



City of Springdale
201 Spring Street
Springdale, AR 72764



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP)
PROGRAM YEAR 2007**



This building was constructed in 1871 and is known as the Odd Fellows Lodge. It sits on the property owned by the Shiloh Museum. The Museum is currently trying to raise funds to rehabilitate and return the structure to its original condition

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Springdale is a participant in the Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Cities Program. The City is awarded funds annually to carry-out eligible activities that benefit extremely-low to moderate-income individuals and families, adjusted for family size.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Communities develop their own programs and funding priorities based on local needs. HUD has established guidelines to define the types of projects/activities that may be undertaken and to ensure each project/activity meets one of the national objectives of the CDBG Program. Examples of eligible projects/activities include:

- Acquisition and disposition of real property
- Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of public facilities such as community, senior and health centers. Public facilities also include streets, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, and infrastructure (water and sewer or flood and drainage improvements)
- Provisions of public services such as child care, health care, recreation or education programs, services for senior citizens, and services for homeless persons:
- Residential housing rehabilitation.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Each project/activity must carry out one of the three national objectives of the program:

- Benefit low and moderate income persons either individually, such as housing rehabilitation, or area-wide, such as improvements to streets, sidewalks, and parks. Activities that benefit special populations that are presumed to be low and moderate income such as elderly persons, abused spouses or children, homeless persons, and developmentally or physically disabled/handicapped persons
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight:
- Meet urgent community development needs that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community (i.e., natural disasters).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Springdale is aware of the need of the many and various community development activities, both housing and non-housing needs, and acknowledges the fact that there are not enough funds available to meet all of the needs.

The City is also mindful of continuing to carry out the Community Development Block

Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and other federally funded programs for maximum benefit to extremely-low to low-income individuals and families.

The City has included the needs identified during the citizen participation process in its 2007 Program Year Annual Action Plan (AAP). Funding limitations will not allow all requests for funding to be addressed in 2007. The City hopes that all needs identified will be addressed and possibly funded in subsequent years as CDBG funds become available.

The Community Development Block Grant Program will continue to partner with the City, financial institutions, and other agencies to accomplish their short and long term goals and at the same time meet the goals set by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. These goals include:

Decent Housing - including: assisting homeless persons obtain affordable housing; assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless; retention of affordable housing stock; increasing the availability of affordable permanent housing in standard condition to low-income and moderate-income families, particularly to members of disadvantaged minorities without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability; increasing the supply of supportive housing which includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs (including persons with HIV/AIDS) to live in dignity and independence; and providing affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities.

A Suitable Living Environment - including: improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services; reducing the isolation of income groups within areas through spatial de-concentration of housing opportunities for lower income persons and the revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods; restoring and preserving properties of special historic, architectural, or aesthetic value; and conserving of energy resources.

Expanded Economic Opportunities - including: job creation and retention; establishment, stabilization and expansion of small businesses (including micro-businesses); provision of public services concerned with employment; provision of jobs to low-income persons living in areas affected by those programs and activities, or jobs resulting from carrying out activities under programs covered by the plan; availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices; access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community; and empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing and public housing.

OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES

Housing Services Program:

City of Springdale, In-house Housing Services Program: Provide low-to-moderate-income homeowners who occupy single family dwellings with grants up to \$25,000. These grants would be first used to assist the homeowners in making emergency repairs to their homes if necessary. Second would be bringing their homes up to current Housing Quality Standards, Energy Efficiency Standards, and current Plumbing, Electrical, and Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning codes. The city expects to perform at least ten (10) moderate rehab projects and twenty-five (25) emergency repair projects.

Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas: These funds would help Rebuilding Together to continue their annual Rebuilding Together Day Program, their Wheelchair Ramp and Accessibility Program, and their Emergency Repair Program. Rebuilding Together estimates it will rehabilitate three (3) homes, perform emergency repairs on ten (10) homes and construct three (3) wheelchair ramp / accessibility projects.

Habitat for Humanity of Washington County: Funding would be used to install new water and sewer taps to new structures constructed by Habitat. Habitat is hoping to construct six (6) single family dwellings in Springdale that will be sold and occupied by families that are between 30% and 50% of the area median, adjusted for family size.

