-Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing Rental Assistance Homeless Housing and Supportive Services Program Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$116,189
	<b>Description</b>	Funds allocated for salaries, fringe benefits and general expenses
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	400
	<b>Location Description</b>	Corporate limits of Gastonia
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG-Project Delivery
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing Homeless Housing and Supportive Services Public Improvements/ Neighborhood Revitalization Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$71,501
	<b>Description</b>	Funds allocated for salaries fringe benefits and general expenses n the execution of the rehab/new construction affordable housing programs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	400
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

3	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG-Fair Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Fair Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homebuyer Assistance Rental Assistance Homeless Housing and Supportive Services Fair Housing Education and Enforcement
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$19,500
	<b>Description</b>	Funds allocated for general expenses for fair housing administration, fair housing activities, fair housing hot line and minor recruitment of contractors.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	400
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
4	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG-Property Disposition/ Maintenance
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$14,062
	<b>Description</b>	Weed cutting, maintenance & repairs, utilities a& gas service for properties for federally-acquired properties.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	45
	<b>Location Description</b>	Corporate limits of Gastonia
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Continuum of Care (CoC)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Assistance and Services

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homeless Housing and Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$65,245
	<b>Description</b>	Funds allocated to provide technical assistance & build capacity for the homeless strategy
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	242
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CoC Non-Profit
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Assistance and Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homeless Housing and Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,073
	<b>Description</b>	Designed to assist CoC and other service providers serving low/mod income limited clientele
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	242
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Cold Weather Shelter
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Assistance and Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homeless Housing and Supportive Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funds allocated to provide immediate shelter when temperatures are below freezing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	175
	<b>Location Description</b>	Corporate limits of Gastonia
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Based Development Organization
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,444
	<b>Description</b>	Carry out activities that improve the physical, economic or social environment of a specific geographic area or neighborhood that addresses one or more critical problems.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2
	<b>Location Description</b>	Corporate limits of Gastonia
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Improvements and Neighborhood Revitalization
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Improvements/ Neighborhood Revitalization
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$76,447
	<b>Description</b>	Funds allocated for the provision or improvement of various public infrastructure/public facilities to provide the greatest community benefit in low- and moderate- income areas.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	300
	<b>Location Description</b>	Corporate limits of Gastonia
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$143,658
	<b>Description</b>	Program designed to assist low to moderate income families address health & safety issues
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	5
	<b>Location Description</b>	Corporate limits of Gastonia
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Property Acquisition
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$953
	<b>Description</b>	Funds allocated to acquire affordable housing units for homeownership
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1
	<b>Location Description</b>	Corporate limits of Gastonia
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Demolition and Clearance
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Improvements/ Neighborhood Revitalization
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,057

	<b>Description</b>	Funds allocated to clear, demolish, or remediate structures to prevent blight in low and moderate- income areas.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1
	<b>Location Description</b>	City-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Code Enforcement
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$69,714
	<b>Description</b>	Ensure safety and compliance standards
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	45
	<b>Location Description</b>	Corporate limits of Gastonia
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME General Admin
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$76,837
	<b>Description</b>	Funds to supplement salaries & general expenses for the administration of the HOME Program
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	250
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CHDO Set-Aside
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$106,275
	<b>Description</b>	Designated CHDO for and operating expense
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CHDO Operating
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$5,911
	<b>Description</b>	CHDO operational support for the development of affordable housing
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	New Construction
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Develop, Acquire, or Preserve Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$460,000

	<b>Description</b>	New construction of affordable housing units
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	4
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Direct Homeowner Assistance
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homebuyer Assistance
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$51,956
	<b>Description</b>	This program provides down payment & closing cost assistance to qualified low/mod income homebuyers. Up to \$7,500.00 in assistance to include soft costs
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	8
	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>19</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	<b>Target Area</b>	Central Gastonia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Safe and Decent Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Rental Assistance
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$87,093
	<b>Description</b>	Program to help individual households acquire permanent housing
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3

	<b>Location Description</b>	County-Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

CDBG funding is allocated to the City of Gastonia for use within the city limits for housing assistance, public services, economic development, and public infrastructure and facility improvements. The Local Target Area shown below includes Gastonia city limits, where 100% of CDBG funds will be spent over the next year.

As of the FY2019, HUD identified 60 of the City's 85 block groups as having low- and moderate-income population shares over 51%, meaning that they are eligible for CDBG projects that provide an area-wide benefit. These block groups covered most of the city west of Armstrong Park Road/Cox Road and north of East Hudson Boulevard to Union Road.

HOME funding is allocated to the Gastonia Consortium and administered by the City of Gastonia for use throughout Gaston County, excluding Spencer Mountain and High Shoals and including all of Kings Mountain.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Central Gastonia	100
Gastonia Consortium	

**Table 5 - Geographic Distribution**

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

The City of Gastonia determined its PY2024 projects based on priority needs, eligibility, availability of funds, and readiness to proceed, with emphasis on improving neighborhood conditions and access to opportunity in high poverty areas and increasing the number of affordable housing units throughout the Consortium.

### **Discussion**

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

Over the course of Program Year 2024, Gastonia will assist 263 individuals and/or families with affordable housing. Through CDBG, the City will fund housing rehabilitation for 5 homeowners. Through HOME, the Consortium will fund tenant-based rental assistance for 3 households, down payment and closing cost assistance for 8 homebuyers, 4 new construction units for low-moderate income households utilizing LIHTC funding, and 1 units to be constructed/rehabilitated by a CHDO for low-moderate income households. Additionally, the Continuum of Care will use CDBG funds to provide homeless prevention services for 242 people at risk of homelessness.

