

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.

The City of Plymouth is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are allocated and expended for activities benefitting City of Plymouth residents. HUD requires a summary submission of the annual performance for the programs. The following is an overview of accomplishments for the most current reporting period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. This is the second reporting period in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan cycle.

The City of Plymouth is one of three CDBG entitlement jurisdictions among 43 suburban communities within Hennepin County and remains a part of the Hennepin County Consortium for the purposes of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The City of Plymouth has used its allocations according to the directives given in the 2021 Annual Action Plan. Of the total estimated 2021 CDBG budget which included the 2021 allocation of \$292,810, \$40,000 estimated in program income, and an estimated \$275,393 in funding available via unexpended funds from the 2020 program year, \$382,093 were expended. During the 2021 program year, \$200,354 was expended for homeowner occupied affordable housing projects, \$22,894 was expended for rehabilitation and physical improvements to affordable rental units in Plymouth, \$36,116 was expended for public service activities, \$3,000 was allocated to fair housing activities, and \$30,904 was expended for the administration of the CDBG program. Plymouth received \$171,529 in program income during the 2021 year that was reallocated back into the program.

The City of Plymouth continues to spend down its remaining allocation of the \$426,390 of CDBG-CV funds received in 2020. In the 2021 program year, dollars were disbursed for tenant counseling in response to challenges renters faced from the abrupt conclusion of the RentHelpMN program. CDBG-CV dollars were used to purchase headset, laptops, and hotspots to provide one-on-one homeownership counseling over video conference. Funds were also disbursed to purchase laptops for 17 group homes managed by Hammer Residences, which provided technology to prevent, prepare, and respond to Covid, allowing access to information by caregivers to track medication administration and communicating with the care team. Overall, 75% of CDBG-CV funds have been disbursed as of 2022.

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	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Administration	Program Administration	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	0				
Direct homebuyer assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	15	2	13.33%	3	1	33.33%
Emergency Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	10	0	0.00%			
Fair Housing	Fair Housing	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	0				
Homelessness prevention	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	40	49	122.50%			

Homelessness prevention	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		19	18	94.74%
Homeowner education	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	250	102	40.80%			
Homeowner education	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		46	51	110.87%
Homeowner rehabilitation assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	35	17	48.57%	9	4	44.44%
Rental housing rehabilitation	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	8	7	87.50%	3	3	100.00%
Senior services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	325	138	42.46%			

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Tenant counseling	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1250	384	30.72%			
Tenant counseling	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		200	206	103.00%
Youth services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	500	53	10.60%	0	0	
Youth services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		50	22	44.00%

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.

The City of Plymouth has three high priority needs that are addressed within the Consolidated Plan: 1. Preserve and Create Single Family Homeownership; 2. Preserve and Create Rental Housing; 3. Education, Outreach and Services. The City of Plymouth has worked to address these goals in a variety of ways, including rehabilitation of single-family owner-occupied properties and preservation of multifamily rental opportunities. Of the six sub-grantees working in Education, Outreach and Services, three met or exceeded their annual goals. Nine Plymouth families received homelessness prevention or emergency assistance, and 51 individuals received legal assistance to answer questions on eviction proceedings and rental unit repair issues. In addition, the owner-occupied Home Rehabilitation Program assisted four homeowners with necessary home repairs. The City also met its goal of assisting in rehabilitating affordable rental homes for disabled individuals through the rehabilitation of three rental properties.

Plymouth staff will continue to assist sub-grantees with achieving their indicated goals through increased communication and research of additional programs applicable under federal guidelines that serve a need in the City.

GOAL	AGENCY	CATEGORY	FUNDING		OUTCOME
Housing Counseling	Lutheran Social Service	Non-Housing Community Development	CV1: \$1,800		Personnel/technology expenses for virtual counseling sessions
Tenant/Landlord Counseling	HOME Line	Non-Housing Community Development	CV1: \$5,000		Serve 206 households through tenant hotline
Homelessness prevention	Interfaith Outreach	Non-Housing Community Development	CV1: \$45,000	CV3: \$50,000	
Homelessness prevention	PRISM	Non-Housing Community Development	CV1: \$45,000	CV3: \$60,000	
Senior services	SCS	Non-Housing Community Development	CV1: \$20,039		
Youth services	TreeHouse	Non-Housing Community Development	CV1: \$11,826		
Rental housing rehabilitation	Hammer Residences	Non-Housing Community Development	CV1: \$25,000	CV3: \$55,000	PPE purchase; physical improvements to 13 Plymouth homes

