

FFY 2018

CAPER for:

Community Development Block Grant

Submitted to:

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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

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

Highlighted in the FFY 2016-FFY 2020 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2017 Annual Action Plan, the following items were noted as either low or high priority areas:

Housing Priority - (Low Priority)

There is a need to improve the quality of the housing stock in Bloomsburg, and to increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers.

- **HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation** - Continue to rehabilitate the existing owner and renter occupied housing stock in Bloomsburg, including handicap accessibility modifications.
- **HS-2 Housing Construction/Rehabilitation** - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in both communities through new construction and rehabilitation of vacant units.
- **HS-3 Fair Housing** - Affirmatively further Fair Housing by promoting Fair Housing choices through monitoring, education, and outreach.
- **HS-4 Homeownership** - Assist LMI households in an effort to become homeowners and also provide counseling.

Homeless Priority - (Low Priority)

There is a need for housing and services for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless as well as public education.

- **HO-1 Housing** - Support the efforts of local agencies that provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.
- **HO-2 Education** - Support the efforts of local agencies educational efforts that are designed to increase awareness regarding local homelessness and change public perceptions.

Other Special Needs Priority - (Low Priority)

There is a need for services and facilities for the youth, elderly, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with special needs.

- **SN-1 Transportation** – Support efforts to further develop public transportation access.
- **SN-2 Social Services** - Support social service programs and facilities for the youth, elderly, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with other special needs.

Community Development Priority - (High Priority)

There is a need to improve the public and community facilities, infrastructure, public services, code enforcement, public safety, clearance, and the quality of life in the Town of Bloomsburg.

- **CD-1 Community Facilities** - Improve the parks, recreational centers, trails, bikeways, and public and community facilities through rehabilitation, new construction and handicap accessibility improvements.
- **CD-2 Infrastructure** - Improve infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, ADA curb cut ramps, sewer, water, stormwater management, flood protection, bridges, green infrastructure, etc.
- **CD-3 Code Enforcement** - Undertake code enforcement activities to maintain the existing housing stock.
- **CD-4 Public Safety** - Improvement of crime prevention and/or the ability to respond to emergency situations.
- **CD-5 Clearance** - Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions.

Economic Development Priority - (Low Priority)

There is a need to increase employment, self-sufficiency, education, job training, technical assistance, and economic empowerment of the residents of the Town of Bloomsburg.

- **ED-1 Employment** - Undertake efforts to support SEDA-Council of Governments’ (SEDA-COG) 5 Year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) where applicable.
- **ED-2 Community Revitalization** - Plan and promote the development and redevelopment of downtown districts, vacant commercial and industrial sites, and facilities.

Administration, Planning, and Management Priority - (High Priority)

There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of Federal, state, and local funded programs.

- **AM-1 Overall Coordination** - Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, Fair Housing, and compliance with all Federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

This Consolidated Annual Plan Performance and Evaluation Report will discuss the aspects of these various goals in greater detail throughout this document.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

Goal Name	Category	Outcome				
AM-1 Overall Coordination	Administration, Planning, and Management	Indicator: Other	Expected: 1	Actual: 0	Unit of Measure: Other	Percent Complete: 0%
CD-2 Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	Indicator: Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Expected 14855	Actual: 0	Unit of Measure: Persons Assisted	Percent Complete: 0%

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
AM-1 - Overall Coordination	Administration, Planning & Management	CDBG: \$212,965 / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Other	Other	10	0	0.00%	1	0	10%
CD-1 - Community Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$165,873	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	14,855	14,855	100.00%	14,855	14,855	100.00%
CD-2 - Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$750,000 / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$600,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	14,855	0	0.00%	14855	0	0.00%
CD-3 - Code Enforcement	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Housing Code Enforcement/Fo reclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0
CD-4 - Public Safety	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	0	0	0	0
CD-5 - Clearance	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$250,000 / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0

ED-1 - Employment	Economic Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	0	0	0	0
ED-1 - Employment	Economic Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0	0	0	0	0
ED-2 - Community Revitalization	Economic Development	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0	0	0	0	0
HO-1 - Housing	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0	0	0	0	0
HO-2 - Education	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0	0	0	0	0
HS-1 - Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$250,000 / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0
HS-2 - Housing Construction/ Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0
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HS-3 - Fair Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Other	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
HS-4 - Homeownership	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	0	0	0	0	0
SN-1 - Transportation	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Other	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
SN-2 - Social Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / CDBG - Town of Bloomsburg: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

Community Development was given a high priority designation in the FFY 2016 – FFY 2020 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2017 Annual Action Plan. With the exception of administration, the entirety of the Town’s FFY 2017 CDBG program funds have been allocated to address infrastructure improvements to handle flood related issues. The FFY 2016 – FFY 2020 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2017 Annual Action Plan repetitively noted that flooding is a major problem in Bloomsburg and has resulted in millions of dollars of damages over the years. Flooding is an issue in Bloomsburg that has nearly unanimous support that it is an issue that needs to be addressed.

All of the Town of Bloomsburg’s FFY 2017 CDBG funding allocated to CD-2 has been expended. However, the activities are supported through a variety of other funding sources. Beneficiaries are not anticipated until mid-2020.

Housing, homelessness, special needs, and economic development were all given low priority designation in FFY 2017 Annual Action Plan because CDBG funds were not allocated to these areas. Different actions were taken with the assistance of community and governmental organizations during the FFY 2017 CDBG program year to address these different focus areas. More discussion regarding these focus areas is provided throughout this document.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	0
Black or African American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	0
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	0

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

Narrative

The Town of Bloomsburg did not fund any direct beneficiary activities for the FFY 2017 CDBG program.

The Town of Bloomsburg is not a HOME HUD entitlement. The Town of Bloomsburg does not receive HOPWA or ESG funding.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	Public - Federal	\$479,634.00	\$259,798.58

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Immediately below provides a status update on the various activities currently financed with CDBG funding:

- **Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Sanitary Sewer):**

All FFY 2016 and FFY 2017 CDBG funds have been expended to date. It is not anticipated that any further CDBG entitlement funds will be allocated to this activity.