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	242
Non-Homeless	21
Special-Needs	0
Total	263

**Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	3
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	1
Total	14

**Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

## **AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

Gaston County residents are served by three housing authorities – the Gastonia Housing Authority (GHA), the Belmont Housing Authority, and the Mount Holly Housing Authority. GHA is the largest and manages the Section 8 / Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program for the entire county, which includes about 1799 vouchers. Previously, GHA owned and operated about 400 units of public housing at three properties (Weldon Heights, Mountain View, and Linwood Terrace), however, in recent years, GHA has converted all its public housing properties under HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. Under this program, housing authorities move public housing units to project-based Section 8 voucher assistance, allowing a nonprofit or for-profit entity to own and manage the property and obtain additional financing for maintenance and rehabilitation. While Weldon Heights, Mountain View, and Linwood Terrace are no longer public housing, they still provide affordable housing for low-income households, including newly-renovated three-, four-, and five-bedroom units.

The Belmont Housing Authority owns and operates one public housing property – Flowers Court – which includes 50 two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments. Belmont Housing Authority also manages Myrtle Terrace, a 32-unit, one-bedroom affordable rental community with project-based Section 8 assistance.

Mount Holly Housing Authority owns the 46-unit Holly Hills Apartments, which is managed by the Statesville Housing Authority.

Other privately-owned project-based Section 8 and Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LITHC) communities provide additional affordable housing in Gaston County.

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

(Awaiting information from GHA)

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

Over the 2024 program year, GHA and the City’s Housing & Community Engagement Department will continue collaborating to connect residents and voucher holders with homeownership opportunities through the Family Self-Sufficiency Program (operated by GHA) and the Home Buyer’s Club and Homebuyer’s Assistance Program (operated by the City).

Through these programs, households can save funds in an escrow account to be applied toward homeownership and receive financial counseling, down payment assistance, and other help making a

home purchase.

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

No housing authorities in Gaston County are designated as troubled. GHA is considered a High Performer.

**Discussion**

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

The City of Gastonia is covered by the Gaston Lincoln Cleveland Continuum of Care, a network of service providers covering Gaston, Lincoln, and Cleveland counties. The Gaston Lincoln Cleveland Continuum of Care brings together housing and service providers to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The City of Gastonia will continue to partner with the Continuum of Care and local homelessness service providers to achieve the City's homelessness goals

### **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**

Over the next year, members of the Gaston Lincoln Cleveland Continuum of Care and other homeless housing and service providers in the city of Gastonia will continue reaching out to homeless persons, including unsheltered persons, through street outreach and emergency shelter services. For the 2024 program year, the City will provide funding to the CoC for a variety of activities, including needs assessment and use of HMIS, through the CDBG program.

The City will also provide funding for a cold weather shelter for the homeless population when the weather becomes inclement.

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

The Salvation Army Center of Hope will end its emergency shelter program effective August 31, 2024, to focus on homeless prevention through rapid rehousing. The City of Gastonia, through the Continuum of Care, will work to support a successful transition. In collaboration with local partner organizations, the City will assist homeless individuals and families, or those at risk of homelessness, with access to housing through the provision of tenant-based rental assistance.

#### **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**

During the 2024 program year, the City of Gastonia will work to increase the availability of affordable housing by using HOME funds to support housing development, provide homeownership assistance, and

provide housing rehabilitation for low-income homeowners.

The City will also continue to support the Continuum of Care, members of which provide supportive services and housing search assistance for individuals and families consistent with a Housing First approach. Through the CoC, the City will fund organizations that provide case management and housing navigation services to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness transition to permanent housing and prevent returns to homelessness.

Finally, the City will take steps to implement the strategies in its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, which includes strategies to support housing affordability in the city.

**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.**

Over the next year, housing and service providers in the City of Gastonia will continue to work together to prevent homelessness in populations who are vulnerable to or at risk of homelessness.

## **Discussion**

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction**

The City of Gastonia completed an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) covering the city and county in 2019. Part of that analysis included an examination of the city's zoning code and other public policies that impact housing affordability and fair access to housing. Fair housing barriers included:

1. Affordable housing needs that disproportionately impact protected classes;
2. Uneven access to opportunity;
3. Racial disparities in access to homeownership;
4. Limited housing options for people with disabilities; and
5. Need for continued and expanded fair housing activities.

The AI found that about 42% of households in the city and 34% in the county have one or more housing needs (cost burden, overcrowding, or lack of complete kitchen or bath facilities). In both Gastonia and Gaston County, households of color are 1.7 times more likely than white households to have a housing need. The zoning ordinance review identified factors that may impact housing cost / affordability in the city. Under the city's current Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), low density multifamily development is permitted by right in most mixed-use zones, but medium and higher density requires additional administrative and public hearing processes for approval through conditional use zoning or variances, which can impose higher costs on development and may artificially and unreasonably affect the feasibility of developing affordable and low-cost housing within the city. The AI noted that multifamily density and height standards could be increased by right instead of requiring conditional use or variance for approval.

The AI described additional ways the City of Gastonia could amend its UDO to reduce housing costs, noting that, "as land costs increase the City could consider lowering the minimum lot size requirements and removing the conditional permit approval process for two-family and multi-family housing developments in some districts and instead rely on a less time-consuming and less expensive administrative site plan review process to maintain oversight." It also identified an opportunity to expand the affordable housing supply by permitting accessory dwelling units for rent, especially in low-density, large-lot areas where they could be easily accommodated. The City's land use regulations could also go further to incentivize the development of affordable housing through inclusionary zoning policies.

The AI also specifically considered access to housing, including affordable housing, for people with disabilities. It noted that Gastonia's UDO restricts transitional housing facilities (defined as ones that provide support services, such as counseling, on an ongoing basis to up to twelve residents to assist with needs such as homelessness, employment, health and behavioral matters, and life skills) to commercial and industrial zones (C-2, C-3, and IU zones), thereby excluding them from residential zones. The AI

found that this restriction could limit housing options and have a disproportionate impact on people with disabilities, people of color, families with children, or other protected groups.