CDBG-CV Allocation and 2021 Accomplishments

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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	226
Black or African American	102
Asian	8
American Indian or American Native	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	341
Hispanic	10
Not Hispanic	369

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

Narrative

The 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year population estimate, which is the most recent available, notes Plymouth's population as 79,828. 77.7% of Plymouth's population identified as white alone, 4.3% identified as Black or African-American, and 10.9% identified as Asian. The percentage of households identifying as Black or African American that were assisted with CDBG funds (26.8%) is higher than the proportion of Black or African-American households in the City overall. The percentage of white identifying households assisted (59.5%) is lower than the proportion of Plymouth's total population.

The City of Plymouth actually served 380 households during the 2021 Program Year. Due to Table 2 excluding households identifying as multi-racial or other, 39 households were not able to be included in the total above.

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	741,000	382,093
LIHTC	public - federal	0	0
Section 8	public - federal	0	0
Tax Exempt Bond Proceeds	public - local	0	0
Tax Increment Financing	public - local	0	0
Other	private	0	0
Other	public - local	162,617	162,617
Other	public - state	65,000	65,000

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The City of Plymouth uses CDBG funding in addition to funding provided through the HRA Affordable Housing Account, Local HRA Tax Levies, and the City of Plymouth Economic Development Fund. CDBG is just one resource available for the City's continual upkeep and improvement of housing throughout the City. The HRA Tax Levy is utilized to assist in the subsidizing of rental housing for senior citizen households throughout the City's senior housing portfolio. The HRA also provided funding to assist residents with energy audits and potential home improvements along with architectural design consultations for older housing stock. Finally, the Plymouth Economic Development Fund is available to provide funding for activities that help to create jobs, increase business activities, and increase the tax base within the City. In the 2021 program year, \$80,000 of HRA funds were used to support two homeowner rehabilitation loans.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City of Plymouth	100		

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Plymouth CDBG-funded programs are available to low- and moderate-income households throughout the City and are not otherwise geographically targeted. All qualifying residents within the City of Plymouth are able to receive assistance through the programs.

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.

The City of Plymouth does not have any specific matching requirements associated with the CDBG program. The City uses funding from the HRA tax levy to assist with ongoing maintenance and upkeep of senior housing throughout the City. Additionally, the City has limited funding for an HRA-funded Rehabilitation program to support additional owner-occupied rehabilitation needs in the City.

The City works with the State of Minnesota's Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) to provide low-cost home energy assessment that may aid in decreasing energy costs for homeowners. Due to an aging housing stock in Plymouth, the HRA also funds an Architectural Design Program which provides architectural guidance to homeowners looking to make additions or remodel their current homes.

Homes within Reach purchased their first Plymouth home during the 2021 program year. In addition to \$80,000 in funding from Plymouth, Homes Within Reach leverage \$65,000 in Hennepin County HOME funds, \$65,000 in MN Housing funds, and \$17,617 from the Metropolitan Council, for a total of \$237,617 to make the project work.

There is no publicly owned land or property in the City of Plymouth that was used to address needs identified in this plan.

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	2	3
Total	2	3

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	19	18
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	9	4
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	3	0
Total	31	13

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

The City of Plymouth is part of the larger Hennepin County HOME Consortium, which focuses on affordable goals for Hennepin County. Plymouth used all 2021 program year funds to assist households at or below 80% of area median income (AMI), as defined by HUD. Plymouth provides assistance to residents through both a homebuyer assistance program and rehabilitation assistance for current homeowners. Due to an aging housing stock, the Rehabilitation Program has been generally successful in meeting goals outlined in the Annual Action Plan. However, challenges have arisen in the 2021

program year due to supply chain issues which have impacted key rehabilitation items. Most notably windows, siding, labor, and other materials which has negatively impacted the speed in which rehabilitation projects could move forward and be paid out. The First Time homebuyer program has had difficulty achieving goals due to the high median home prices in Plymouth (see attached Local Market Update from the Minneapolis Association of Realtors for June 2022 which shows an average home sales price of just over \$545,000 in Plymouth). The tight housing market has made it more difficult for potential first-time homebuyers to find properties available for purchase within the City of Plymouth. We continue to prequalify first-time homebuyers in search of attainably priced housing.