Public Facilities Program:

Northwest Arkansas Economic Development; Springdale Senior Center: Reduce the water and electrical use in the restrooms and to separate the men's bathroom and mop closet. Both bathrooms will be remodeled by adding an additional stool in the men's bathroom, installing ADA type automatic flush toilets in both bathrooms, electric hand drying units, new automatic water on/off lavatories, energy efficient light fixtures, new floor coverings, painting, and installing signage on the building identify it as the Springdale Senior Center where friends come together as families.

Community Clinic at St Francis House: The additional building the community clinic is taking over would be remodeled. New walls would be added to increase the number of exam rooms in the building. By increasing the number of exam rooms available the community clinic can increase the number of patients it currently sees. The clinic projects it will see 7,000 uninsured low-to-moderate-income Springdale residents next year.

Public Services Program:

First United Methodist Church, Bread of Life: The Bread of Life (TBOL) provides three (3) days of food and personal hygiene items to low-to-moderate-income citizens who are in need. In addition, they provide limited financial assistance to clients who have temporary situations which could result in homelessness in the Springdale area. This support could include either rent or utility assistance with verifiable documentation. The Bread of Life's goal is to enable their clients to care for themselves and their families. The Bread of life projects it will serve 800 low-income families (representing

approximately 2000 people). In the past TBOL has been able to help many people avoid being homeless.

City of Springdale, Taxi Program: The City provides 30 coupons monthly to each of the 70 clients on the Taxi Program. Sometimes the Taxi is the only way for our clients to get to the doctors and drug store. Each coupon has a \$1.00 value to the Taxi companies. The program is open to all Springdale residents who are either disabled or over the age of 60 and their income does not exceed \$18,000 annually. The city expects the amount of citizens on the Taxi Program to increase next year partly, because of the high price of gasoline. The city projects there will be at least 80 citizens on the program in 2007.

EVALUATION OF PAST PERFORMANCE

The City of Springdale is required to complete a Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) within 90 days after the CDBG Program Year ends (January 1 - December 31). The report is required by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and has to be in the HUD little Rock filed office within 90 days after the program year ends. The CAPER covers the accomplishments, funds expended, and other actions accomplished during the prior program year. The CAPER is also posted on the City's web site for citizens to review.

On June 8, 2006 the city received from HUD the review of the 2005 CDBG Program Year CAPER. HUD's entire review of the CAPER is available to Springdale citizens Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Here are a few comments made by the HUD staff on reviewing the CAPER for the 2005 CDBG Program Year.

- HUD congratulated the City on its many accomplishments during 2005.
- It appears that the City has met or exceeded the goals of the 2005 Consolidated Action Plan. In addition, all of the activities described in the 2005 CAPER are viewed as contributing substantially to meeting the statutory primary objects of the CDBG Program and thus improving the living environment for citizens of the community.
- We believe that, overall, the city has made good use of available resources and has conducted its activities in a manner designed primarily benefit low and moderate income persons to fulfill the community development objectives stated in the City's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.
- HUD regulations require that at least 70 percent of CDBG funds be spent on activities principally benefiting low and moderate income persons. The CAPER reports that 100% of the funds were expended on such activities. A further limitation of the CDBG Program is that no more than 20% of the CDBG funds may be used for planning and administration cost. Only 5.6% of the 2005 funds were spent on planning and administration. (6) A final limitation is that no more than 15 percent of the funds may be spent on public services. However, in 2005, an exception to this limitation was made for cities that requested a wavier in order to provided public service to Hurricane Katrina evacuees.
- HUD stated they appreciated the City's timely submission of reports. Meeting HUD's timeliness standard for expenditures is a major concern for HUD. Sixty

(60) days prior to the end of the program year, there should be no more than 1.5 times the annual grant remaining in the line of credit. In 2004 the City had a timeliness ratio of 1.43 and in 2005 the City's timeliness ration was .90 which is considered very good

- Based on review of the City's 2005 CAPER it appears the City of Springdale's CDBG Program is being carried out as proposed and is in compliance with HUD regulations. The City's performance is viewed as good and the City is determined to have the continuing capacity to administer the CDBG Program in accordance with HUD and other federal requirements.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

Housing Services Program: The city does not restrict the Housing Program to any single area within the city limits. However the priority is to low-to-moderate-income homeowners (adjusted for family size) who live in the Targeted Revitalization area and to the same type of homeowners who reside in low-income neighborhoods.