Several other financing sources have been secured for the greater Bloomsburg Flood Mitigation Expansion project including CDBG-DR funding, Act 13 Flood Mitigation Program funding, and Wyoming Valley Levee Raising funding. The Town of Bloomsburg has also signed an agreement with the Bloomsburg Area School District (BASD) to participate in the project. BASD has accepted all costs on the project which directly benefit their facilities. The current anticipated budget for the entire project is roughly \$17 million.

Preliminary construction estimates (not including engineering, easements, administration, and other related costs) for the sewer work associated with this activity will approach \$1,189,961.08 million. Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2019. Completion is anticipated in Summer 2020.

- **Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water):**

All FFY 2016 and FFY 2017 CDBG funds have been expended to date. It is not anticipated that any further CDBG entitlement funds will be allocated to this activity.

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Preliminary construction estimates (not including engineering, easements, administration, and other related costs) for the sewer work associated with this activity will approach \$3,104,411.28 million. Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2019. Completion is anticipated in Summer 2020.

- **Administration:**

No FFY 2017 administration fees for have been paid to date. Much of the administration fees that will be paid, will be for the development of the FFY 2016-FFY 2020 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2017 Annual Action Plan, oversight of the citizen participation process, updating relevant policies and procedures, and other technical assistance.

The Town of Bloomsburg has previously entered into a professional services agreement with SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG) to undertake the administration of the FFY 2017 CDBG program. This agreement has various line items for administrative services to be provided by SEDA-COG.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Borough of Berwick	55	55	Allocation amounts are pre-determined by HUD.
Town of Bloomsburg	45	45	Allocation amounts are pre-determined by HUD.

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

This narrative only speaks to the Town of Bloomsburg.

The geographic locations and the public benefit for the FFY 2017 CDBG Activities are as followed:

- Flood Mitigation Expansion (Sanitary Sewer): Town-Wide (LMA)
- Flood Mitigation Expansion (Storm Water): Town-Wide (LMA)
- Administration – Town-Wide

100% of FFY 2017 CDBG funding was allocated on a Town-Wide basis. The Town of Bloomsburg has an overall low- and moderate-income percentage of 59.65%.

Leveraging

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

- **Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Sanitary Sewer) & Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water):**

A combined amount of \$387,187.95 of FFY 2016 and FFY 2017 CDBG funding was allocated to the larger Bloomsburg Flood Mitigation Expansion activity. It is the intention of these funds to assist with engineering costs related to these specific components of infrastructure.

Additionally, the larger Bloomsburg Flood Mitigation Expansion activity utilized a total of \$6,237.69 of FFY 2014 and FFY 2015 CDBG funds under the Commonwealth's CDBG program for early engineering costs. An amount of \$664,395.96 of CDBG-DR funding has also been expended to date for engineering, archaeology, and other pre-construction costs.

For final design engineering, inspection, construction, and other related costs, the following other funding sources have been obtained:

- Act 13 Flood Mitigation Program funding
 - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania source
 - \$400,000 awarded
 - Funds to be utilized for final design and construction
- Wyoming Valley Levee Raising funding
 - Federal source
 - \$1,813,872.52 awarded
 - Funds to be utilized for final design, administration, and construction
- Bloomsburg Area School District funding
 - Local source
 - All final design and construction costs on their property; anticipated to be \$3-\$3.5 million
 - Funds to be utilized for final design, inspection, and construction
- Second Allocation of CDBG-DR funding
 - Federal source
 - \$10.2 million awarded
 - Funds to be utilized for final design, easement acquisition, administration, and construction

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

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

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

During this Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Town of Bloomsburg is not funding any affordable housing activities with CDBG funds. The Town of Bloomsburg will utilize HOME funds they receive from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to do housing rehabilitation activities over the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.

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

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The Town of Bloomsburg only provided funding to two projects for the FFY 2017 CDBG program, neither of which provided direct assistance to homeowners. Currently, flood and other negative impacts associated with flooding, have been the Town’s priority for CDBG financing assistance. HOME funding is provided to income, eligible applicants for housing rehabilitation purposes.

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

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

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

Beyond Violence, the Women’s Center, and the Gatehouse all offer counseling programs to clients in an effort to assess their individual needs.

The Town of Bloomsburg has begun to participate in monthly Columbia County Human Service Coalition meetings, as a result of the Consolidated Planning effort. These meetings are also attended by the representatives of Beyond Violence, the Women’s Center, and the Gatehouse, as well as other social service providers, to coordinate services, prevent duplication of efforts, share information, and promote networking. The Town of Bloomsburg receives a monthly update from the providers listed above during the monthly Columbia County Human Service Coalition meetings about the status of their programs.

Additionally, a Homeless Task Force does also meet monthly concerning issues related to the homeless and “at risk” homeless. This group is made up of representatives from the Columbia County Housing Authority, religious organizations, women’s’ shelters, the Gatehouse, CMSU, Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc. (the county’s community action agency), the United Way of Columbia County, and the US Department of Agriculture. Currently, information updates regarding the Homeless Task Force are provided to the the Town of Bloomsburg at the meetings of the Columbia County Human Service Coalition.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Bloomsburg Town Council officially endorsed the efforts of Diana T. Myers and Associates, Inc., who applied to HUD for funding, on behalf of the regional Continuums of Care (CoC). Details about the funding proposals are provided immediately below:

Applicant Name	Project Name	County(ies)	Explanation
Commonwealth of PA	Commonwealth of PA HMIS (PA-509) - FY2018	PA-509	This is funding for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) operated by PA DCED. Operating an HMIS is required by HUD for Continuums of Care. All projects funded through CoC and ESG must enter data into this system.
Commonwealth of PA	Planning Grant	PA-509	All CoCs have the opportunity to apply to HUD for funding to assist with the planning activities necessary to properly operate a CoC
Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania	Connect to Home Coordinated Entry	PA-509	All CoCs are required to have an operating Coordinated Entry System

	System Project Grant I FY2018		that prioritizes and refers households experiencing homelessness to appropriate resources. Any household that is experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness will need to use the Coordinated Entry system to obtain homeless services funded through CoC or ESG.
Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania	Connect to Home Coordinated Entry System Project Grant II FY2018	PA-509	
Transitions of PA	Coordinated Entry Specialist for Domestic Violence	PA-509	HUD has created a special national funding opportunity for projects that specifically serve Survivors of Domestic Violence. This grant is to provide Domestic Violence specific referrals through the Coordinated Entry system
PCADV	East CoC DV RRH	PA-509	HUD has created a special national funding opportunity for projects that specifically serve Survivors of Domestic Violence. This grant is to provide Rapid Rehousing (up to 24 months of rental assistance and case management) for Survivors of Domestic Violence in Eastern PA.