Hammer Residences, Inc. was a 2021 subrecipient of CDBG funds, and rehabilitated 3 of their rental housing units. Hammer's units are made available to disabled individuals who are typically low or extremely-low income.

Finally, People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM) and Interfaith Outreach, both of whom were 2021 CDBG subrecipients, provided rental assistance to clients participating in their respective programs. Plymouth CDBG funds granted to PRISM help provide rental assistance to Plymouth families for the purpose of homelessness prevention. Interfaith Outreach provides rental assistance to families who have a head of household pursuing an educational degree.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The City of Plymouth will continue to analyze economic trends that contribute to the relative successes of the First Time Homebuyer and Home Rehabilitation programs. Analysis of success for the First Time Homebuyer program will include evaluating other programs that can support low to moderate income first-time homebuyers who require deeper subsidies to successfully purchase a home in Plymouth's competitive and expensive housing market (see attached Local Market Update). More deeply subsidized affordable housing through tools such as Community Land Trusts may be a more effective tool to utilize in the future to better support first-time homebuyers within the CDBG program income limits. We are also interested in leveraging funding opportunities with other available state and county funds to support first-time homebuyers, such as Minnesota Housing's Impact fund or other programs offered through the Metropolitan Council. At the same time, the City will continue to target outreach towards households that are in need of assistance and meet income requirements - as well as local and regional organizations that work with these households - in order to spread awareness of available funding. Overall, the City will monitor the programs and adjust future Annual Action Plans accordingly.

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	167	0
Low-income	69	0
Moderate-income	69	0

Total	305	0
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Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The median household income for a family of four in the City of Plymouth increased to \$118,200 late in the 2021 Program Year (April, 2022). The numbers in the table above are representative of populations that are part of Plymouth. The number of households assisted in the extremely low-income and low-income categories show people most in need of receiving assistance have increasingly had access to resources. The City CDBG program assists residents with extremely-low, low- and moderate-incomes at or below 80% AMI.

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

The City of Plymouth is part of the Hennepin County Consortium and when presented with someone needing access to services to reduce or end homelessness, would refer them to our network of social service agencies as well as Hennepin County. The accomplishments stated within this objective are those of the Hennepin County Consortium.

Hennepin County hosts robust outreach programs for the unsheltered homeless populations provided by nonprofit organizations, including extensive specialist youth outreach connected to Sexually Exploited Youth programming and other youth specific services. Outreach is provided at locations where people experiencing homelessness are known to congregate in the evening, including parks, overpasses, abandoned structures, and other places not meant for human habitation. Outreach efforts have extended to public transit, as people experiencing homelessness have gravitated to the new light rail system that operates all night. During the day, outreach staff focus on locations where unsheltered individuals gather, meal programs, the downtown library, common panhandling streets, and drop-in centers. Outreach programs conduct initial engagement, harm minimization, and connection to services for people who are unsheltered. They conduct assessments and refers people directly to housing through the Continuum of Care's (CoC) Coordinated Entry System (CES). Hennepin County's Healthcare for the Homeless staff regularly accompany outreach teams to provide healthcare directly to those unsheltered or living outdoors. To address the disproportionate number of unsheltered Native Americans in the community, Hennepin County worked with a Native American-specific agency to launch new culturally specific outreach and low-barrier housing programs. As of 2021, there were three housing programs offering a total of 52 units of non-time limited supportive housing for people coming directly from the streets with chemical dependency issues and desiring culturally specific services. Additionally, two Native agencies opened up overnight drop-in centers in the last year in which people can seek respite during the evening hours and get connected to services. Hennepin County supports two daytime Opportunity Centers, which serve as one-stop shop service centers for single adults and youth. The Opportunity Centers are a key component to engage people into the shelter and Coordinated Entry system and also host Healthcare for the Homeless clinics.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Plymouth works with the network of services that Hennepin County has available.

