

FY2011/12 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report City of Springfield Executive Summary

This CAPER is the second of five annual reports of activities undertaken to address housing and community development needs described in the 2010 Eugene-Springfield Consolidated Plan. This CAPER covers the period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

The City of Springfield received \$552,598 in CDBG funds for FY11/12. This was a substantial reduction from the previous year. The City of Springfield is also a member of the Eugene-Springfield HOME Consortium and received a HOME allocation of \$408,479. Below are highlights of the activities undertaken by the City of Springfield during the reporting period.

Increase Homeownership Opportunities

- 12 SHOP loans were made to low-income first-time homebuyers to purchase homes in Springfield.
- Springfield-Eugene Habitat for Humanity continues to develop the 10 unit Meyer Estates subdivision. Eight of the ten units have been completed.

Maintain Existing Housing Stock

- Springfield provided 60 very low-income homeowners with emergency repair assistance. Of these, 42 were female headed households, and 23 were households with at least one disabled person.
- Only one very low-income homeowner was provided assistance through the CHORE program. This program did not receive funding in FY11-12.

Housing for Special Needs

- The City helped Alvord Taylor, Inc. make accessibility and safety improvement to five group homes that provide permanent affordable housing to adults with developmental disabilities.

Increase Supply of Transitional Housing for Homeless Households

- NEDCO received a HOME allocation to assist with the purchase and rehabilitation of four foreclosed single-family properties. The properties are to be used as permanent transitional housing for families that lost their homes in the housing crisis and are homeless or at risk of being homeless. NEDCO is in the process of closing on two properties.

Increase Home Safety and Security for Low-Income Households

- Lock-Out-Crime provides a free service to low- and very low-income households who feel threatened or are living in inadequately secured dwellings. In FY11/12 the program assisted 246 low and very low-income households, 192 who were victims of domestic violence. 218 of those assisted were female-headed households.

Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

- The final phase of the Full Access and Oregon Supported Living elevator project has been completed. This phase consisted of designing and installing safety railings and gates on the second floor to ensure the safety of their clients. The two agencies provide employment training and life skills to persons with developmental disabilities. The new elevator allowed many of their disabled clients access to the second floor for the first time.
- Exterior stucco walls of the Emerald Empire Art Center were repaired with CDBG funds. The art center is in downtown Springfield and is a cornerstone of the downtown revitalization efforts.
- NEDCO used an allocation of CDBG to purchase the Springfield Christian Church property in downtown. The agency is in the process of converting the building into SPROUT! a regional food hub in which local micro-restaurateurs, farmers and food merchants can cook, create and market their products.
- Improvements to the Riverbend Elementary School neighborhood playground have been completed. This activity was funded in part with CDBG funds that were previously earmarked for the Brattain Elementary School playground.
- CDBG funds that were allocated to the Planned Parenthood project in Glenwood were declined by the agency. The funds were reallocated in the FY12/13 funding process.

Economic Development

- The owners of Momma's Kitchen Restaurant continue to utilize an FY10/11 CDBG Business Development Loan to grow their business, improve business recognition and enhance the eating experience for their customers.

Public Service Needs

- 15% of the City's annual CDBG allocation went the Human Services Commission to support vital public services provided by St. Vincent de Paul, Food for Lane County, Catholic Community Services, White Bird Medical Clinic and the Relief Nursery.

Planning and Administration

- \$110,759 of CDBG and \$40,916 of HOME funds was designated for planning and administrative activities during the reporting period.

Self Evaluation

The City of Springfield undertakes housing and related activities only when such activities are supported by the Consolidated Plan. Published in May 2010, the goals and priorities of the 2010 Consolidated Plan have guided the City in the allocation of HOME and CDBG funds, and in its administration of housing programs citywide. The list of accomplishments reflects the effectiveness of this approach. Current budget issues have caused the suspension of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the CHORE Program. Overall, the City has made steady progress in meeting its housing and community development goals.

The City continues to search for ways to help low-income people with their housing problems. As the demand on housing resources increases, creativity and innovation will be key factors in the funding and administration of housing projects and programs. As the City of Springfield moves forward, its commitments to invest in its citizens, improve its housing stock, and revitalize its neighborhoods will remain top priorities.