The Town of Bloomsburg falls under the 33 county Eastern Pennsylvania CoC. This CoC is then broken into five (5) regional homeless advisory boards. Columbia County (and indirectly, the Town of Bloomsburg) is a member of the Central Valley Regional Homeless Advisory Board (CV-RHAB).

Weston Brehm, of the Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is the county's point of contact for CV-RHAB and serves on their board. Rich Kisner, who is the Executive Director of the Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, also serves on the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Housing Committee.

The Town of Bloomsburg does not have direct representation on these boards, or how funds are expended.

The Town of Bloomsburg is not a recipient of HOPWA or ESG funding at this time. The Gatehouse facility, located in the Borough of Danville, does receive ESG funding for the purposes of providing emergency shelter and transitional housing. This facility does serve the Bloomsburg area.

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Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

A variety of programs are established in Columbia County to help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless. The Columbia County United Way and Berwick United Way, the Columbia County Family Center, Beyond Violence, and the Women's Center of Columbia/Montour Counties offer some form of budgeting or financial literacy class. The goals of these classes are for clients to learn how to earn money, manage it, and potentially how he/she invests it and/or donates it to organizations or causes to help others. Successful money management is a critical skill for clients to develop in order to find and maintain housing which is affordable to their budget.

Numerous programs are also available for individuals and families recently discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care. CMSU has established a Mental Health/Substance Abuse Housing Plan as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS). This plan describes the status of and any modification to the County's efforts to enable adults and transition age individuals with serious mental illness to live, work, learn, and participate fully in their communities.

The County also has an established reentry program, known as the Justice House Program, for prisoners who have been released back into the community. For individuals about to be released from a medical institution, hospitals must have written discharge policies that include evaluation of a patient's capacity for self-care and possibility of being cared for in "the environment from which he/she entered the hospital." The actual discharge varies with the individual being discharged, their primary and behavioral health needs, and resources and supports available. While planners try to send individuals home or to family, sometimes they discharge to a nursing home, rehab hospital or as last resort, non-HUD funded shelter.

Homeless Goal #2 of the Town of Bloomsburg's Strategic Plan is to support educational efforts designed to increase awareness regarding how individuals can potentially become homelessness. The Town of Bloomsburg and SEDA-COG organized a training that was held on September 21, 2017, to learn more and provide information to appropriate contacts, about financing options to assist area families with housing affordability. Attendees included municipal and private sector representatives from around the region. The Pennsylvania Housing Financing Authority conducted the presentation.

One tool discussed during the training was the Pennsylvania Housing Financing Authority's Homeowner Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program, to help homeowners get current on their mortgage. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Housing Financing Authority offers a free housing counseling service to assist with mortgage delinquency, foreclosure prevention, and debt management. The Town of Bloomsburg promoted the use of these programs in order to prevent homelessness, during the 2018 calendar year.

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

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Town of Bloomsburg does not manage any public housing complexes. In Pennsylvania, public housing complexes are generally governed by a municipal authority, which is a separate government entity from a local, municipal government.

The Columbia County Housing Authority oversees the public housing complexes located in Columbia County, which the Town of Bloomsburg is a part of. The Columbia County Commissioners, a higher tier government entity from the Bloomsburg Town Council, is the governing board which has established the Columbia County Housing Authority.

However, the Town of Bloomsburg has begun to participate in the monthly Columbia County Human Service Coalition meetings, as a result of the Consolidated Planning effort. These meetings are also attended by the Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, as well as other social service providers, to coordinate services, prevent duplication of efforts, share information, and promote networking.

In prior email correspondence with Lori Gordner, Deputy Director of the Columbia County Housing Authority, she described the improvement needs of their public housing units as minor and able to be updated with annual Capital Funds received from HUD.

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

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As such, the Columbia County Housing Authority manages their own programs and provides opportunities for their residents to participate in management and encourage homeownership. The Columbia County Housing Authority maintains a website (<http://www.columbiacountyhousing.com/home.html>) to inform the public of the programs, projects, and housing opportunities that they provide. A public notice section is also located on this website to inform the public of any newsworthy developments at the Authority.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Columbia County Housing Authority currently does not have a troubled designation. Additionally, the Town of Bloomsburg does not manage any public housing authorities.

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

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

Currently, the following impediments have been initially identified for the Town of Bloomsburg:

- Impediment 1: Fair Housing Education, Advocacy, Monitoring, and Enforcement
- Impediment 2: Benefit Gaps and Challenges
- Impediment 3: Housing Affordability
- Impediment 4: Housing Accessibility

Immediately below is a discussion of action taken on behalf of the Town of Bloomsburg to address each impediment.

Impediment 1: Fair Housing Education, Advocacy, Monitoring, and Enforcement:

SEDA-COG, on behalf of the Town of Bloomsburg, annually publishes the Fair Housing Notice in the local newspaper of general circulation. Additionally, a public hearing is annually held during which the public is asked to report any unfair housing practices. During the FFY 2017 Action Plan Year SEDA-COG also provided educational literature to the Town of Bloomsburg about nuisance ordinances and how they can potentially infringe upon residents Fair Housing rights. This will be examined further as a component of the Analysis of Impediments process, which is discussed below.

For FFY 2016, it was noted that SEDA-COG was to “distribute a brochure to the Town of Bloomsburg that speaks to fair housing law and policies. SEDA-COG’s intention is to distribute this notice to the Town in an effort to increase awareness and further inform the community of their obligations, particularly as they relate to zoning ordinances. One of the important messages is that the impacts of ordinances, rather than the ordinances themselves, be reviewed to determine if they create impediments. The brochure will also examine the costs of housing for both buyers and renters as an impediment to fair housing and discuss various housing financial assistance programs.”

In follow up to this discussed activity, the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) noted that the “Town itself should review its own zoning ordinance to determine whether it creates an impediment to housing choice. FHEO further recommends the Town work collaboratively with surrounding townships to ensure the ordinances do not contain restrictions likely to have a discriminatory effect.”