Soon after the first confirmed COVID-19 case in Minnesota, Hennepin County moved hundreds of seniors and others at greatest risk of complications from COVID-19 from shelters into protective and

isolation shelter in leased hotel rooms. Hennepin was one of the first in the nation to do so, and we attribute our lack of major COVID-19 outbreak amongst people experiencing homelessness to this early intervention. Hennepin used ESG-CV and CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds to increase shelter case management, 24-7 capacity, and safety protocols, to create a successful “Hotels to Housing” team, to finance the “indoor village” and Native shelter referenced above, and to purchase four properties to continue protective and isolation shelter past December 2020.

As of 2021, the community provided 115 family shelter rooms (with overflow provided as needed in line with our shelter-all commitment), 734 congregate shelter beds for single adults, and 76 youth-specific shelter beds. In addition, the County provided emergency and isolation shelter to 171 people in non-congregate hotel-based shelters set up in response to COVID-19. The Adult Shelter Connect bed reservation system and shared HMIS allow us to allocate resources more efficiently while reducing the level of daily trauma and stress experienced by people experiencing homelessness.

In response to the increases in single adult and unsheltered homelessness since 2019, Hennepin County has drastically increased its support of the homeless response system for single adults. The County has funded new case management services in the larger shelter, converted shelters to accommodate couples together, provided more systematic training, and established a new small-scale women-only shelter in 2020.

Hennepin has retained some Transitional Housing, particularly for youth or households experiencing domestic violence, while others have been reshaped into Rapid Rehousing opportunities in line with HUD’s overall direction on transitional housing.

In addition, the City of Plymouth continues to work with a network of social service providers such as Interfaith Outreach and PRISM to assist persons experiencing homelessness or needing emergency shelter.

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

The City of Plymouth works with People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM) and Interfaith Outreach as well as other social service agencies to address homeless issues. PRISM offers help with temporary housing assistance and payments in order to prevent homelessness for a small window of time. Interfaith Outreach's Project Success similarly offers rental assistance to families whose head of household is pursuing an educational degree. With any situation, when presented to the City of Plymouth, the issue would be addressed by any means possible as well as using Hennepin County's assistance and programs. As part of the County Consortium, the City of Plymouth has access to the

following resources:

To the extent possible, people who are not literally homeless are first directed to “non-homeless” resources to assist in housing stability. Hennepin County and the state of Minnesota offered emergency assistance for rent or utility bill arrears to keep people in their current housing in PY 2021. The county uses state dollars from Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) for people needing additional financial assistance, supportive services, and case management. FHPAP resources are targeted to households with the greatest risk of homelessness using a targeting tool based on local and national resources.

Hennepin County’s Housing Stability office works with county staff to identify and develop mainstream-funded housing opportunities for people being discharged from institutions. The county works across Departments and with local providers and foundations to coordinate homeless prevention programs and move homeless prevention assistance upstream to the point before an eviction is filed in civil court. This collaboration led to the establishment in 2020 of a Tenant Resource Center in the zip code with the highest concentration of evictions. The Tenant Resource Center offers co-located and coordinated financial assistance, mediation, legal aid, and homelessness prevention services such as the County’s Emergency Assistance and Emergency General Assistance as well as homeless prevention dollars from Minnesota (Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program). During the pandemic, the Tenant Resource Center shifted to a phone-based resource, but the County used CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund to create a ‘virtual’ web-based Tenant Resource Center at the end of 2020.

In 2020, Hennepin County allocated \$16.2 million of CARES Act CRF to emergency rental assistance, along with its first round of CDBG-CV. In 2021, Hennepin was one of the first jurisdictions to start distributing Emergency Rental Assistance. These funds were successfully distributed to households at highest risk of housing instability and of COVID-19 impacts. This support, together with the State’s emergency eviction moratorium, led to cutting the number of families using shelter in half.

Many people exiting institutions meet the definition of long-term and often also chronic homelessness, and thus are housed through the Coordinated Entry System. The Corrections Department developed an effort to include stable housing as part of the discharge planning from jail for those with serious behavioral health needs, and a program to connect people with serious mental illness booked into the pre-adjudication jail with mental health in-reach prior to release from jail. Hennepin County’s Healthcare for the Homeless team has developed discharge specialist capacity to work on preventing discharges from the Hennepin County Medical Center to homelessness and launched a 30-bed recuperative care facility for people experiencing homelessness in fall 2021.