Public Facilities Program: The city chose to fund the Community Clinic @ St Francis House and the Senior Center because they are centrally located and surrounded by low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods, with 32% of the total population being minority.

Public Services Program: The city chose to provide funding to the Bread of Life which is located in the Revitalization Area and the fact that 100% of the funds provided to this agency are used to help prevent homelessness. The only restriction placed on the Taxi Program is the applicants must be elderly and/or disabled and live within the city limits.

UNDERSERVED NEEDS

The additional building the Community Clinic at St Francis House is taking over on December 31, 2006 would be remodeled. This would be a big asset to address the obstacles to meeting underserved needs. Funding from the Community Development Block Grant has been provided to the Community Clinic at St Francis in previous years and is proposed again for 2007. The mission of the Community Clinic is to provide health care to the uninsured. Services offered include medical, dental and eye care, indigent pharmaceutical program, children's vaccines and advocacy and referral assistance. Their goal is to expand capacity to serve low-income /uninsured Hispanic and Marshallese with basic pre-natal care, medications, preventative health education and children's dental care. Patients contribute what they can to the cost of their care and additional funding is provided by donations from individuals, churches and foundations. In the past year, the Community Clinic volunteers and staff have served over 10,000 patients with over 13,150 office visits. The goal of the Community Clinic is to increase the number of uninsured residents in Springdale who receive basic health care services by 1,000 in the next year.

RESOURCES

The estimated CDBG Amount for the Calendar Year 2007 is \$566,000. If the Annual Action Plan (AAP) is approved the funds will be distributed as shown in this plan.

Any Program Income received will be placed back into the program the funds were distributed from and re-distributed for the same purpose.

The City of Springdale will contribute to the Housing Services Program by waiving all building fees normally required to be paid by contractors performing the rehabilitation work. All commercial rehabilitation projects where CDBG funds will be distributed for rehabilitation will also be waived by the City.

Homeowners who are financially able to, will provide additional funding for their rehabilitation project.

The Office of Human Concern (OHC) has committed to assisting the Housing Rehabilitation Program with funding to provide weatherization and smoke/carbon monoxide detectors for homeowners who qualify. The OHC provided \$6,000 in financial assistance to 4 homeowners in 2005.

Rebuilding Together of NWA will partner with the City and provide material for Rebuilding Day currently set for April 28, 2007.

The City will submit applications to the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) for homeowner housing rehabilitation.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Existing Condition & Needs

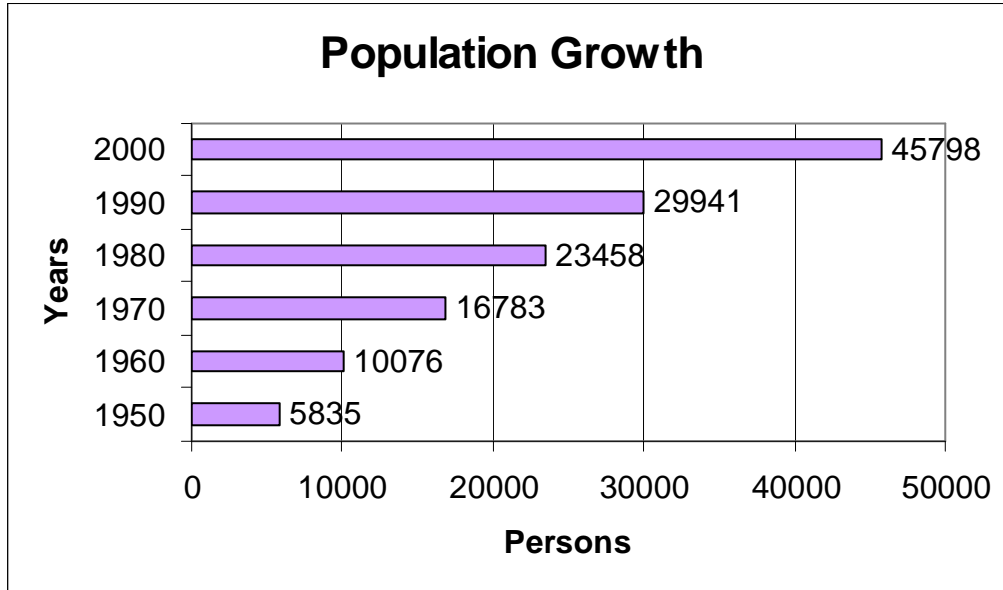
The planning area for the City of Springdale is about 43,712 acres (68.3 sq mi). The city limits occupy about 22,336 acres (34.9 sq mi). Development within the city limits can continue for some time; however, flood plains reduce the developmental area.

Population

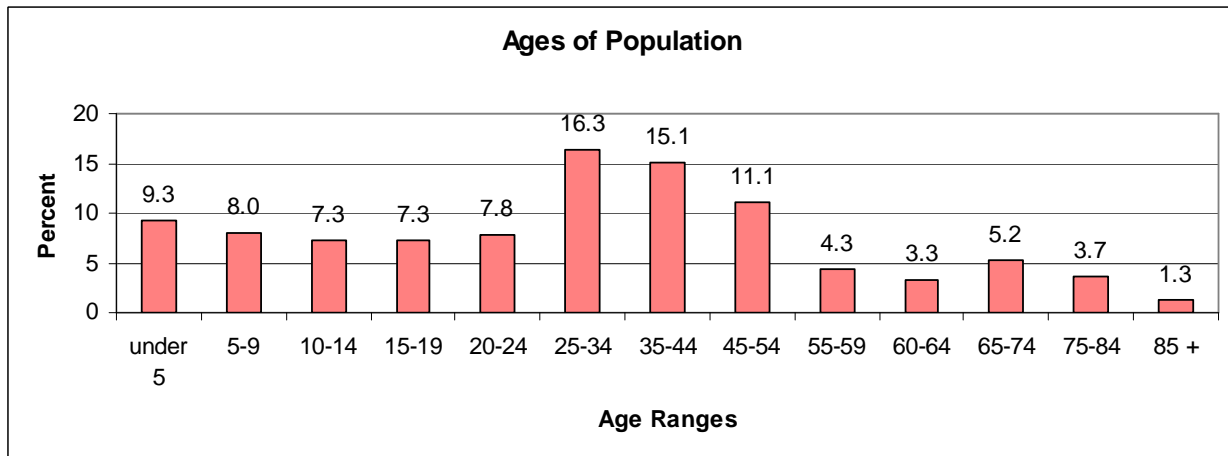
Population figures with our low unemployment rate and the continuing need for workers by local industries indicates we can expect a continuing influx of immigrants moving into our area to fill these jobs. It is anticipated that in addition to the shortage of housing for low-to-moderate-income persons, the other problems we now experience will also increase. They include the strain on infrastructure, overcrowding in our schools, and the demand for agencies to serve the non-English speaking population.

The table below shows the population increases for the last 50 years. According to the 2000 U S Census, of the City's population 23,068 were female and 22,730 were male. 70% of the City's population is over the age of 18.

The population of owner-occupied housing units in 2000 was 27,573 while the population of renter-occupied housing units was 17,908.



The table below shows the ages of the City's Population. The median age of the City's population is 31.0 years of age.



MANAGING THE PROCESS

The City of Springdale's Planning & Community Development Department has a CDBG Coordinator who is primary responsible for overseeing the CDBG Program and the development of the City's Annual Action Plan (AAP). The CDBG staff is responsible for administering the programs covered by the AAP, including its development,

implementation, monitoring, and reporting activities. In this capacity, the CDBG staff provides insight compiled through daily interaction with individual citizens, community and neighborhood organizations, non-profit housing agencies, and the private housing industry. In addition the CDBG staff gathers data received from citizens, neighborhood meetings and public hearings for which it is responsible for organizing and conducting in order to encourage ongoing public comment and to receive citizen views to establish priorities for housing and community development needs.

The CDBG staff communicated with the following agencies in the development of the Annual Action Plan: The Jones Center for Families, Girls Scouts of NOARK, Bread of Life First United Methodist, Circle of Life Hospice Care, Community Clinic at St Francis, Crisis Center of NWA, Kid Care, Youth-Can, Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas, Habitat for Humanity of Washington County, Shiloh Museum, Decision Point, United Way of Washington County, NWA Regional Planning Office, NWA Economic Development, Springdale Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging, Washington County Health Department, Office of Human Concern (OHC), Economic Opportunity Agency (EOA) of Washington County, Springdale Chamber of Commerce, and Springdale Citizens.

The CDBG staff will continue to interact and enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social services agencies that assist or provide assistance to low-to-moderate-income Springdale citizens.

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The City of Springdale has developed this Annual Action Plan for the period of January 1st thru December 31st 2007.

Funding Applications, Program Year 2007: A 3 col x 6" display ad was placed in The Morning News on Sunday June 5th and a 4 col x 9" display ad was placed on Wednesday June 29th stating Funding Applications were available, listing Eligible Activities and the National Objectives, Technical Assistance available, and the amount of funds estimated to be available for each program.

Twelve Applications for Funding were e-mailed to Agencies that requested a 2007 Program Year Application for Funding.

Public Hearing: The CDBG Committee (comprised of four city council members) Chairman Mike Overton, Kathy Jaycox, Billy Eden, and Jeff Watson was provided copies of the funding request applications received from Non-Profit agencies. Three members of the CDBG Committee (mike Overton, Kathy Jaycox, Billy Eden) along with the CDBG Coordinator and the Planning & Community Development Director held a public meeting on September 15th at 12:00pm where the staff and committee reviewed and discussed the applications, the agencies mission, amount of funds requested, purpose of the funding, and the clientele served.

A 3 column x 6" display ad was placed in The Morning News on Sunday September 17, 2006 and a 4 column x 9" display ad was placed in Wednesday's edition September 20, announcing a "Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing" would be held on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at 1:30 pm to receive input from citizens in the development of the Annual Action Plan.

The CDBG staff held the public hearing at the specified date and time in the Springdale Senior Center located at 203 Park St., Springdale, AR. 72764. One citizen was in attendance at the public hearing.

A 4 col x 9" display ad containing a summary of the proposed 2007 Annual Action Plan was published in The Morning News on Sunday October 8, 2006. A draft of the Annual Action Plan was made available to Springdale residents from October 9, 2006 through November 9, 2006. Copies of the draft Annual Action Plan were placed in the Springdale Housing Authority – 5 Applegate Dr, Springdale Public Library – 405 S Pleasant St, Springdale Senior Center - 203 S. Park St, the Jones Center for Families - 922 E. Emma, Planning & Community Development Office - 201 Spring St and a copy was posted on the city's web site at springdaleark.org under the CDBG office.

On November 14, 2006, the City Council was asked to approve submission of the 2007 Annual Action Plan to the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Arkansas State Field office in Little Rock.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Participation - The City takes whatever actions are appropriate to encourage its citizens, including minorities, non-English speaking persons, persons with disabilities, residents of public and assisted housing developments, extremely-low, very-low, and low-to-moderate-income individuals and families, residents living in slum and blighted areas, areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used, residents in predominantly low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods, along with other low-income residents of the City. The City encourages the participation of its residents in the process of developing the Consolidated Plan (CONPLN), Annual Action Plan (AAP), substantial amendments to the Plans, the Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER), the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), and any amendments to the plan. The City will provide information to the Springdale Housing Authority about the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan activities so the Housing Authority can make this information available at its annual public hearing. The City will provide citizens with an opportunity to comment on any substantial amendments to the Citizen Participation Plan.

Access to Information - The AAP is available online at the City's web site (springdaleark.org) CDBG. The City will make available to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties the amount of assistance the City expects to receive from grants and program-income. The City will provide an estimated amount that will benefit persons whose income levels range from extremely-low to low/moderate-income levels. Citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties, especially those most affected,

will have the opportunity to receive information, review and submit comments on any proposed submission concerning the proposed activities. The City will provide reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the preceding five years to its citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties; especially those most affected will have the opportunity to receive information.

Displacement - The City plans to minimize displacement of persons and will assist any persons displaced within the jurisdiction's guidelines.

Publishing - A summary of the proposed Annual Action Plan (AAP) was published in The Morning News. The summary described the contents and the purpose of the AAP, and a list of the locations where the entire proposed AAP may be examined. Copies of the entire AAP are available at The Jones Center for Families, Springdale Public Library, Springdale Housing Authority, Springdale Senior Center and the Planning & Community Development Office, and a reasonable number of free copies of the plans were made available to citizens or groups that request it.

Public Hearings - The City will provide a minimum of two public hearings during each program year; one hearing will be held in August at the beginning stages of developing the proposed Annual Action Plan. The hearings will be adequately publicized. These hearings will be conveniently timed and located for people who might or will benefit from program funds. The hearings will be held in locations that can accommodate persons with disabilities. The hearings will address housing and community development needs, development of proposed activities, and review program performance. The hearings will be held to respond to proposals, to answer questions, and to obtain views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties that will or may be affected by program funds. Based on the size of the City's Spanish-speaking population, a bilingual (English/Spanish) person will be present at each public hearing.

Notice of Hearings - A "Notice of Public Hearing" will be published as a display ad in The Morning News approximately two weeks before each public hearing. The "Notice of Public Hearing" will be published on a Wednesday and a Sunday because these are the two most popular days the newspapers are sold. In addition, a "Notice of Public Hearing" will be e-mailed and/or faxed to the agencies that provide services and/or support to low-to-moderate-income individuals and families, including Springdale Housing Authority, so that they may inform the residents of assisted and public housing of the scheduled hearings.

Access to Meetings - The City will hold all public hearings in buildings that have access for person with disabilities. The hearings will be scheduled during the evening hours and/or on weekends to provide working individuals and families with a greater opportunity to attend.

Comments Periods - The City encourages its citizens to comment during the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and on the proposed Plans. A summary of all comments and views shall be attached to the final Plans. The

comment period from citizens and groups will be 30 days after the date a summary of the proposed Plans is published in The Morning News. The City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally at the public hearings in preparing the final Plans.

Substantial Amendments - The City encourages its citizens to comment on substantial amendments to the plan. A substantial amendment is a change in the allocation of \$100,000.00 or greater and changes in the use of CDBG funds from one eligible activity to another. The comment period from citizens will be 30 days after the date the amendment is published in The Morning News and will not be implemented until the 30-day comment period has elapsed. The City shall consider all comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally. A summary of all comments and responses will be attached to the substantial amendment when it is submitted to the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Arkansas State Field office in Little Rock.

Performance Reports - The City encourages its all of its citizens to comment on performance reports. The Performance Report will be made available to the public. A notice will be published in The Morning News that the performance report is available for comment at the Planning & Community Development Office. The Planning & Community Development Office will accept comments for 15 days, starting the day after the publication in the newspaper. The City shall consider all comments or views of citizens in writing or orally in preparing the performance report. A summary of all comments or views shall be attached to the Performance Report.

Availability to the Public - The City will make available to its citizens during normal business days and hours the Consolidated Plan (CONPLN), Annual Action Plan (AAP), Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER), and Substantial Amendments. The physical address is the City Administration Building located at 201 N. Spring Street, Community Development Block Grant office. The CONPLN, AAP, CAPER, and Substantial Amendments will also be posted on the City's web site www.springdaleark.org (CDBG) for viewing.

Access to Records - The City will make available to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties access to its 3-year or 5-year Consolidated Plan (CONPLN), 1 year Annual Action Plan (AAP), and Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) throughout the year during normal business days and hours. The City will provide citizens access to information and records relating to the preceding five years of the CDBG Program, especially to those most affected by the program.

Technical Assistance - Technical assistance will be provided to low through extremely low income individuals and groups that request assistance in developing a proposal under the consolidated submission. The assistance shall be provided by the CDBG staff. A bilingual (English/Spanish) person will be made available to non-English speaking persons.

Complaints - The City will provide timely written replies to complaints and grievances within 15 working days when practical.

Amendments - The City shall amend its approved plan whenever it makes one of the following decisions: (a) A change in its allocation proprieties, (b) A change in its method of distribution of funds, (c) To carry out a new activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan not previously described in the Annual Action Plan, or (d) To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity. The City encourages its citizens to comment on substantial changes to the Plans and will make the change(s) available to the public. Citizens will have a minimum of 30 days after the date the change(s) is published in The Morning News to comment on the change. The letter transmitting the copy of all amendments shall be signed by the Mayor.

Program Year - Springdale's CDBG Program year runs from January 1st through December 31st. The citizen participation planning process begins in June of the prior year, approximately six months before the start of the program year to be planned. It begins with an advertisement in The Morning News for individuals and organizations involved with low-to-moderate-income individuals and families and leads to a public hearing by the CDBG Staff.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON THE 2007 PROGRAM YEAR ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP)

COMMENT #1

Hello all—

I just received notice of the 2007 action plan, and that for the second year, YouthCAN!'s Summer Art Explosion program did not receive any funding. I do not envy your jobs at all and realize that the federal funding is diminishing, so I first want to thank you for your work and dedication to the Springdale community.