Based on this guidance, both the Town and SEDA-COG felt that they did not have the knowledge capacity to adequately review the Town’s zoning ordinance. Town of Bloomsburg, in collaboration with SEDA-COG, organized a training for September 20th and 21st, 2017, at Bloomsburg and Susquehanna Universities, to educate staffs on how zoning can potentially encourage discrimination. Rachel Wentworth, Executive Director of the Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania, provided discussion on this topic.

Attendance at the trainings were intended to include Borough and Town staffs, other municipalities, professionals in the real estate sector, and SEDA-COG. The intended outcome of holding these trainings

for Town of Bloomsburg was to be able to adequately respond to the comments originally provided by FHEO. The Town of Bloomsburg will be able to adequately do this following completion of its Analysis of Impediments.

During the FFY 2017 Action Plan program year, the Town of Bloomsburg allocated \$9,124 of FFY 2018 CDBG administration funding for the purposes of conducting a professional Analysis of Impediments. It is anticipated that an additional amount of FFY 2019 CDBG administration funding will be contributed to this effort. A request for proposals is anticipated to be conducted during the FFY 2018 Action Plan Year.

The Town's intentions regarding the Analysis of Impediments process were discussed in a letter to Mary Anne Bellacima, HUD, dated October 1, 2018. The Town of Bloomsburg anticipates that it will collaborate with the Borough of Berwick through this effort. Review of zoning matters that relate to Fair Housing, will be examined further as a component of the Analysis of Impediments process.

Impediment 2: Benefit Gaps and Challenges:

Unfortunately, benefit reform that significantly affects residents in Bloomsburg will need to occur at the federal level. Strategies that could be implemented at the local level, however, include supporting non-profit organizations such as Agape or the United Way, the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation, and the United Way which attempt to "fill in funding gaps that exist in their communities." The Town of Bloomsburg will contact non-profit organizations during the CDBG application preparation process to invite input and support projects that benefit the community.

During the 2018 calendar year, Tyler Dombroski, the Town's CDBG coordinator, was appointed to the Board of Directors of Central Susquehanna Opportunities (CSO). This non-profit organization provides additional financial and programmatic assistance to local lower income residents. Mr. Dombroski has been appointed to the program subcommittee of the organization in an effort to increase collaboration between CSO and the Town.

Comment provided by FHEO for the FFY 2016 Annual Action Plan noted a recommendation to both apply for HOME funding to assist with "rental assistance to those renters that have a gap in their income." The Town, during FFY 2017 program year, already had an open HOME contract with the Commonwealth focused on providing housing rehabilitation funding to homeowners. These funds expired during the FFY 2017 program year. The Town will review the aims of its HOME program again, if funding is pursued in the future.

FHEO also suggested that the Town "implement a First Time Homebuyers program to assist renters with becoming homeowners." The Town does not have the financial or staff capacity to implement a First Time Homebuyers program. However, CCHA does offer a First Time Homebuyers program for Columbia County residents which Town of Bloomsburg is a part of. Town of Bloomsburg will continue to encourage residents to participate in this program to encourage additional home ownership within its municipal limits.

With the number of other funding tools noted, the Town Council does not feel that it is appropriate to allocate CDBG resources to individual financial support activities.

Impediment 3: Housing Affordability:

It is the desire of the Town of Bloomsburg to maintain their supply of available decent, safe, and affordable housing. The current housing stock is maintained through rehabilitation efforts, codes enforcement, and new construction. The Town of Bloomsburg, through Columbia County Housing Authority, also encourages homeownership opportunities for LMI households by promoting its First Time Home Buyers Program. SEDA-COG's brochure previously discussed and examines various housing financial assistance programs.

Public housing and other facilities aimed towards income distressed populations in the Town of Bloomsburg will also continue to be administered and further developed.

As previously noted, the Town of Bloomsburg and SEDA-COG organized a training for September 21, 2017, to learn more about financing options, to assist area families with housing affordability. Attendees included municipal and private sector representatives from around the region. The Pennsylvania Housing Financing Authority conducted the presentation.

Specific financing tools discussed during the training include Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Pennsylvania Housing Financing Authority conventional and PennHOMES loan programs, and the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement program. These financing tools are all administered by the Pennsylvania Housing Financing Authority.

Additionally, participating private lenders collaborate with the Pennsylvania Housing Financing Authority for the ACCESS Home Modification program, Purchase Improvement program, Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program, Renovate and Repair program, and the PENNVEST Homeowner Septic Program.

The Town of Bloomsburg enthusiastically supports these programs offered by the Pennsylvania Housing Financing Authority. However, the Town of Bloomsburg does not have the knowledge, operation, or finance capacity to offer programs such as the ones mentioned above. The Town of Bloomsburg promoted the use of these programs in order to prevent homelessness, during the 2018 calendar year.

The Town of Bloomsburg disagrees with the comments offered by FHEO for the FFY 2016 Annual Action Plan noting "without CDBG funds being allocated to these activities (rehabilitation efforts, code enforcement, and new construction) this impediment cannot be removed or ameliorated."

As previously noted throughout the FFY 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2016 - FFY 2018 Annual Action Plan, the Town of Bloomsburg has and will continue to utilize HOME, Weatherization, and other grant programs to finance continued housing rehabilitation.

New housing construction, like much of the rest of the country, will continue to be primarily driven by the private sector. The Columbia County Housing Authority had also played a significant role developing new housing complexes for LMI populations, such as the Bloom Mills complex. Construction is currently underway for this forty-apartment complex.

Finally, the Town of Bloomsburg has an active code staff which enforces the Town's various ordinances, including the International Property Maintenance Code. The International Property Maintenance Code is

the standard building maintenance code used by municipalities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Bloomsburg's code staff, as well as most code staffs of small to mid-sized municipalities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, finance their community's code enforcement efforts simply through general funds and the occasional revenues generated from enforcement.

Given the Town of Bloomsburg's relatively small allocation of CDBG funds, there simply is not enough CDBG funding to spread to the activities discussed above. These activities are important to the Bloomsburg Town Council and their constituents, however, which is why other financing tools will continue to be utilized to pursue the goals of these activities.