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

The City of Plymouth has access to the services provided by Hennepin County and refers anyone needing help to these services and to the extent possible, follows up to ensure the proper assistance was provided.

The county's Coordinated Entry System identifies people most appropriate for permanent supportive housing and those who can benefit from rapid rehousing or transitional housing. Priority is given to veterans who cannot be served through veteran specific resources, and then to individuals who are chronically homeless.

The family shelter system offers additional supports, and uses a case conferencing model, for families not eligible for existing housing interventions.

Hennepin County makes extensive use of by-name lists and case conferencing to problem solve for difficult households. Using this approach, as of 2021, 1104 individual Veterans have been stably housed in Hennepin County since 2015, and 831 chronically homeless individuals were housed since June 2017 (93% over 26- month average since being housed). As of 2021, there were 157 homeless Veterans actively engaged on the Homeless Registry in the Hennepin CoC. 95 of those Veterans were actively engaging housing providers to establish a housing stability plan. 50 Veterans had a housing plan and the resources necessary to move into a unit and were simply waiting for a landlord to say yes.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City of Plymouth has no federal public housing within its jurisdiction. The Plymouth HRA does administer approximately 325 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV). HCV's provide federal rent subsidies for low-income individuals and families in privately owned, existing market-rate housing. The funding from HUD is paid directly to the owner of the property.

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

The City of Plymouth does not have any public housing within its jurisdiction; however, the Plymouth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) has two resident advisory boards - one for its HCV program and the other for the locally financed 99-unit subsidized senior housing development. The HCV Resident Advisory committee advises the HRA on policy development and review. The senior development - Plymouth Towne Square - has a residents' council which advises the HRA on management and resident services.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Plymouth HRA administers the HCV Program and has been given the designation of a High Performing PHA.

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)

The City does not face any significant negative effects due to public policies within the community. There are, however, state and/or federal regulations and taxing policies that may have a negative impact on the provision of affordable housing. The City collaborates with other public entities whenever possible to identify and mitigate policies, as well as other barriers to affordable housing. When partnering with developers and developments that encourage affordable housing, the City looks to assist in funding with Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and by working with the developers to mitigate costs and potential land issues that may arise.

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

The City of Plymouth continues to look for different ways to assist with affordable housing needs. Plymouth provides financial assistance to rehabilitate low- and moderate-income owner-occupied units, as well as down payment, closing cost, homebuyer counseling and education assistance for income-qualifying households.

Additionally, Plymouth has a locally funded Rehabilitation Loan program to supplement CDBG funding. The City assists in funding the Center for Energy and Environment's Home Energy Squad program, which allows Plymouth homeowners to receive an energy audit for lower cost than normally offered by local utility companies. This audit helps discover energy conservation and efficiency options, while also providing homeowners with energy efficient products such as CFL lightbulbs and programmable thermostats.

In 2017, the City approved the preliminary plat and site plan for the Cranberry Ridge development, which provides 45 affordable units at or below 60% AMI and will be made available to Housing Choice Voucher clients. Of the 45 units, 10 are set aside for clients at or below 30% AMI. The development received financial assistance in the amount of \$527,000 from pooled Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds. Additionally, \$250,000 of fees were waived associated with the project. The Metropolitan Council has also awarded the project an additional 10 project-based vouchers. The project is currently leasing up and is expected to reach full occupancy before the end of summer 2022.

In early 2020, the City approved the PUDA for the Element. This development has 61 units, all of which will be made available to households at or below 60% AMI. Four of the units are held for households at or below 30% AMI. The development received Tax Increment Financing in the amount of \$459,000, four Housing Choice Vouchers, and financial assistance from the Plymouth Housing and Redevelopment Authority in the amount of \$241,000 to assist with fees. The project is currently leasing up for

occupancy.

Finally, in August of 2020, the Plymouth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) purchased a .62-acre parcel and constructed a twin home that will provide affordable and stable housing for veterans and their families who are either experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The twin home, named Valor Place, is fully occupied by two families.

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

As part of the City's Rental Housing Licensing Program, all rental properties in the City are inspected at least every three years. The inspector has satisfied HUD's Risk Assessment Course and is a Certified Risk Assessor. All participants in the City's Housing Choice Voucher program that reside in housing built before 1978 receive copies of the EPA brochure "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home". All program participants in the City's Rehabilitation and First Time Homebuyer programs are also given the EPA brochure, regardless of the year their home was built.

