

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.

Due to the increase of need funds did get spent in a timely manner as well as more assisted. We are still having a slight issue with the income limits not being relevant to the area.

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
AMS-1 Overall Coordination	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	20	0	0.00%			
CDS-1 Community Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	41669	0	0.00%			

CDS-1 Community Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	23	0	0.00%			
CDS-2 Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	12500	1000	8.00%	0	1000	
CDS-2 Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%			
CDS-3 Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	2500	0	0.00%			
CDS-4 Public Safety	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	78020	0	0.00%			

CDS-5 Clearance/Demolition	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	50	0	0.00%			
CDS-6 Accessibility Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
CDS-6 Accessibility Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
CDS-6 Accessibility Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
CDS-7 Transportation	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				

CDS-7 Transportation	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	0	0				
EDS-1 Employment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
EDS-1 Employment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0		0	0	
EDS-1 Employment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	15	9	60.00%	0	9	
EDS-1 Employment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	15	2	13.33%	0	2	
EDS-2 Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%			

EDS-3 Redevelopment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
EDS-3 Redevelopment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0				
EDS-3 Redevelopment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Brownfield acres remediated	Acre	0	0				
EDS-3 Redevelopment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0				
EDS-3 Redevelopment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0				

EDS-4 Financial Assistance	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0		0	0	
EDS-4 Financial Assistance	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	32		0	32	
EDS-4 Financial Assistance	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	0	0				
EDS-5 Access to Transportation	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
EDS-5 Access to Transportation	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0				
EDS-5 Access to Transportation	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	0	0				

HMS-1 Housing	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	35	0	0.00%			
HMS-2 Operation/Support	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%			
HMS-3 Prevention and Re-Housing	Homeless	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%			
HS-1 Housing Construction	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0		15	0	0.00%
HS-1 Housing Construction	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%			
HS-2 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0				

HS-2 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	5	0	0.00%			
HS-2 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	85	0	0.00%			
HS-3 Homeownership	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	8		16	8	50.00%
HS-3 Homeownership	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	50	0	0.00%			
HS-4 Emergency Rental Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
HS-4 Emergency Rental Assistance	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	0				

HS-5 Fair Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%			
SNS-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
SNS-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0				
SNS-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0				
SNS-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0				
SNS-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0				

SNS-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	0	0				
SNS-2 Social Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
SNS-2 Social Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / ESG: \$	Other	Other	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.

Funds did go quicker this year because of the increase of needs

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	HOME
White	445	17
Black or African American	236	8
Asian	28	0
American Indian or American Native	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	0
Total	712	25
Hispanic	255	9
Not Hispanic	457	16

Describe the clients assisted (including the racial and/or ethnicity of clients assisted with ESG)

	HESG
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0
Asian or Asian American	0
Black, African American, or African	0
Hispanic/Latina/e/o	0
Middle Eastern or North African	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	0
Multiracial	0
Client doesn't know	0
Client prefers not to answer	0
Data not collected	0
Total	0

Please note: These funds were drawn in 2025. Therefore, no data was entered for 2024

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

Narrative

We had an increase of Black or African American in the area for program year 2024.

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	2,693,472	2,796,858
HOME	public - federal	732,308	643,033
ESG	public - federal	243,898	190,209
Other	public - federal	0	1,325

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The "other" is HOME ARP Admin costs. Two (2) OECD team members went to HUD HOME ARP Training.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City of Scranton.Citywide	100		
City of Scranton.West Scranton			
City Wide Paving Project			
Citywide/Low Mod Area			
Downtown Scranton			
Scranton Local Business District			Local Target Area
Scranton.East Scranton			
Scranton.North Scranton			
South Scranton			
Urban Renewal Area			

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

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 Scranton was awarded a DCNR grant in the amount of \$198,000 for Weston Park. The COS is matching that with CDBG funds. Also, we were awarded \$149,900 from DCNR and \$381,594 for a Park Legacy Grant for Connell Park. The City is putting in \$523,922.96 of CDBG funds. The mentioned grant funds have not been spent at this point in time. Weather as well as Federal Government Changes have slowed the process of many project down throughout the COS.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	5,136,078
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	5,136,078
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	5,136,078

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at begin-ning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
0	500,000	224,650	0	275,350

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			
Number	0	0	0			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		0		0		
Businesses Displaced		0		0		
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0		0		
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0		0		
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	100	100	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

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	30	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	15	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	45	0

Table 11 – 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	15	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	21
Total	15	21

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

The COS had 21 low moderate income families purchase homes in the COS using assistance from the Homebuyer Assistance Program. Unfortunately, the production of new units projects have been delayed and not completed in 2024

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Using HOME ARP funds we are working with several different developers who will be constructing new low moderate income housing throughout the City of Scranton. With these ongoing projects we are expected to assist at least 75 low moderate income families.