Impediment 4: Housing Accessibility:

As noted previously, the Town of Bloomsburg's HOME program under the Commonwealth, had its funds expires during FFY 2017. If the Town pursues additional HOME funding to conduct housing rehabilitation, housing accessibility work will be completed as necessary to assist with necessary home accessibility improvements.

Additionally, the Town of Bloomsburg, through Columbia County Housing Authority, will continue to support the building of homes that are designed to accommodate the needs of handicapped and disabled residents through its Accessible Homes Program. The Columbia County Housing Authority will also continue to provide additional low-income residents with permanent disabilities, physical modifications to their home or apartment, through its Access Grant Program.

As previously noted, Town of Bloomsburg and SEDA-COG organized a training that was held on September 21, 2017, to learn more about financing options to assist area families with housing affordability. The Town of Bloomsburg promoted the use of these programs, during the 2018 calendar year.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The Town of Bloomsburg enthusiastically supports the programs previously discussed, that are offered by the Pennsylvania Housing Financing Authority. However, the Town of Bloomsburg does not have the knowledge, operation, or finance capacity to offer programs such as the ones mentioned above. The Town of Bloomsburg promoted the use of these programs, during the 2018 calendar year.

The result of the planned Analysis of Impediments will also play a significant role with how the Town of Bloomsburg structures its future housing related activities.

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

Lack of access to transportation was also identified as a major issue in the FFY 2016-FFY 2020 Consolidated Plan, as well as FFY 2016-2018 Annual Action Plan. During the FFY 2016-2017 program years, the Town of Bloomsburg has continued to participate in various collaborative efforts with the United Way, other area social service providers, RabbitTransit (the region's transportation authority utilized by seniors), and local healthcare providers on studying the issue of access to transportation access.

As a result of recent study efforts, PennDOT is considering the possibility of expanding a fixed route

public transportation system throughout the Susquehanna Valley. Evaluation of RabbitTransit ridership will be evaluated over the next three years before a funding decision is made. The project would be funded through 85 percent funding through PennDOT and 15 percent local match.

The Columbia County Housing Authority has also undertaken and expanded a revolving car loan program, with some private sector financial assistance, to underemployed or unemployed area residents, in an effort to help them improve their access to employment. The Town of Bloomsburg has remained aware, and participated in efforts as needed, through its membership with the Columbia County Human Services Coalition.

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

In an effort to provide internal compliance review, SEDA-COG periodically reviews its policies and procedures utilized to operate the various aspects of the Town of Bloomsburg's CDBG program, including policies and procedure relating to lead based paint reduction. During calendar year 2017, SEDA-COG submitted its current policies and procedures to HUD staff for review and comment. HUD has provided feedback regarding these submissions. As a result of HUD's input, Tyler Dombroski at SEDA-COG has completed a more detailed review of SEDA-COG's policies and procedures used on behalf of the Town of Bloomsburg. SEDA-COG has since completed its policies and procedures.

For FFY 2017, the Town of Bloomsburg did not undertake rehabilitation, tenant based rental assistance, and/or property acquisition, which was supported by the CDBG program. The Town of Bloomsburg does adhere to the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act.

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

As a grantee of Community Development Block Grant funding, the Town of Bloomsburg is bound by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 3 guidelines. In order to promote local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency for low- and very low-income individuals the Town of Bloomsburg has established a Section 3 Action Plan. This plan shall be binding on the Town of Bloomsburg and its contractors and subcontractors, consistent with the thresholds, definitions, and goals, described below. The Town of Bloomsburg is committed to this plan and expects its staff and contractors to achieve these goals through hiring practices or subcontracting efforts, or alternatively to clearly demonstrate a good faith effort to comply. The following are the employment and contracting goals for the Town of Bloomsburg's Section 3 Action Plan:

Employment: Thirty percent (30%) of the aggregate new hires of the grantee or contractor(s) in the fiscal year in which the contract was awarded.

Contracting: Ten percent (10%) of the total project construction cost; and at least three percent (3%) of the total dollar amount of all other (non-construction) Section 3 covered contracts to Section 3 business concerns.

The Town of Bloomsburg financed two CDBG project utilizing the FFY 2018 funds. Although the necessary actions dictated in the Section 3 Action Plan were made, the goals were not met. The Town of Bloomsburg will continue to encourage Section 3 employer and resident participation on its HUD funded projects.

The following investments were made in LMI neighborhood in an effort to reduce disinvestment and poverty:

The geographic locations and the public benefit for the FFY 2017 CDBG Activities are as followed:

- Flood Mitigation Expansion (Sanitary Sewer): Town-Wide (LMA)
- Flood Mitigation Expansion (Storm Water): Town-Wide (LMA)
- Administration – Town-Wide

100% of FFY 2017 CDBG funding was allocated on a Town-Wide basis. The Town of Bloomsburg has an overall low- and moderate-income percentage of 59.65%.

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

The Town of Bloomsburg and SEDA-COG coordinate activities among public and private agencies, and other organizations that serve the Town of Bloomsburg. Due to the relatively small population of the Town of Bloomsburg, many public and private agencies provide services on either a county or multi-county level. As a result of this administrative structure, the efforts to implement the strategies produced from the FFY 2016-FFY 2020 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2017 Action Plan require cooperation across Columbia County.

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

The Town of Bloomsburg has strengthened its relationships with the Columbia County Human Service Coalition through attendance at monthly meetings. This action has helped to facilitate and coordinate linkages between these public/private partnerships, develop new partnership opportunities, and has helped to ensure that the goals and objectives of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan are being addressed by the various agencies.

During the 2018 calendar year, Tyler Dombroski, the Town's CDBG coordinator, was appointed to the Board of Directors of Central Susquehanna Opportunities (CSO). This non-profit organization provides additional financial and programmatic assistance to local lower income residents. Mr. Dombroski has been appointed to the program subcommittee of the organization in an effort to increase collaboration between CSO and the Town.

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

An Analysis of Impediments plan has not been completed to date. Please refer to the letter sent to Mary Anne Bellacima, HUD, dated October 1, 2018, regarding prior actions taken regarding this effort.

During the FFY 2017 Action Plan program year, the Town of Bloomsburg allocated \$9,124 of FFY 2018 CDBG administration funding for the purposes of conducting a professional Analysis of Impediments. It is anticipated that an additional amount of FFY 2019 CDBG administration funding will be contributed to this effort. A request for proposals is anticipated to be conducted during the FFY 2018 Action Plan Year. The Town of Bloomsburg anticipates that it will collaborate with the Borough of Berwick through this effort.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

SEDA-COG's Community Development Department is contractually obligated to administer the Town of Bloomsburg's CDBG program. SEDA-COG provides grant administration, activity development, and most activity management services needed to comply with the terms of the grant. SEDA-COG's duties include monitoring the implementation of actions designed to meet the compliance requirements and goals of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, etc. SEDA-COG maintains records on the progress of meeting the goals and statutory/regulatory compliance of each activity unless the contractual relationship between SEDA-COG and the Town of Bloomsburg is terminated.

In an effort to provide internal compliance review, SEDA-COG periodically reviews its policies and procedures, which it is an organization that utilizes to operate the various aspects of the Town of Bloomsburg's CDBG program. During calendar year 2017, SEDA-COG submitted its current policies and procedures to HUD staff for review and comment. HUD has provided feedback regarding these submissions. As a result of HUD's input, Tyler Dombroski at SEDA-COG has done a more detailed review of SEDA-COG's policies and procedures used on behalf of the Town of Bloomsburg. SEDA-COG updated these policies and procedures during the FFY 2017 program year. Tyler Dombroski also shared policies and procedures, including the Town's MBE/WBE Action Plan, with Mary Anne Bellacima during review of the FFY 2016 CAPER.

SEDA-COG also maintains a "Master File" on behalf of Town of Bloomsburg, which contains various plans which have been approved over the years by Bloomsburg's Town Council, for the complaint administration of the CDBG program. Among these approved plans is a Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Action Plan, which was most recently updated, and re-adopted in 2016. This plan is the guide for encouraging MBE/WBE participation on CDBG and HOME financed activities. SEDA-COG also completed an update to the Town's Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 planning documents as it relates to participation in the program for persons with disabilities.

SEDA-COG's specific activity development and Annual Action Plan preparation responsibilities include citizen participation requirements, preparation of the plan, development of the Entitlement grant application, and satisfaction of Federal regulatory requirements related to application submission. Specific grant administration responsibilities include assistance in record keeping and financial management (including preparation and approval of invoice forms and IDIS draws), contract review and finalization of activity scope, activity coordination, procurement, preparation, approval, and submission of progress reports, and close-out/monitoring. Specific activity management responsibilities to be carried out on an activity-by-activity basis include Labor Standards Enforcement and completion of the required Environmental Review(s).

The Town of Bloomsburg retains control of grant funds and overall control of the financial management system through invoice approval and preparation of bank drafts. After final execution of the contract between HUD and the Town Council, SEDA-COG assists in preparing the necessary contract documents.

SEDA-COG set up, maintains, and requisitions funds through the IDIS system. The Bloomsburg Town Council, however, shall have final authority on the actual issuance of payment.

In Bloomsburg, the Town Manager shall serve as the contact person between Town Council and SEDA-COG in order to assist in the coordination of grant management activities. The Town Council may also utilize other necessary expertise, at their discretion.

Specific activities may require certain delivery services over and above activities listed. CDBG funds may be utilized to support archaeological, architectural, and/or engineering services, in addition to legal consultation.

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

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

Notices were advertised in the *Press Enterprise*, the local newspaper of circulation, regarding review of the FFY 2017 CAPER in order to invite public comments. The public hearing date of December 5, 2018 was also provided in the notice. SEDA-COG also notified all of the organizations that initially participated in the consultation process, during the development of the FFY 2016-FFY 2020 Consolidated Plan and FFY 2017 Action Plan, that comments for the FFY 2017 CAPER were being accepted.

The Town of Bloomsburg conducted its 15-day public comment period for its FFY 2017 CAPER between November 24, 2018 and December 9, 2018. The Town of Bloomsburg provided a draft copy of the CAPER for public comments at the following locations:

1. Town of Bloomsburg
301 East 2nd Street
Bloomsburg, PA 17815
2. SEDA-COG's website:
<http://www.sedacog.org/Pages/communitydevelopment.aspx>

Please refer to the minutes of the public hearing, which provides comment documentation for the whole 15-day period, for discussion of submitted comments.

The Town of Bloomsburg does make every effort to make all programs and activities accessible to the learning, mobility, visually, hearing, language-impaired persons, and those with limited English proficiency. Therefore, persons with a disability or limited English proficiency that require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation to participate, are invited to contact SEDA-COG to discuss how to best accommodate needs. Translators are also made available at public meetings upon advance request.

Any complaints, grievances, or comments written and submitted to SEDA-COG are addressed within 15 working days when practicable.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

The Town of Bloomsburg submitted its FFY 2017 Action Plan to HUD, proposing the utilization of CDBG funding for the following activities:

- **Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Sanitary Sewer)**
- **Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water)**

No changes were made to funded activities or objectives. All FFY 2017 CDBG funds have been expended at this time. However, construction is not anticipated to commence until early 2019. Completion is anticipated in Summer 2020.

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

N/A.

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

N/A.

PR26 - Activity Summary by Selected Grant

Date Generated: 11/21/2018

Grantee: BLOOMSBURG

Grant Year: 2017

Total Grant Amount for 2017 Grant year = \$237,837.00													
State	Grantee Name	Grant Year	Grant Number	Activity Group	Matrix Code	National Objective	IDIS Activity	Activity Status	Amount Funded From Selected Grant	Amount Drawn From Selected Grant	% of CDBG Drawn From Selected Grant/Grant	Total CDBG Funded Amount (All Years All Sources)	Total CDBG Drawn Amount (All Years All Sources)
PA	BLOOMSBURG	2017	B17MC420026	Administrative And Planning	21A		17	Open	\$43,999.84	\$0.00		\$43,999.84	\$0.00
Administrative And Planning									\$43,999.84	\$0.00	0.00%	\$43,999.84	\$0.00
PA	BLOOMSBURG	2017	B17MC420026	Public Improvements	03I	LMA	15	Open	\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58		\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58
PA	BLOOMSBURG	2017	B17MC420026	Public Improvements	03I	LMA	16	Open	\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58		\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58
Public Improvements									\$193,837.16	\$193,837.16	81.50%	\$193,837.16	\$193,837.16
Total 2017									\$237,837.00	\$193,837.16	81.50%	\$237,837.00	\$193,837.16
Grand Total									\$237,837.00	\$193,837.16	81.50%	\$237,837.00	\$193,837.16