In addition to the affordable housing barriers discussed in the Analysis of Impediments, public input for this Consolidated Plan also identified public policies that inhibit affordable housing and residential development. Stakeholders note that current City regulations prohibit new shelters within Gastonia city limits, but this is where transportation and other services that homeless residents rely on are most available. Stakeholders also noted the potential for increased rental housing costs and higher property taxes around the FUSE development, which could decrease affordability for both renters and owners.

**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**

Gastonia's 2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice identified strategies and related implementation steps the City plans to take over the next five years to remove or ameliorate public policy barriers to affordable housing.

To address the limited supply of affordable housing and its disproportionate impact on households of color, the City will:

- Continue using HOME and CDBG funds to increase and maintain the availability of affordable rental and for-sale housing in the city and county through new construction and rehabilitation, including by working with local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Consider ways CDBG funding may be used for infrastructure improvements that would enable the development of new affordable rental or for-sale units.
- Review North Carolina's allocation process for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs) to identify ways the City may be able to better impact the competitiveness of developers' applications, including local nonprofit developers. For developers proposing LIHTC projects in areas with access to key community resources/opportunity factors or areas experiencing a loss of affordable rental units, work with them to increase the competitiveness of their applications through letters of support, provision of information, or other assistance.
- Monitor rent levels, home prices, and property taxes in Gastonia neighborhoods at risk for gentrification. As redevelopment occurs, consider ways to encourage the development of mixed-income housing or incentivize the inclusion of affordable housing units.

To address limits on as-of-right higher density multifamily development, the City will:

- Review the City's zoning ordinance and table of permitted uses to consider where allowances

for denser as-of-right multifamily development may be made.

To improve housing access and affordability for people with disabilities, the City will:

- Review the City’s zoning ordinance and table of permitted uses to consider where allowances for transitional housing facilities may be made within residential zoning districts.
- Draft and adopt local code amendments that would expand transitional housing facility site options and provide an administrative alternative to a variance application for people requesting accommodation or modification related to a disability.

In addition to addressing barriers identified in the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, the City will continue funding affordable housing and homeownership opportunities through its CDBG and HOME funds, as well as exploring new models to improve housing access and supportive services for people who are experiencing homelessness.

## **Discussion**

## **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

This section details the City of Gastonia's actions planned to ensure safe and affordable housing for its residents, along with plans to meet underserved needs, reduce poverty, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private sector housing and community development agencies.

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

Lack of sufficient funding and high costs for new development are two of the biggest obstacles to meeting underserved needs in the City of Gastonia and the Gastonia Consortium. In order to develop additional resources to meet affordable housing and homeless housing and service needs in the city and county, the City of Gastonia will continue working to identify and develop partnerships with private agencies with the goal of increasing the supply of affordable housing. These may include LIHTC or other developers considering housing projects in the city or county.

The City will also see possible available funding or grants that can be leveraged to bring new dollars for affordable housing or homelessness into the community.

Additionally, the City will review its zoning code for possible changes that would decrease costs or risk for multifamily developments, including identifying zones where denser multifamily construction may be built as-of-right.

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

In an effort to maintain the current affordable housing stock, the City of Gastonia will continue to provide funding for down payment assistance through its Homebuyer's Assistance Program and home rehabilitation assistance through its Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.

In addition to specific programs designed to foster and maintain affordable housing, the City will review its zoning ordinances for prospective barriers to affordable housing development and make amendments as needed.

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

An important initiative emanating from HUD in the last decade is the reduction of lead-based paint hazards, and many jurisdictions around the country have focused on reaching this goal. The federal Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) amends the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1971, which is the law covering lead-based paint in federally funded housing. These laws and subsequent regulations

issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (24 CFR part 35) protect young children from lead-based paint hazards in housing that is financially assisted or being sold by the federal government.

In property rehabilitation projects involving the City of Gastonia, the City will assess whether lead-based paint might be present and, if so, follow the guidelines set forth in the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. The City of Gastonia is committed to testing and abating lead in all pre-1978 housing units assisted with federal grant funds in any of the housing programs it implements.

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

The City of Gastonia's anti-poverty strategy focuses on helping all low-income households improve their economic status and remain above the poverty level. This may include, but is not limited to housing and employment navigation, substance abuse recovery, healthcare, food and clothing, and transportation. Current programs to reduce poverty through access to education and jobs are provided by the Gaston County Workforce Development Board, as well as through the City's nonprofit grantees. Emergency assistance is also provided by several nonprofit housing and service agencies in the city. Additionally, the City of Gastonia's housing programs and activities that support development of affordable housing inherently address poverty by creating housing opportunities for low-income households. Without these housing opportunities, many low-income households would not be able to afford housing rehabilitation costs or to purchase a home.

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

The unmet needs of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income residents and social services for individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness present an opportunity for the city to connect with organizations, affordable housing developers, and agencies working in these areas in Gastonia and the surrounding region. The City will also continue to work within existing partnerships and coalitions, such as the Gaston Lincoln Cleveland Continuum of Care, to work toward meeting local housing and service needs. The City of Gastonia will continue to work closely with state and local agencies and governments, nonprofit organizations, and other service providers to coordinate delivery of services to Gastonia residents. The Housing and Community Engagement Department will continue to consult with various housing, homelessness, social service, elderly and disability resource agencies to gather data and identify service gaps.

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

The City of Gastonia will continue to be an active participant in the Gaston Lincoln Cleveland Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care brings together nonprofit, government, and business leaders to provide a shared approach to goals of ending homelessness. Membership includes emergency, transitional, and

permanent housing providers; nonprofit social service organizations; and government agencies.

The City will also continue collaboration with the Gastonia Housing Authority to connect participants in first time homebuyer assistance provided by the City. As noted by HA staff, enabling residents and voucher holders to purchase homes allows their previously-occupied units or previously-held vouchers to be available to other low-income households waiting for housing.

## **Discussion**

# Program Specific Requirements

## AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

### Introduction

Projects planned with 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.

### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

#### 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

### HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

#### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

as follows:

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:

See Appendix A: City of Gastonia Resale and Recapture 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:

See Appendix A: City of Gastonia Resale and Recapture Provisions.

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:

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)).

The TBRA program provides specific preferences for individuals with special needs or disabilities. The program prioritizes chronically homeless individuals with mental or physical disabilities, as well as homeless individuals who meet HUD's definition and have a disability. Additionally, military veterans and their families who qualify for VA benefits or SSVF assistance receive preference. The program also considers individuals and families with low to very low incomes, specifically those falling below 30% and 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

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)).

The TBRA program includes a preference for individuals with specific disabilities, such as those with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness. This preference aims to narrow the gap in benefits and services available to these groups by providing targeted housing assistance. The preference is necessary because individuals with such disabilities often face significant barriers to stable housing and access to necessary support services. By prioritizing these individuals, the program seeks to address the disparities in housing stability and ensure that they receive the benefits and services they require, helping to bridge the gap and promote equity in housing opportunities.

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).

The TBRA program outlines specific preferences and limitations for rental housing projects. Preferences are given to targeted populations such as persons with mental or physical disabilities, homeless individuals, veterans, low to very low-income applicants, and elderly individuals aged 62 and older. These preferences are designed to ensure equitable access to housing assistance, adhering to fair housing laws by not discriminating based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status.

The program mandates that all TBRA units meet Housing Quality Standards (HQS) and that rent reasonableness be established through comparative market analysis. The policy strictly prohibits discrimination and requires that preferences be implemented in a manner consistent with applicable laws, such as 24 CFR 5.105(a), ensuring fair treatment for all applicants

## Attachments

## Citizen Participation Comments

### **Public Notice**

#### **City of Gastonia**

#### **Combined Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment PY2024-2025 Annual Action Plan & Substantial Amendment PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan**

#### **Date of Publication: May 14, 2024**

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#### **Notice of Substantial Amendment to the City of Gastonia PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan**

The City of Gastonia is proposing a Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to reallocate funding as received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from City of Gastonia residents regarding the proposed Amendment. The Amendment will be available for review by the general public beginning Wednesday May 22, 2024. An Amendment is necessary because the City is proposing to fund activities not previously described in prior submissions of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

#### **Notice of Thirty-Day (30) Day Public Comment Period**

May 22, 2024 – June 22, 2024

A thirty (30) day public comment period regarding the proposed plan and amendment will begin on Wednesday May 22, 2024 and end on Saturday June 22, 2024.

#### **Notice of Public Hearing**

Thursday June 6, 2024

4:00 PM

Garland Municipal Business Center – Bobbin Conference Room 233

The public hearing will provide an opportunity for residents to comment on the proposed action. Participants requiring special accommodations should contact Kenny Gehrig at 704-866-6756 or [Kenny.Gehrig@GastoniaNC.Gov](mailto:Kenny.Gehrig@GastoniaNC.Gov) at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting date.

#### **Review of Action Plan**

Beginning Wednesday May 22, 2024 through Saturday June 22, 2024, a copy of the plan will be available for review as follows:

1. On the City of Gastonia website, [www.gastonianc.gov](http://www.gastonianc.gov)
2. By visiting the City of Gastonia at 150 S. York Street, Garland Municipal Business Center, Gastonia, NC 28052 between the hours of 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday – Friday or
3. By email request to [Kenny.Gehrig@GastoniaNC.Gov](mailto:Kenny.Gehrig@GastoniaNC.Gov)

The City of Gastonia will move forward with formal approval of the application and submission to HUD on or after July 3, 2024.

**Written Comments**

Written comments may be submitted:

1. **Email** to [Kenny.Gehrig@GastoniaNC.Gov](mailto:Kenny.Gehrig@GastoniaNC.Gov)
2. **Visiting** the City of Gastonia at 150 S. York Street, Garland Municipal Business Center, Gastonia, NC 28052 between the hours of 8:30am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday or
3. **Mail** to City of Gastonia, Attention: Kenny Gehrig, HUD Administrator, Housing and Community Engagement Department, PO Box 1748, Gastonia, NC 28053-1748.

*Esta informacion está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, pongase en contacto con Kenny Gehrig al 704-866-6756 o en 150 South York Street, Gastonia, NC de alojamiento para esta solicitud.*

2C – May 22, 2024  
June 22, 2024

## Public Notice - City of Gastonia

The City of Gastonia is developing its Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (PY2024) Annual Action Plan (AAP) for use during its Fiscal Year (FY 2025) beginning July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2025. The Annual Action Plan determines the use of federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City of Gastonia will also be amending the FY2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. For more information about the plan and amendment, please visit <https://gastonianc.gov/community-development/hud-reporting.html>.

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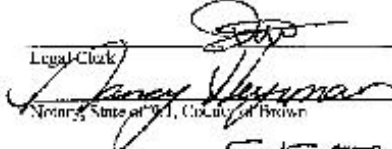
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## **Amendment to the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan**

### Proposed Amendment to the Consolidated Plan

The City of Gastonia proposes a substantial amendment to the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan to include the addition of a project not previously listed within the Plan as submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which impacts its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

### Added Activity, National Objective and Project Definition

**Added Activity:** Code Enforcement

**Definition:** 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)

The intent of this amendment is to add a Code Enforcement project to the Plan.

**National Objective:** Low-Mod Area Benefit

Buildings inspected must be located in a primarily residential area with at least 51% of the residents in the area being of low- to moderate-income.

### Project Standard and Eligible Activities

Gastonia proposes to conduct concentrated code enforcement activities to include salary and overhead costs related to single or multifamily housing units, commercial buildings, and other publicly- or privately-owned buildings. Primary activities include building and structure violations, neighborhood cleanliness, public advertisement displays, lawn care, environmental concerns, and the condition of motor vehicles on its streets. Secondary activities include vacant lots, signs violations, and motor vehicle code violations occurring on private property.