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	21
Total	0	21

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

With the income limits the way they are it is very difficult to find someone who is eligible to receive HUD funds as well as receive a mortgage.

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 is part of the Scranton Lackawanna County Continuum of Care (CoC) and we continue to assist with the homeless population within the City of Scranton. Recently we have had issues with "Tent Cities" showing up throughout our city (mostly along water ways). Our Police Department as well as several organizations visit these residents and provide them with resources they need as well as information on several local programs that can assist them.

We are currently under contract with a local organization to assist them conduct rehabilitation on an eight (8) unit property within the City of Scranton for Homeless Veterans. This is almost complete.

Strong communication continues within the CoC and the broader Lackawanna County Housing Coalition. Once engaged, homeless persons are assessed using the area's coordinated entry (CE) process which entails the Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (VI-SPDAT). The VI-SPDAT assesses each person and/or family's level of need in order to prioritize those experiencing homelessness for programs and services. Using the Housing First Model homeless individuals and families, when willing, are connected with shelter or permanent housing using the no wrong door approach.

OECD, through the Lackawanna County CoC, continues to improve the assessment process for sheltered and unsheltered households so that limited homeless resources may be targeted to those who would most benefit from them. These efforts entailed assessment of unsheltered individuals more quickly and allowed sheltered homeless some time to self-resolve, or use their own resources to access stable housing before targeting them for specific interventions within the CoC. The Lackawanna County Housing Coalition also sought additional partnerships and collaboration to provide more tools and resources for vulnerable populations, especially youth, those with mental health issues, veterans, and the chronically homeless.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Lackawanna County, and specifically Scranton, is home to several homeless shelters for individuals: Catholic Social Services (CSS) St. Anthony's Haven for Men and Women, St. Joseph's Center's Walsh Manor for pregnant women, Women's Resource Center Shelter for survivors of domestic violence, and Catherine McAuley Center's shelter for women and children. Women's Resource Center

and the Lackawanna County Office of Youth and Family Services also provide hotel vouchers for families. Housing providers utilize ESG and CoC Rapid Rehousing programs to move individuals and families. The CoC strives to utilize ES and TH wisely, as a part of the Coordinated Entry program, homeless persons are assessed to identify any other resources available in hopes that a homeless episode may be averted or made shorter by utilizing those resources such as food or utility assistance, connection with mainstream resources, or intervention with a landlord or family member.

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

Local housing providers assist individuals and families who are at risk for homelessness with Homeless Assistance Prevention (HAP) funding which includes both case management and rental assistance. Case management serves to identify resources and assist in the connection to available resources as well as budget counseling, goal setting, home maintenance training, life skills, and employment referrals in efforts to assist people with achieving self-sufficiency and maintaining housing stability. Low-income individuals and families are also assisted with local public housing applications if appropriate.

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

In addition, Continuum of Care members attend the local Re-entry Committee hosted by corrections programs and maintain connection with local hospitals, MH facilities, and the foster care system via committee and meeting participation. Participation in these meetings enables the various systems of care to keep an open dialogue with one another and to share information and resources. The systems collaborate to increase awareness of available resources, facilitate connections between systems, and decrease the incidence of persons from publicly funded institutions and systems of care being discharged to homelessness.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City of Scranton and the Scranton Housing Authority (SHA) have been working very closely to solve the public housing issue that has and currently still exist in the City of Scranton. This is an ongoing commitment between all parties. The SHA just recently opened up the Section 8 voucher application period and saw an enourmous jump in people needing assistnce. The main issue we had/have issue is lack of housing units available.

Due to the increase in rent recently and the housing stock the City of Scranton has been in close contact with several organizations and local govermental agencies to see the best way to handle this situation for all our residents.

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

The City of Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development distributes information to the Scranton Housing Authority and the Lackawanna County Housing Authority on all housing programs we currently offer. to encourage residents to reach out the organizations for information. We hold several "Pop-Up City Hall Events" throughout the summer months. At these events we provide detailed information. We also conduct "minute with the mayor" weekly on social media.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

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 of Scranton, in conjunction with the Scranton School District and Lackawanna County (depending on the project), passed a LERTA abatement on all residential, commercial, and industrial properties located within the COS. LERTA approved projects will receive a 10 year, 100% Tax Abatement on owner improvements or new construction of properties within the confines of the city. Tax exemption applies to improvements (including new construction) to the land or building only and is subject to standard tax rates and terms.