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PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG RESOURCES

01 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
02 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	237,837.00
03 SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL	0.00
04 SECTION 108 GUARANTEED LOAN FUNDS	0.00
05 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
05a CURRENT YEAR SECTION 108 PROGRAM INCOME (FOR SI TYPE)	0.00
06 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LINE-OF-CREDIT	0.00
06a FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
07 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	0.00
08 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM, LINES 01-07)	237,837.00

PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG EXPENDITURES

09 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	232,548.58
10 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT	0.00
11 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT (LINE 09 + LINE 10)	232,548.58
12 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	4,650.00
13 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	0.00
14 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00
15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 11-14)	237,198.58
16 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 08 - LINE 15)	638.42

PART III: LOWMOD BENEFIT THIS REPORTING PERIOD

17 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	0.00
18 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD MULTI-UNIT HOUSING	0.00
19 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MOD ACTIVITIES	232,548.58
20 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT	0.00
21 TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT (SUM, LINES 17-20)	232,548.58
22 PERCENT LOW/MOD CREDIT (LINE 21/LINE 11)	100.00%

LOW/MOD BENEFIT FOR MULTI-YEAR CERTIFICATIONS

23 PROGRAM YEARS(PY) COVERED IN CERTIFICATION	PY: PY: PY:
24 CUMULATIVE NET EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT CALCULATION	0.00
25 CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES BENEFITING LOW/MOD PERSONS	0.00
26 PERCENT BENEFIT TO LOW/MOD PERSONS (LINE 25/LINE 24)	0.00%

PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CAP CALCULATIONS

27 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	0.00
28 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
29 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
30 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS	0.00
31 TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS (LINE 27 + LINE 28 - LINE 29 + LINE 30)	0.00
32 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	237,837.00
33 PRIOR YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
34 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP	0.00
35 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP (SUM, LINES 32-34)	237,837.00
36 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 31/LINE 35)	0.00%

PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP

37 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	4,650.00
38 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
39 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
40 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS	0.00
41 TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS (LINE 37 + LINE 38 - LINE 39 + LINE 40)	4,650.00
42 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	237,837.00
43 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
44 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP	0.00
45 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP (SUM, LINES 42-44)	237,837.00
46 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 41/LINE 45)	1.96%



LINE 17 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 17

Report returned no data.

LINE 18 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 18

Report returned no data.

LINE 19 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 19

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2016	4	13	6106465	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Sanitary Sewer)	03I	LMA	\$8,595.24
2016	4	13	6111981	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Sanitary Sewer)	03I	LMA	\$12,514.56
2016	4	13	6124604	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Sanitary Sewer)	03I	LMA	\$21,272.37
2016	4	13	6136159	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Sanitary Sewer)	03I	LMA	\$12,357.84
2016	4	13	6148804	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Sanitary Sewer)	03I	LMA	\$24,134.99
2016	4	13	6192278	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Sanitary Sewer)	03I	LMA	\$17,800.40
2016	5	14	6106465	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water)	03I	LMA	\$7,264.39
2016	5	14	6111981	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water)	03I	LMA	\$10,244.18
2016	5	14	6124604	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water)	03I	LMA	\$13,092.94
2016	5	14	6136159	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water)	03I	LMA	\$10,210.89
2016	5	14	6148804	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water)	03I	LMA	\$27,062.60
2016	5	14	6167880	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water)	03I	LMA	\$446.25
2016	5	14	6192278	Flood Mitigation Expansion (Phase II) (Storm Water)	03I	LMA	\$28,354.14
2017	3	15	6192278	Flood Mitigation Expansion Project (Sanitary Sewer)	03I	LMA	\$22,346.26
2017	4	16	6192278	Flood Mitigation Expansion Project (Storm Water)	03I	LMA	\$16,851.53
					03I	Matrix Code	\$232,548.58
Total							\$232,548.58

LINE 27 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 27

Report returned no data.

LINE 37 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 37

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2016	3	12	6092727	Administration - Bloomsburg	21A		\$2,450.00
2016	3	12	6141526	Administration - Bloomsburg	21A		\$2,200.00
					21A	Matrix Code	\$4,650.00
Total							\$4,650.00



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Count of CDBG Activities with Disbursements by Activity Group & Matrix Code

Activity Group	Activity Category	Open Activities		Completed		Program Year Count	Total Activities Disbursed
		Open Count	Disbursed	Count	Disbursed		
Public Facilities and Improvements	Parks, Recreational Facilities (03F)	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
	Flood Drainage Improvements (03I)	4	\$232,548.58	0	\$0.00	4	\$232,548.58
	Sidewalks (03L)	1	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
	Total Public Facilities and Improvements	5	\$232,548.58	1	\$0.00	6	\$232,548.58
General Administration and Planning	General Program Administration (21A)	2	\$4,650.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$4,650.00
	Total General Administration and Planning	2	\$4,650.00	0	\$0.00	2	\$4,650.00
Grand Total		7	\$237,198.58	1	\$0.00	8	\$237,198.58



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CDBG Sum of Actual Accomplishments by Activity Group and Accomplishment Type

Activity Group	Matrix Code	Accomplishment Type	Program Year		Totals
			Open Count	Completed Count	
Public Facilities and Improvements	Parks, Recreational Facilities (03F)	Public Facilities	0	10,665	10,665
	Flood Drainage Improvements (03I)	Public Facilities	0	0	0
	Sidewalks (03L)	Public Facilities	0	0	0
	Total Public Facilities and Improvements		0	10,665	10,665
Grand Total			0	10,665	10,665



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CDBG Beneficiaries by Income Category