The Plymouth HRA has incorporated procedures in the guidelines for all federally-funded programs in order to meet the requirements of federal Lead-Based Paint (LBP) regulations. Discussion of the LBP requirements occurs at any initial meetings with HRA staff, and all files require a Certification of Receipt of LBP regulations form signed by the applicant. All homes built prior to 1978 with deteriorated paint surfaces that may require lead hazard reduction work receive lead testing. Plymouth HRA contracts with a certified Risk Assessor to perform the needed tests to identify and clear lead hazard risks. Clearance reports are issued to all homeowners who had work done disturbing painted surfaces, and a copy is kept by the HRA in the homeowner's file.

Since 2004, Hennepin County has taken a comprehensive approach to preventing childhood lead poisoning, including community outreach and education, in-home education visits, lead risk assessments, lead hazard reduction, and contractor training. Hennepin County is currently administering a 2017 HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant in the amount of \$3.4 million to continue the program through 2021. Since 2003 and as of 2021, the lead grant programs have completed over 4,700 lead hazard reduction projects. Hennepin County also received a grant award from the Centers for Disease Control which will allow the County to increase outreach and education, especially to the most at-risk populations and geographies through mini-grants to community partners already serving those at-risk populations. These grants demonstrate the County's continued efforts to provide affordable and safe housing to its residents while working toward the goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning. The funds may be used throughout Hennepin County.

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

Whenever possible, the City of Plymouth works diligently through its programs to identify and assist individuals and families at or below the poverty level. Collaboration with Public Safety and the Plymouth Housing Inspector helps identify homeowners and/or renters who may be in need of additional services.

Through an established network of relationships with social service agencies, the City refers clients to appropriate areas and assists with CDBG resources when applicable. There are also programs offered through the City of Plymouth, the Plymouth HRA and local non-profits that assist individuals and families experiencing poverty. PRISM and Interfaith Outreach are local organizations that help assist Plymouth residents at risk of or experiencing homelessness. HOME Line offers legal assistance to tenants engaged in rental disputes with their landlord or property manager. TreeHouse works with youth of the community to provide in- and after-school programming, and Senior Community Services assists low- and moderate-income senior homeowners with necessary home maintenance. As a member of the Hennepin County Consortium, Plymouth works closely with case managers from Hennepin County to alert the County whenever an individual in the jurisdiction may need additional assistance.

In 2017, the City approved the preliminary plat and site plan for the Cranberry Ridge development, which provides 45 affordable units at or below 60% AMI and will be made available to Housing Choice Voucher clients. Of the 45 units, 10 are set aside for clients at or below 30% AMI. The development received financial assistance in the amount of \$527,000 from pooled Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds. Additionally, \$250,000 of fees were waived associated with the project. The Metropolitan Council has also awarded the project an additional 10 project-based vouchers. The project is currently leasing up and is expected to reach full occupancy before the end of summer 2022.

The recently completed Cranberry Ridge development provides 45 units of affordable housing at or below 60% AMI. 10 of those units are set aside for families at or below 30% AMI (extremely low-income levels). The Element development provides 61 units of affordable housing at or below 60% AMI. Four of those units will be held for households at or below 30% AMI.

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

The City of Plymouth continues to coordinate with other institutions in the delivery of housing and community development programs. Whenever possible, the Plymouth HRA leverages CDBG funds with other state and local programming. The City coordinates with Hennepin County to deliver Healthy Homes grant funding to help with lead-based paint hazard reduction in conjunction with the CDBG Rehabilitation Loan Program. Minnesota Housing is also a resource recommended to potential homebuyers and current homeowners seeking to make home improvements.

The City also offers two programs to all homeowners for the explicit purpose of addressing specific needs in aging homes. The first is the Home Energy Squad program, which is a collaboration between the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) and the Plymouth HRA to provide home energy audits to homeowners at a reduced cost. The HRA also funds the Architectural Design Program, which subsidizes the cost of having a qualified architect give remodeling advice to homeowners seeking to make improvements to their aging (30+ years old) homes.

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

The City of Plymouth has developed and maintained a strong collaborative relationship with other social service agencies and housing providers. Specifically, the city works with People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM), Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH), Habitat for Humanity, the Housing Justice Center, Outreach Development Corporation (ODC) and Interfaith Outreach.