LERTA is under the provisions of City of Scranton File of Council No. 49 of 2018 and No. 50 of 2018, as amended, School District Resolution No. B-17, December 19th 2018 and Lackawanna County Resolution Nos 19-0040 and 19-0041. The Lackawanna County Ordinance ended on March 1st 2024. The COS amended the current ordinance in July of 2024 (File of Council No. 30 2024 Ordinance. Amending procedural provisions of Chapter 425 ("taxation") regarding the tax exemptions from real property tax for improvements to certain residential, commercial, and other business property to adjust application and exemption schedules.

*Improvements are calculated by the current assessed value and then the completed assessed value. The credit is on the difference. For example, on a new construction, \$10,000 assessed value now, \$200,000 assessed value complete, credit is on the improved value of \$190,000 for 10 years. The County will not be accepting applications after March 1st 2024. We are in the negotiation process at this point in time.

The City of Scranton recently adopted a new Zoning Ordinance, reflective of the city's modern multi-municipal comprehensive plan. This will be the first time this has been updated in over 30 years, and the document is reflective of the need to promote sustainable growth and eliminate inequitable obstacles to development. The new Zoning Ordinance removes several barriers to affordable housing through new land-use regulations encouraging higher density in residential neighborhoods. Accessory dwelling units will be permitted in all zoning districts, increasing potential housing supply, and decreasing median rents. Mixed use districts will replace traditional commercial neighborhood and downtown zones, which encourages the redevelopment and rehabilitation of both commercial and residential spaces in a traditional development style, removing barriers to growth in neighborhoods. Parking requirements will be decreased from 1.5 to 1 per unit for all residential zones and eliminated entirely within the downtown mixed use zone, enabling property owners and developers to create more housing units across the city.

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

The City of Scranton has created several "tasks forces" throughout the City. These tasks forces were created in order to collect data to see what obstacles organizations are currently having within the City of Scranton. These task forces were created for the following and include several organizations throughout the City: Hunger, Homelessness, Unshelter, Youth, Business etc. To date, these "task forces" have been very helpful in assisting the COS with needs.

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

With the CARES ACT funding this office has received we decided to assist residents of Scranton whom confirm the home in which they live has a lead based paint issue. Unfortunately, this program did not receive the responses we were hoping for. We could not get residents to apply. We are currently in the process of reassessing this program and make changes suitable to assist the residents of Scranton.

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

In our HOME ARP Plan we stated that we plan on building new low-moderate income housing in order to assist with the housing needs. As well as fund several of our shelters throughout the COS.

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

The City of Scranton is working closely with the Scranton Housing Authority regarding Section 8 vouchers and affordable housing within the City of Scranton. We are also now working with three (3) organizations who are conducting acquisition/rehab/resale. These organizations are purchasing homes from the Lackawanna County Land Bank, rehabilitating them and then selling/renting to low-moderate income families. Sale proceeds will get used to continue this program.

As well as the above we are in the process of working with three (3) larger developers to assist us with new low-moderate income housing.

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

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

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

Since the COVID 19 Pandemic several organizations we deal with on a daily basis have changed to electronic/virtual files we changed our monitoring process. We reach out to recipients randomly and request full documentation. We then review and save these documents. We also purchased a new system called Neighborly that we store all documents in. This makes it easier for all staff during turnovers. This office is also currently in the process of updating ALL SOP's. We also now have a system called "Basecamp" in which we store all documents for each project.

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.

This office has an Outreach Coordinator. Part of this team member's job is to outreach with citizens of Scranton as well as our recipients. Monthly meetings are held for all service areas that service residents of Scranton. This is the main communication point in order for us to determine needs as well as accomplishments.

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.

This office currently has a program titled "CDBG Small Business Micro-Grant Program." that we stopped in mid 2024 due to funding. We planned on revamping the program and moving it forward in 2025 but that is still currently on hold.

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

No

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

CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in 24 CFR §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

In order for an applicant to purchase a home using the City of Scranton's Homebuyer Assistance Program (funded with HUD HOME Funds) all homes must be free and clear of code violations. We are currently under contract with an Inspection Agency (Barry Isett and Associates) to conduct these inspections on our behalf. They will do an initial inspection of the property and complete a report stating what code violations were found. In order for the applicant to close on the home using HOME funds all violations listed on the report must be corrected prior to closing. This then calls for a re-inspection. All costs for inspections are paid for by OECD's Home Program as a Project Delivery Cost under each individual homebuyer IDIS number. If by change a home does not close and an inspection is conducted, this cost is covered by HOME ADMIN.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

NeighborWorks in conjunction held a "Home Fair" this is going to take place in 2024. In 2024 this program was a success by word of mouth as well as City of Scranton Pop Up Events.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

The City of Scranton uses HOME funding to conduct the Homebuyer Assistance Program. All funds provided to this program in 2024 were PI funds

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

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	0	0		
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0	0		
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0	0		

Table 14 – 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					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
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.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					

Other.					
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative