



## 2020 Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

### Executive Summary

The 2020 CAPER covers the period from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021 (FY 20-21). The City received \$1,795,434 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$675,929 in HOME Investment Partnership Grant, and \$152,376 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement funds for FY 2020. This represents a 4.81% increase in overall entitlement funding from FY 19-20. Additionally, the HUD Community Resources (HCR) office was tasked to manage and direct CARES Act funds of \$1,603,011 in CDBG-CV and \$1,420,429 in ESG-CV to address the community's preparation, response and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic beginning in April 2020. CDBG-CV funds expended in the 2020 CAPER reporting period were \$416,623 in CDBG-CV and \$1,030,691 in ESG-CV funds. CV funds are not required to be spent until September 2022. Other funds noted in the Plan for FY 2020 include an estimated \$7415 in program income from loan repayments and a reprogramming of \$441,144 of CDBG funding from prior years that were not expended by the assigned projects. Public service and administration projects are funded at the maximum allowed by HUD.

While FY 20-21 was a transitional "bridge year" to wrap up activities in the Melrose-Orange Target Area (MOTA) while beginning work in the Belmont/Fallon Target Area, the majority of housing efforts were in MOTA.

### **2020 Annual Action Plan Accomplishments**

- New Homeownership – 6 Households Assisted
- Housing Rehabilitation - 52 total units, including 5 with disabilities to remain housed
- Public Facilities (Kiwana's Accessible Playground) – 3,835 Persons Assisted
- Public Services (Children's Trust) – 42 Persons Assisted
- Code Enforcement – 917 citations issued; 698 were corrected by homeowner
- Homeless and Other Special Needs – 148 individuals were impacted by homelessness prevention services; 40,500 emergency shelter beds were provided

#### **New Homeownership**

*6 households assisted*

Using CDBG and HOME funding, Habitat for Humanity acquired/rehabilitated existing housing and/or constructed new housing. These were then sold to income eligible households. Five (5) of the housing units were in the Melrose-Orange Target Area.

#### **Housing Rehabilitation**

*52 households assisted*

The City of Roanoke partnered with Renovation Alliance, Total Against Poverty, Northwest Neighborhood Environmental Organization and Blue Ridge Independent Living Center to rehabilitate existing housing units.

- Eleven of the housing units were in the Melrose-Orange Target Area
- 49 units were owner-occupied (five assisted persons with disabilities)
- 7 were occupied by income eligible tenants

#### **Public Services**

*42 persons assisted*

Children's Trust Advocacy Center coordinates a community response to child abuse by bringing



together people and services for a child's need during the investigation and prosecution of cases. Created is an environment that is safe and ensures that a child centric approach to healing.

### **Code Enforcement**

The City of Roanoke's Planning, Building, and Development Department administers Code Enforcement of building maintenance, zoning, and all nuisance codes, ensuring health and safety. CDBG partnered with other local funds to support three inspectors for zones 1, 2, and 7. These three zones are in census tracts that meet HUD eligibility. During the program year, 917 citations were issued and 698 (76%) were corrected by the owner of the property to promote safe and decent housing.

### **Public Facilities**

*3,835 persons assisted*

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke honored their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by building a 10,000 square foot playground that includes adaptive equipment for all physical abilities. CDBG funds were used to prepare space for installation of the equipment. Funds were also provided to One Valley/NNEO under the Neighborhood Development Grant program to plant fruit trees at the Carver Education Center in NW Roanoke, and to Mountainview Neighborhood Association for the installation of concrete pads for covered bus shelters.

### **CV-Public Services**

*50 persons assisted*

The Brain Injury Services of South West Virginia provided free, community-based case management services to individuals diagnosed with a disabling brain injury. Services included identification of needs and resources for advocacy, housing, finance, rehabilitation therapies, school supports, mental health and brain injury education. CDBG CARES funds allowed for services to continue in safe-environmental setting through assistive technology and telehealth programs.

*93 persons assisted*

The COVID-19 Housing Stabilization for Families in Need provided rental assistance to Roanoke tenants who were financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Program funding was in the form of a grant to assist eligible affected tenants in paying rent to assist residents who were financially impacted by COVID-19 and who are at risk for eviction action. This is part of the CDBG CARES Act funds.

*3,699 persons assisted*

COVID-19 elevated food insecurity among vulnerable households. Two community partners, LEAP and Kids SOAR provided a much-needed resource to households.

LEAP developed the Community Produce Pack program which partners with community organizations in Northwest and Southeast Roanoke to distribute locally grown fresh produce to families facing lack of access to food. Using existing relationships with farmers, LEAP purchases produce, packs, and delivers to low-income families and individuals directly impacted by COVID-19.

Kids SOAR provided meals to eligible families enrolled in the Kids SOAR Literacy Program. CDBG CARES funding provided support for meals and food items.

*57 persons assisted*

The Commonwealth of Catholic Charities provided employment services to eligible refugees affected by COVID-19. Employment services included transportation (to and from work) and to individual employment service appointments. Interpretation services was provided for job interviews. COVID-19 funding assisted with services to individuals with gaining employment.



### **CV-Emergency Small Business Grants**

*2 businesses assisted*

Small businesses were negatively impacted by COVID-19 with loss of business/revenue. The small businesses were provided with grants to assist with payroll, rent, utilities, and inventory. CDBG CARES funding allowed the businesses to continue operations.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant Annual & CV funds**

*148 persons assisted with homelessness prevention*

*40,500 emergency shelter bed nights provided*

Council of Community Services, Family Promise, and Total Action for Progress provided financial services that prevented homelessness for 148 individuals. ARCH, Family Promise, Rescue Mission Ministries, and Total Action for Progress all provided emergency shelter beds for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The Council of Community Services provided emergency shelter case management to individuals staying the non-congregate emergency shelter.

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

HCR added a Planner I position to our staff during FY 20-21 within the administrative cap allowed under entitlement funding. No CV funds were used for administrative support, with 100% of these funds going for eligible services and programs to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 within the community. The new position will help to manage an ever increasing workload of activities funded by HUD, as well as assist the Planning division with creating neighborhood plans for low-moderate income areas of the city.