All First Time Homebuyer loan recipients are required to attend HUD-approved homebuyer workshops presented by Home Stretch accredited workshops. Completing these required programs provides first time buyers with the information and education necessary to purchase a home.

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

The City of Plymouth is a member of the Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC) established in 2002 to coordinate regional efforts to comply with obligations affirmatively furthering fair housing throughout the Twin Cities Metropolitan housing market area. During the 2021 program year, the FHIC continued to address recommendations brought forth in the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI).

The FHIC initiates activities that are designed to stop discrimination and promote integration. Such activities are a response to the 2001 AI, funded by participating metropolitan jurisdictions. The City of Plymouth has been an active member of this council, designating time and resources to ensure fair housing for all people - not only within the jurisdiction, but also the broader metropolitan area. Per the recommendations of the AI, Plymouth has worked as part of the Hennepin County Consortium. The Consortium provided funding to the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) in order to study displacement of lower income and people of color in the suburbs specifically. Additional resources have gone to Fair Housing training for staff and potential decisionmakers in entitlement communities, as well as to work on Fair Housing trainings in a variety of languages.

The City of Plymouth specifically has worked to address items in the AI recommendations targeting Plymouth and other entitlement jurisdictions. Plymouth continues to be an active member of the FHIC, including distributing the recent RFQ to suburban-focused agencies in order to advance additional community engagement in the suburbs. Plymouth provides vouchers for renters through the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and subsequently follows all guidelines of Fair Housing as required by the Section 8 and HCV programs. The City encourages landlords to accept vouchers whenever possible to assist with more affordable housing options. The City also has Fair Housing Policy. Staff continually monitors new state legislation to ensure programs are in compliance with existing and new statutes. The HRA continues to provide funding for rehabilitation and acquisition of existing affordable housing to assist low- and moderate-income households with the maintenance and purchase of homes within Plymouth. Finally, the Plymouth Community Development department employs a Housing Inspector who works as an intermediary between public safety, non-profit and assistance agencies, tenants and citizens.

We are continuing to collaborate with both Ramsey County and Dakota County on a Twin Cities metropolitan-wide basis to evaluate highest fair housing needs within the region and are preparing to issue an RFP in PY 2022 to provide continued support for fair housing activities.

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

Contracts are executed with all organizations implementing activities identified in the Consolidated Plan. The Plymouth HRA is responsible for contract administration and compliance. Activities of organizations receiving a CDBG funding allocation are documented and reviewed for ongoing compliance.

Funding Agreement - For each program or project funded through consolidated plan resources, the applicant will be required to enter into a funding agreement covering at least the following items:

- Schedule for project implementation.
- Financial management of program funds and required matching funds.
- Compliance with related federal regulations.
- Appropriate long-term affordability/access requirements.
- Schedules for project compliance documentation.
- Repayment requirements for noncompliance.

The funding agreement provides a basis for assessing the development and tracking implementation of funded activities. Provisions of the agreement serve as a benchmark that is reviewed for compliance. Appropriate remedial actions are taken and evaluated in a timely manner. Compliance with the terms of the agreement is required prior to approving any request for funding.

Monitoring - Plymouth HRA staff consults with representatives from each community organization receiving a CDBG funding allocation in addition to evaluating contract performance on a quarterly basis, at a minimum. This includes an in-depth review of project outcomes, reporting requirements, financial management, and other funding compliance-related functions. More structured on-site monitoring is also expected of subgrantees.

Document Review - The documents submitted with reimbursement requests are reviewed for completeness and accuracy. When a problem is discovered, HRA staff discusses the issue(s) with project staff to correct the situation and ensure the problem is understood. Reimbursement does not occur until all requirements are met. If subsequent problems are encountered, the project receives a "high-risk" status, which could result in additional risk-based monitoring.

Performance Report - The completion of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) is another important tool used to evaluate program effectiveness in meeting CDBG objectives. If a significant discrepancy between goals and performance is found, consultation occurs. A lack of progress in meeting indicated goals will impact the applicant's chances for future funding.

Timeliness - Timeliness is a requirement of all CDBG funded grantees and entities. All grantees must adhere to a schedule for the expenditure of funds. If a project is found to be falling behind on expenditures, they are contacted regarding the problem to develop an adjusted timeline.