### Purpose and End Use

The purpose for the addition of this project is to gain compliance with ordinances and regulations regarding health and housing codes, land use and zoning ordinances, sign standards, and uniform building and fire codes.

2020-2025 CONSOLIDATED PLAN-AMENDMENT

**Comments/Questions for Public Hearing**  
**FY24-25 Annual Action Plan & Substantial Amendment to 2020-2024**  
**Consolidated Plan**

Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm


Robbin Conference Room, Garland Municipal Business Center

Public Comment Period is May 22, 2024 to June 22, 2024

\*No comments or questions were received, and there were no attendees at the public hearing.

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**City of Gastonia  
RESALE/RECAPTURE POLICY**

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## City of Gastonia RESALE/RECAPTURE POLICY

### FEDERAL REGULATION REFERENCE

The *City of Gastonia* revised its policy in accordance with the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program, as cited in federal regulations located at:

- 24 CFR 92, specifically
  - 92.253(a)(4)
  - 92.254 *Qualification as Affordable Housing*
  - 92.504(c)(5)
- 24 CFR 93, specifically
  - 93.305
- in accordance with the 2013 *final HOME Rule*

as all citations relate to *Resale and Recapture Provisions*.

### PURPOSE

With the issuance and receipt of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Gastonia establishes its basic requirements for resale and recapture provisions for its homebuyer-related housing projects through this policy. Eligible programs to assist homebuyers include acquisition, rehabilitation of single-family low-income housing or new construction of single-family for-sale housing to individual low-income homebuyers. The City of Gastonia utilizes its HOME funds for:

1. *homebuyer down-payment assistance and closing costs,*
2. *homebuyer acquisition, and*
3. *homebuyer new construction activities.*

### BACKGROUND

Section 215 of the HOME statute establishes specific requirements that all HOME-assisted homebuyer housing must meet in order to qualify as affordable housing. Specifically, all HOME-assisted homebuyer housing must:

1. *have an initial purchase price that does not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for the area,*
2. *be the principal residence of an owner whose family qualifies as low-income at the time of purchase, and*
3. *be subject to either resale or recapture provisions.*

The HOME statute states that resale provisions must limit subsequent purchase of the property to income-eligible families, provide the owner with a fair return on investment, including any improvements, and ensure that the housing will remain affordable to a reasonable range of low-income



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homebuyers. The HOME statute also specifies that recapture provisions must recapture the HOME investment from available net proceeds in order to assist other HOME-eligible families. Each PJ must establish its resale and/or recapture provisions in writing and submit the provisions to HUD for approval.

### DEFINITIONS

The following terms are related to both the **resale** and **recapture** provisions:

- A. **Amortized Loan** – A loan with a repayment method where over the life of the loan, the amount borrowed is repaid gradually through regular, monthly payments of principal and interest. For Homebuyers Assistance/Down-payment Assistance, the initial payment may be deferred for up to five (5) years and would then be repaid based on an amortization schedule (deferred payment loan satisfied at 20% each year for the five (5) year period.)
- B. **Development Subsidy**: A development subsidy is the difference between the cost to develop housing and the fair market price (appraised value). For example, the City of Gastonia may provide grant and/or loan funds to a developer to construct or rehabilitate multi-family housing. While the subsidy does not go directly to the homebuyer, it helps make the development of the housing unit feasible.
- C. **Direct HOME homebuyer subsidy** means the amount of HOME assistance including any program income that enabled the homebuyer to buy the unit. The direct subsidy includes down payment, closing costs, interest subsidies, or other HOME assistance provided directly to the homeowner (beneficiary), and reduces the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price or other subsidizes the purchase price. (Note: Only direct subsidy to the homebuyer is subject to recapture.)
- D. **Fair Return on Investment** means the homebuyer's original investment in the property and the increase in the market value attributable to homebuyer investments in or capital improvements to the property.
- E. **Forgivable Loan** – This loan type is designed to promote affordability and is forgiven when a set series of requirements are met. The requirements are based on the HOME program's affordability period; the loan is forgiven at the end of the period of affordability, and is based upon the amount of HOME assistance provided as referenced at 24 CFR 92.254.



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- F. ***Income-eligible person or family*** shall mean a person or family having an income at or less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) according to the Charlotte-Gastonia- Rock Hill Metropolitan Area HUD Income Limits for family size.
- G. ***Net Sales Proceeds*** means the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs. (Note: The City will limit the amount subject to recapture to the net proceeds available from the sale.)
- H. ***Noncompliance*** Failure to comply with the resale or recapture requirements means that:
- The original HOME-assisted homebuyer no longer occupies the unit as his/her principal residence (i.e., unit is rented or vacant), or
  - The home was sold during the period of affordability and the applicable resale or recapture provisions were not enforced.
- I. ***Participating Jurisdiction (PJ)*** Refers to the City of Gastonia as designated by HUD.
- J. ***Original Homebuyer*** means the person or family to whom Subrecipient/Developer conveys the property after construction. The term shall not include any subsequent purchaser.
- K. ***Original Investment*** means funds provided by the Original Homebuyer for the purchase of the Property.
- L. ***Period of Affordability*** means the period which begins on the date the project is closed out in IDIS with a qualified beneficiary and ends on the date after the number of years prescribed in the chart found in 24 CFR 92.253(a)(4).
- M. ***Written Agreement*** a separate legal document from any loan instrument which, at minimum complies with the requirements at *92.504(c)(5) of the HOME Rule*, and accurately depicts the resale or recapture provision with the homebuyer before or at the time of sale.



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### HOME BUYER REQUIREMENTS

Per the regulations at 92.254 (a)(5), the City of Gastonia determines that units which are to be qualify as affordable housing, must meet the following criteria:

1. Be single-family modest housing
2. Be acquired by a low -income family as its principal residence, and
3. The low-income buyer must meet the affordability requirements for a specific period of time as determined by the amount of assistance provided.

### PERIOD OF AFFORDABILITY

Federal regulations impose minimum restrictions on long-term affordability. The City of Gastonia reserves the right to require stricter standards at its discretion upon perceived risks associated with each project evaluation.

HOME rules tie the length of a unit's affordability period to the amount of HOME investment in the units. 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) mandates the following timelines for homeownership unit affordability periods if the total HOME investment (resale) or direct subsidy (recapture) in the units is:

Total HOME investment	Minimum Period of Affordability
Less than \$15,000	5 years
\$15,000 - \$40,000	10 years
More than \$40,000	15 years

During the period of affordability, the homebuyer shall only be permitted to refinance the property when the new interest rate is a savings of at least 1.5% (one and a half percent) interest rate savings over the life of the loan to the homeowner and there is no cash out at closing.

The City of Gastonia shall be governed these periods by a written agreement that will include an explicit definition of the required affordability period for the project. It is the intention to use the federally required minimum affordability period as listed above unless otherwise directed by staff to require a longer affordability period. The affordability period shall commence on the day that the project is entered into the federal Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) as a completed project.

NOTE:

❖ **RESALE-Period of Affordability:** Based upon the total amount of HOME funds invested into housing.

**RECAPTURE-Period of Affordability:** Based upon the *direct HOME subsidy provided to the homebuyer that enables the buyer to purchase the unit.*



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- ❖ If HOME assistance is used to only develop the unit and *are not used to lower the purchase price from fair-market value (FMV) to an affordable price*, then the resale provision must apply.

#### Refinancing Guidelines for Multi-Family Housing

As referenced initially in the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and each subsequent plans until further noted, the City of Gastonia/Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) will *not* use HOME funds to refinance multi-family housing or single family housing during this Consolidated Plan period. This section specifically applies to multi-family housing refinance. In the event the City decides to amend its current or future Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to allow for this activity, the following provisions would apply:

1. If the City determines it will use its HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for refinancing of multi-family housing, these guidelines describe the conditions under which the City will refinance existing debts.
  - i. Affordability Period

The minimum period of affordability shall be fifteen (15) years. Affordability will be based upon the amount of HOME funds invested or other mitigating factors as required. Once the period of affordability is determined, it will be specified in all contractual agreements.
  - ii. Deeming the Activity Eligible

Any multi-family housing project seeking refinance assistance must demonstrate that rehabilitation is the *primary* objective of the refinance request when determining the eligible activity. The City will evaluate the per unit cost of rehabilitation in relation to the overall refinancing costs. File records will denote the purpose of the rehabilitation, which are listed as follows:

    - (1) maintain current affordable units,
    - (2) to create additional affordable units or
    - (3) both
  - iii. Management Review

The City will review the overall management practices to ensure divestment has not occurred; furthermore, it must be determined that the long-term needs, affordability, and feasibility of the project are met to prevent future need for refinancing the project. The review must also ensure that the target population served can be documented for the remaining affordability period of the project.



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### ESTABLISHED PROVISIONS: RECAPTURE AND RESALE

24 CFR 92.254 (a)(5) establishes the Resale and Recapture Provisions, and to which the City of Gastonia will comply.

#### RECAPTURE PROVISIONS

##### RECAPTURE PROVISION-SUMMARY

The City of Gastonia has adopted the *recapture* provision for its HOME-assisted Down Payment Assistance Program. The City of Gastonia is the grantee and direct recipient of entitlement funds, and administers the homebuyer down payment and closing cost assistance program. The program is available to residents of eligible member township agencies. Each consortia-participating member agrees to abide by all applicable provisions of *recapture*. All provisions of *recapture* will be incorporated in a legally adopted written agreement.

A. Down Payment Assistance

The Down Payment Assistance Program is a *direct subsidy* to the beneficiary to assist with down payment and closing cost, and is subject to recapture if any clause of default is triggered. Only direct subsidy to the homebuyer is subject to recapture. Default occurs when the beneficiary fails to use the property as the primary residence for the duration of the affordability period.

B. Forgivable Loan

All homebuyer assistance/down payment assistance funds shall be provided as a forgivable loan amortized over the affordability period, typically five (5) years, as evidenced by a note secured by a deed of trust on the property and a legally adopted written agreement.

C. Default Trigger(s)

If the homebuyer does not continue to occupy the property as the principal residence for the duration of the period of affordability, a pro-rated amount of the unsatisfied affordability period of the HOME homeowner assistance funds shall be due and payable. The written agreement with the homebuyer should state *"the homebuyer agrees to provide staff with a written certificate of residence status each year or allow staff to verify principle residence status annually. Subletting or renting is not permitted."*

D. Recapture and Net Proceeds

Net sales proceeds on a pro-rated basis occurs when the original homebuyer sells the property during the affordability period. Net proceeds are the funds remaining from the



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sale of the property by the original homebuyer less the repayment of the outstanding balance on any superior mortgage and any closing costs. To the extent that net proceeds are available at closing, all or a portion of the HOME funds are due and payable.

### 1. Foreclosure Recapture

In the event of foreclosure, the Lender or the City may not require the Borrower to repay an amount greater than the net proceeds available after the foreclosure sale.

## RESALE PROVISIONS

The City of Gastonia has adopted the resale provision for its HOME-assisted homeownership housing *when a development subsidy is provided to a subrecipient/developer and there is no direct subsidy to the homebuyer*. All development subsidy funds shall be provided as a grant to the subrecipient/developer over the affordability period as evidenced by a note secured by a deed of trust on the property and in a legally adopted written agreement.

### Resale Agreement

The Agreement provides, among other things, for the City to provide one or more grants to the Subrecipient to construct improvements on the Property. The source of funding for said grant is a grant to the City from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter "HUD") under the HOME Investments Partnership Program as set forth in 24 C.F.R. Part 92 (hereinafter "HOME Program"). The HOME program requires that the affordability of properties receiving subsidies from the program be preserved.