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REPORT FOR CPD PROGRAM CDBG
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Plan Year	IDIS Project	Project	IDIS Activity ID	Activity Name	Activity Status	Program	Funded Amount	Draw Amount	Balance
2017	3	Flood Mitigation Expansion Project (Sanitary Sewer)	15	Flood Mitigation Expansion Project (Sanitary Sewer)	Open	CDBG	\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58	\$0.00
		Project Total					\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58	\$0.00
	4	Flood Mitigation Expansion Project (Storm Water)	16	Flood Mitigation Expansion Project (Storm Water)	Open	CDBG	\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58	\$0.00
		Project Total					\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58	\$0.00
	5	SEDA-COG Admin - Bloomsburg	17	SEDA-COG Admin - Bloomsburg	Open	CDBG	\$43,999.84	\$0.00	\$43,999.84
		Project Total					\$43,999.84	\$0.00	\$43,999.84
		Program Total				CDBG	\$237,837.00	\$193,837.16	\$43,999.84
		2017 Total				CDBG	\$237,837.00	\$193,837.16	\$43,999.84
Program Grand Total						CDBG	\$237,837.00	\$193,837.16	\$43,999.84
Grand Total						CDBG	\$237,837.00	\$193,837.16	\$43,999.84

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Plan IDIS Year Project	Project Title and Description	Program
2017 1	Flood Mitigation Expansion Project (Sanitary Sewer)	CDBG
3	Flood Mitigation Expansion Project (Sanitary Sewer)	CDBG
4	Flood Mitigation Expansion Project (Storm Water)	CDBG
5	SEDA-COG Admin - Bloomsburg	CDBG

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Project Estimate	Committed Amount	Amount Drawn Thru Report Year	Amount Available to Draw	Amount Drawn in Report Year
\$96,675.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58	\$22,346.26	\$74,572.32	\$22,346.26
\$96,918.58	\$96,918.58	\$16,851.53	\$80,067.05	\$16,851.53
\$43,999.84	\$43,999.84	\$0.00	\$43,999.84	\$0.00

Section 3 Summary Report

Economic Opportunities for
Low – and Very Low-Income Persons

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development Office
of Fair Housing And Equal
Opportunity

OMB Approval No: 2529-0043

(exp. 11/30/2010)

HUD Field Office:

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1. Recipient Name & Address: (street, city, state, zip) Town of Bloomsburg 301 East Second Street Bloomsburg PA 17815-1963		2. Federal Identification: (Contract No.) B-16-MC-42-0026		3. Total Amount of Award: \$241,797	
		4. Contact Person Tyler Dombroski, Program Analyst SEDA-Council of Governments		5. Phone: (include area code) (570) 524-4491	
		6. Length of Grant: 5 years		7. Reporting Period: January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017	
8. Date Report Submitted: January 16, 2018			9. Program Code Name: (Use separate sheet for each program code) (Codes are at the bottom of the Page) 8 – CDBG State Administered		

Part I: Employment and Training (* Columns B, C and F are mandatory fields).

A Job Category	B Number of New Hires	C Number of New Hires that are Sec. 3 Residents	D % of Section 3 New Hires	E % of Total Staff Hours for Section 3 Employees	F Number of Section 3 Trainees
Professionals	0	0			0
Technicians	0	0			0
Office/Clerical	0	0			0
Officials and Managers	0	0			0
Sales	0	0			0
Craft Workers (Skilled)	0	0			0
Operatives (Semi-Skilled)	0	0			0
Laborers (Unskilled)	0	0			0
Service Workers	0	0			0
Other	0	0			0
Total					

* Program Codes
1 = Flexible Subsidy
2 = Section 202/811

3 = Public/Indian Housing
A = Development,
B = Operation
C = Modernization

4 = Homeless Assistance
5 = HOME
6 = HOME State Administered
7 = CDBG Entitlement

8 = CDBG State Administered
9 = Other CD Programs
10 = Other Housing Programs

Part II: Contracts Awarded

1. Construction Contracts:		
A. Total dollar amount of all contracts awarded on the project during this report period	\$	8,183
B. Total dollar amount of contracts awarded to Section 3 businesses	\$	0.00
C. Percentage of the total dollar amount that was awarded to Section 3 businesses		0.0%
D. Total number of Section 3 businesses receiving contracts		0
2. Non-Construction Contracts:		
A. Total dollar amount of all non-construction contracts awarded on the project	\$	0.00
B. Total dollar amount of non-construction contracts awarded to Section 3 businesses	\$	0.00
C. Percentage of the total dollar amount that was awarded to Section 3 businesses		0.0%
D. Total number of Section 3 businesses receiving non-construction contracts		0

Part III: Summary

Indicate the efforts made to direct the employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD financial assistance for housing and community development programs, to the greatest extent feasible, toward low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing. (Check all that apply.)

X	Recruited low-income residents through: local advertising media, signs prominently displayed at the project site, contacts with community organizations and public or private agencies operating within the metropolitan area (or nonmetropolitan county) in which the Section 3 covered program or project is located or similar methods.
X	Participated in a HUD program or other program which promotes the training or employment of Section 3 residents.
X	Participated in a HUD program or other program which promotes the training or employment of Section 3 residents.
X	Participated in a HUD program or other program which promotes the award of contracts to business concerns which meet the definition of Section 3 business concerns.
X	Coordinated with Youthbuild Programs and administered in the metropolitan area in which the Section 3 covered project is located
X	Other Efforts, Please describe: Provided training opportunities to educate contractors on how to meet Section 3 compliance requirements. Maintained a list of Section 3 businesses.

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Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u, mandates that the Department ensures that employment and other economic opportunities generated by its housing and community development assistance programs are directed toward low- and very-low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance housing. The regulations are found at 24 CFR Part 135. The information will be used by the Department to monitor program recipients' compliance with Section 3, to assess the results of the Department's efforts to meet the statutory objectives of Section 3, to prepare reports to Congress, and by recipients as self-monitoring tool. The data is entered into a database and will be analyzed and distributed. The collection of information involves recipients receiving Federal financial assistance for housing and community development programs covered by Section 3. The information will be collected annually to assist HUD in meeting its reporting requirements under Section 808(e)(6) of the Fair Housing Act and Section 916 of the HCDA of 1992. An assurance of confidentiality is not applicable to this form. The Privacy Act of 1974 and OMB Circular A-108 are not applicable. The reporting requirements do not contain sensitive questions. Data is cumulative; personal identifying information is not included.