Evaluation - Continued evaluation of the monitoring process for the City of Plymouth is performed to ensure project/program compliance.

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.

The Plymouth Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) will hold a public comment period on the 2021 CAPER from August 11-26, 2022. A public hearing on the 2021 CAPER will be held at the HRA Board of Commissioners meeting on August 25, 2022 where comments will be considered. Notice of the public comment period will be posted in the local newspaper on August 11, 2022, on the City's website, and a draft copy of this plan will be made available at the local library, community center, and City Hall for review.

Hennepin County also holds a public hearing and public comment period on behalf of the County Consortium. This report will be submitted to Hennepin County prior to the comment period for the Consortium CAPER.

Finally, and in addition to this CAPER, the following reports are available to the public and have been previously submitted to HUD at this point:

- 2020-2024 Hennepin County Consortium Consolidated Plan
- 2022 City of Plymouth Annual Action Plan (public comment period is open from July 28, 2022 through August 30, 2022)
- Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (2020)

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 City of Plymouth has used the resources made available to assist homeowners in a variety of ways throughout the program year. Plymouth staff continually keeps in close contact with sub-grantees to ensure all stated Action Plan goals are met. In addition, staff conducts outreach with new potential sub-grantees throughout the year to ensure that presently unmet goals are accounted for in annual and long-term planning.

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

No

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

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CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	0				
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0				
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0				

Table 8 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers	0				
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	0				
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0				
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.	0				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	0				
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	0				
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.	0				
Held one or more job fairs.	0				
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	0				
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.	0				
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.	0				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	0				
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0				
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.	0				
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.	0				
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.	0				

Other.	0			
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Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Attachment

Plymouth Local Housing Market

Plymouth

- 13.9%

Change in
New Listings

- 2.7%

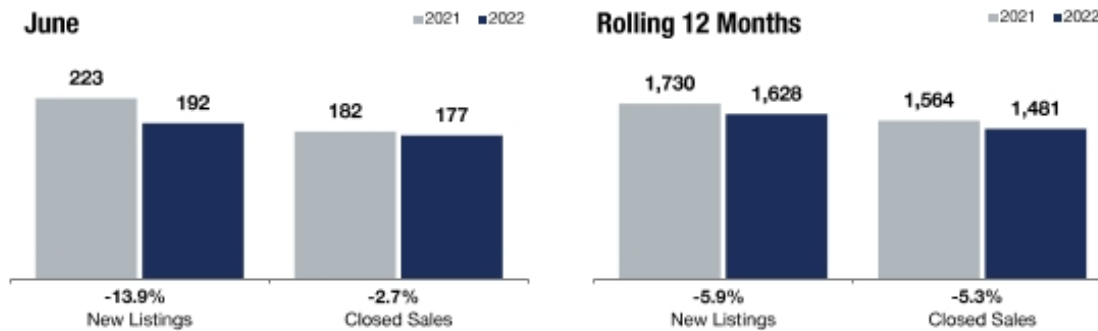
Change in
Closed Sales

- 1.6%

Change in
Median Sales Price

	June			Rolling 12 Months		
	2021	2022	+ / -	2021	2022	+ / -
New Listings	223	192	-13.9%	1,730	1,628	-5.9%
Closed Sales	182	177	-2.7%	1,564	1,481	-5.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$498,000	\$490,000	-1.6%	\$414,950	\$452,750	+ 9.1%
Average Sales Price*	\$538,982	\$545,771	+ 1.3%	\$462,075	\$504,474	+ 9.2%
Price Per Square Foot*	\$187	\$217	+ 15.9%	\$179	\$199	+ 11.4%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	103.8%	103.5%	-0.3%	101.3%	101.9%	+ 0.6%
Days on Market Until Sale	12	13	+ 8.3%	29	20	-31.0%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	159	181	+ 13.8%	--	--	--
Months Supply of Inventory	1.2	1.5	+ 25.0%	--	--	--

* Does not account for seller concessions. | Activity for one month can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.



Change in Median Sales Price from Prior Year (6-Month Average)**



** Each dot represents the change in median sales price from the prior year using a 6-month weighted average. This means that each of the 6 months used in a dot are proportioned according to their share of sales during that period.

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