The Agreement further provides that as a condition of making said grants, the Subrecipient has agreed to restrict the property as follows to meet the requirement of the HOME Program.

When drafting agreements, the City incorporates the resale provisions when providing HOME funds in the form of a development subsidy to a subrecipient/developer of homebuyer affordable single family projects.

### Covenants, Restrictions and Requirements

Concerning the resale provision, and agreement between the applicable parties will adhere to the following terms:

- i. The subrecipient agrees that if the property is sold during the period of affordability, the property shall be sold to and occupied by a low-income individual and/or family, and the property will serve as individual and/or family's the principal residence. The determination of whether a purchaser is income-



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eligible shall be determined as of the date the property is sold or transferred to such next (subsequent) purchaser.

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- ii. If the Original Purchaser sells the Property during the Period of Affordability, the Original Purchaser shall be eligible to receive a fair return on investment. Fair Market Return shall be established by determining the amount of Original Purchaser's Original Investment plus any Capital Improvements made by the Original Purchaser and multiplying that amount by average annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the South Region (base period-1982-84=100) between the date of conveyance to the Original Purchaser and the date of sale by the Original Purchaser to the next (subsequent) purchaser.
- iii. If the Original Purchaser does not continue to occupy the property as the principal residence, the Original Purchaser will be responsible for repaying the full amount of HOME investment in a lump sum immediately.
- iv. If the Original Purchaser does not continue to occupy the property as the principal residence, the subrecipient may assist in finding a subsequent purchaser. The subsequent purchaser may only purchase the property if qualified as low-income.

The Period of Affordability and the provisions of this Declaration shall be suspended upon foreclosure by a lender or other transfer in lieu of foreclosure, if the foreclosure or transfer recognizes any contractual or legal rights of the City or other eligible persons to take actions that would avoid the termination of low-income affordability. If, however, at any time thereafter during the Period of Affordability the owner of record prior to such foreclosure or transfer



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- i. in lieu of foreclosure or any entity that includes the former owner or those with whom the former owner has family or business ties, obtains an ownership interest in the Property, then the Period of Affordability and provisions of this declaration shall be revived according to their original terms.
- ii. The written agreement with the homebuyer should state "the homebuyer agrees to provide staff with a written certificate of residence status each year or allow staff to verify principle residence status annually. Subletting or renting is not permitted."
- iii. The Subrecipient acknowledges and agrees that at all times during the Period of Affordability, the Property shall qualify and be maintained as affordable housing as described in the HOME Program regulations (24 C.F.R. Part 92, as it may be amended).
- iv. This Declaration is made for the benefit of the City and HUD, and confers upon the City, HUD, and their respective successors and assigns the right, without limitations to enforce the provisions of this Declaration.
- v. This Declaration shall not be amended, revised, or terminated except by a written instrument, without the prior written consent of the City and HUD and any such amendment shall be duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Gaston County, North Carolina.

The covenants and restrictions set forth shall be deemed covenants running with the land and, except as provided in Paragraph 1, shall pass to and be binding upon the Subrecipient's heirs, assigns and successors in title to the Property or any Property or any part thereof; provided, however, that upon the termination of this Declaration in accordance with the terms hereof, said covenants, reservations, and restrictions shall automatically expire. Each and every contract, deed or other instrument hereafter executed covering or conveying the Property or any portion thereof shall conclusively be held to have been executed, delivered, and accepted subject to the covenants, reservations, and restrictions set forth herein whether or not said covenants, reservations, and restrictions are set forth in such contract, deed, or other



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- vi. instruments. If a portion or portions of the Property are conveyed, all of such covenants, reservations, and restrictions shall run with and apply to each and every portion of the Property.
- vii. Upon expiration of the Period of Affordability, this Declaration shall automatically terminate and be of no further force and effect. The Subrecipient may, with the prior written consent of the City, record with the Gaston County Register of Deeds a written instrument further evidencing the termination of this Declaration.
- viii. If a violation of any of the provisions hereof occurs or is threatened, the City and its successors and assigns may institute and prosecute any proceeding at law or in equity to abate, prevent, or enjoin any such violation or threatened violation, to compel specific performance hereunder, or to recover monetary damages caused by such violation or threatened violation. The provisions hereof are imposed upon and made applicable to the Land and shall run with the Land and shall be enforceable against the Owner or any other person or entity that has or shall have an ownership interest in any residential unit included in the Development at the time of such violation or threatened violation. No delay in enforcing any provision hereof as to any breach or violation shall impair, damage, or waive the right of any party entitled to enforce the provisions hereof or to obtain relief against or recover for the continuation or repetition of such breach or violation or any similar breach or violation hereof at any later time or times.
- ix. If any provision hereof shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining portions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

### RESALE: CONTINUED AFFORDABILITY

To ensure that HOME-assisted homebuyers receive a fair return on his or her investment (as cited at [24 CFR 93.305](#)), the City of Gastonia must ensure that its resale provision will remain affordable to a reasonable range of low-income homebuyers. To accomplish this objective, the City of Gastonia:



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### RESALE: CONTINUED AFFORDABILITY, CONT.

1. *Determines the appropriate targeted population of low-income buyers within the 50-80% range of the AMI for the Charlotte-Gaston-Concord Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) within the Gaston County Consortium area,*
2. *Determined affordability is defined and determined by measuring thirty (30%) percent of the homebuyer's (and all household members') income that must be spent on the fixed costs of owning a home: principal, interest, property taxes, and insurance (PITI), and where applicable Home Owner Association (HOA) dues/fees. This is the maximum percentage of income that a household should use, however the City may allow an exception for other compensating factors as noted.*
3. *Determine what is affordable for low-income buyers as dictated by area sales and comparable market analyses (CMA) of properties within the targeted sales area as the market dictates.*

The PJ will review each project and set a resale price that provides a fair return to the original homebuyer to ensure that the property is affordable to the target buyer pool. Under certain conditions, to ensure that the original low-income homebuyer receives fair compensation/return and to confirm the units continued affordability for the populace it is designed to serve, it may be necessary for the PJ to provide HOME assistance to the subsequent low-income homebuyer or provide a list of mortgage lenders that offer comparative programs/mortgage products that provide direct subsidy mortgage products that are similar to those of the HOME Program that would keep the housing unit affordable for the subsequent buyer.

*NOTE: The PJ cannot require that the resale price be set based solely upon what is affordable to a specific homebuyer.*

### IMPOSING RESALE AND RECAPTURE PROVISIONS

Resale and recapture provisions will be enforced by:

1. Written agreement
2. Enforcement mechanisms as applicable based upon either resale or recapture and
3. Noncompliance
4. Foreclosure
5. Recapture
6. Refinance
7. Investment of additional HOME funds
8. Ongoing monitoring



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Applicable enforcement mechanisms based on either resale or recapture are referenced in the previous sections.

### INELIGIBLE COMPONENTS

#### Multi-Family Housing-Refinancing Debt

The PJ will not use HOME funds to refinance multi-family housing or single family housing for rehabilitation.

#### American Dream Down-Payment Initiative (ADDI)

The PJ will not receive ADDI funds.

**Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)**

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Expiration Date: 11/30/2025

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State Use Only:		
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<b>B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>		
* a. Legal Name: CITY OF GASTONIA, NC		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 55-8000267	* c. UEI: WFR402200088	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 150 W. HOOK ST	<input type="text"/>	
Street2: PO BOX 2718	<input type="text"/>	
* City: GASTONIA	<input type="text"/>	
County/Parish: GASTON	<input type="text"/>	
* State: NC: North Carolina	<input type="text"/>	
Province: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: 28053-1748	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: EQUITY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Division Name: HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: MICHAEL	
Middle Name: S.	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: PERRELL	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Title: CITY MANAGER	<input type="text"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: CITY OF GASTONIA		
* Telephone Number: 704-854-4174	* Fax Number: 704-854-6607	
* Email: MICHAEL.P@CITYOFGASTONIA.NC.GOV		

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<b>* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</b> <input type="text" value="01: City or Township Government"/>	
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<b>* Other (specify):</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</b> <input type="text" value="U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT"/>	
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16. Congressional Districts Of:

\* a. Applicant:  \* b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

\* a. Start Date:  \* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="561,853.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="561,853.00"/>

\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes  No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach:

21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

\*\* AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:


\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:  \* Date Signed:

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d. Address:		
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Street2: PO BOX 1748	<input type="text"/>	
* City: GASTONIA	<input type="text"/>	
County/Parish: GASTON	<input type="text"/>	
* State: NC: North Carolina	<input type="text"/>	
Province: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip/Postal Code: 28053-1748	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: HOUSING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	Division Name: HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: MR.	* First Name: MICHAEL	
Middle Name: C.	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: PEOPLES	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Title: CITY MANAGER	<input type="text"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: CITY OF GASTONIA		
* Telephone Number: 704-666-6175	Fax Number: 704-666-6600	
* Email: MICHAEL.PEOPLES@GASTONIA.NC.GOV		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
<b>* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</b> <input type="text" value="C: City or Township Government"/>	
<b>Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>* Other (specify):</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</b> <input type="text" value="US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT"/>	
<b>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>CFDA Title:</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</b> <input type="text" value="11-219"/>	
<b>* Title:</b> <input type="text" value="HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM"/>	
<b>13. Competition Identification Number:</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>Title:</b> <input type="text"/>	
<b>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b> <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
<b>* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</b> <input type="text" value="HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME): ADMINISTRATION, ACQUISITION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING (RENTAL &amp; OWNERSHIP), CASE ACTIVITIES &amp; OPERATIONS, CLUSTER/COMMUNITY, HOUSING REHABILITATION"/>	
<b>Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions:</b> <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

16. Congressional Districts Of:

\* a. Applicant:  \* b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

\* a. Start Date:  \* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="708,560.25"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="708,560.25"/>

\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on:

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes  No

If "Yes," provide explanation and attach:

21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

\*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:


\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title:

\* Telephone Number:  Fax Number:

\* Email:

\* Signature of Authorized Representative:  \* Date Signed:

**CERTIFICATIONS**

B-24-MC-37-0006  
CDBG

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

  
Signature of Authorized Official

07/26/2024  
Date

City Manager  
Title

## Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** – It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** – Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifics both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2022, 2023, 2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

*Michelle Peoples*      07/26/2024  
Signature of Authorized Official      Date

*City Manager*  
Title

**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(e):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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**Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

Michael C. Peoples      07/26/2024  
Signature of Authorized Official      Date

City Manager  
Title

### **Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications**

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

**Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation** – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

**Essential Services and Operating Costs** – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long as the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

**Renovation** – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

**Supportive Services** – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

**Matching Funds** – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

**Confidentiality** – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

**Homeless Persons Involvement** – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

**Consolidated Plan** – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

**Discharge Policy** – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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**Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications**

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

**Activities** -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

**Building** -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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**APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:**

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*Michelle Peoples*      07/26/2024  
Signature of Authorized Official      Date

*City Manager*  
Title

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Date

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Title

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Signature of Authorized Official

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Date

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**ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS**

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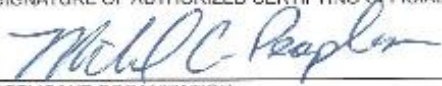
**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

**NOTE:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
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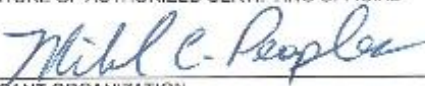
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