I must, however, tell you how disappointed I am. Since opening our studio here in Springdale, we have seen over 2,600 youth last year alone. Right now we are seeing almost 1,000 kids each month. Being right here in Springdale, you would think that most of our clients would be from here, but you would guess wrong. Because we have not been able to "reach" Springdale kids through our summer program, we are also missing the opportunities to serve them and their families.

None of operational funding allows us to pay for programming. Last summer, we had to charge Springdale youth to attend our summer program. As a result, we saw a huge decline in numbers. This means more youth were left to their own devices during the summer which is the highest risk time of the year for experimentation and problem behaviors. We have a proven track record and evaluations to back up the fact that our programs prevent a wide variety of risky behaviors. We know that our students graduate high school more often, are more often involved in community service activities, volunteer more often, etc. We know that the program increases self esteem, vision for the future, skills & problem solving abilities, and reduces pro-drug attitudes.

Low income Springdale youth need a program like ours to keep them involved, focused, and encouraged. I am just very sorry that once again, they will miss out.

YouthCAN! moved to Springdale because we believed and were told that we were needed here. I personally graduated from Springdale and was one of those underprivileged youth that could not afford to pay membership dues to belong to a club, join a sports league, or take drama lessons. However, I had a mentor that taught me to paint, which kept me busy and out of trouble. This is why we provide the art mentoring program to youth. I truly want to pass on the skills and knowledge to youth of my hometown. I encourage you to reconsider and invest in the futures of these children.

I am attaching some articles about youth drug and alcohol use during the summer for your review. A small investment now could lead to huge savings down the road. Thank you again for the job you are doing, and please, just consider the potential benefit for Springdale.

Barbara Price Davis
Executive Director, YouthCAN!
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Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 725-2456

COMMENT #2

I was a participant of the Summer Art Explosion summer program (YouthCAN) and I took so much away from the experience. They really promote the arts as well as anti-drug, alcohol, and tobacco messages. YouthCAN is a wonderful asset to our community and youth. I recently found out that YouthCAN is not even being "recommended" for a grant this year. I would love to see Springdale reconsider this. To keep the program going, YouthCAN might have to start charging participants, which would defeat the purpose of having a positive prevention program if some of the youth cannot attend.

Please keep the Summer Art Explosion program free and growing!

-Helen Maringer

COMMENT #3

Dear Councilman Hancock,

I am e-writing you as a constituent--a citizen of Springdale--to encourage you and the other members of the City Council to reconsider including in the Community Development Block Grant the Summer Art Explosion program. As you may know, this arts program reaches out to Springdale youth, at risk and not at risk, as a positive development opportunity during their summer breaks from school.

I understand that the program has requested \$8,421 for the summer, but has not

been recommended for funding. Because the City Council is taking public comment over the next month, I am offering mine. I think this program deserves consideration for financial support, in light of their goal to work as a prevention program, especially for at risk youth.

Thank you for your consideration of this comment,
Leslie G. Landrum

COMMENT #4

My name is McKenna Potter and I am fourteen years old. I have been going to the Summer Art Camp at Art Explosions for the past two years. I've made so many friends and have been taught numerous kinds of art forms. I can assure you it's one of the best things that's ever happened to me in my life.

The first time I went to the summer art camp was a few months after I had moved here from California. I had no friends and was getting kind of depressed. I was forced to go to this camp and it ended up changing my life. I'm only one of many people who have been affected by this program. I had tons of fun and didn't want it to end. It brought out a side of me I never knew about, and I now know I want to do something with art in my adult-career.

One of the main purposes of the Summer Art Camp and Art Explosions is to prevent the youth of Northwest Arkansas from getting into trouble with drugs. Many of the kids that attend the summer camp would be home alone if they could not attend. This camp is an awesome way to keep them out of trouble and to teach them more about art and how to make responsible choices.

The majority of the youth that attends the summer camp from Fayetteville is able to come for little or no fee, because of the block grant. It would be so great for the Springdale kids to have that same opportunity. We do everything from clay to painting, found object art to photography. We even go on field trips to Beaver Lake, and the ropes course at the Jones Center to learn about team-work. No other camp I've ever heard of has had so many variable and enjoyable activities and made it possible for people with a smaller income to attend. At the end of the summer, the kids show their families their work with the biggest smiles on their faces. The leaders and teachers are some of the best people I've ever met. They set such a great example for the younger kids and we learn how to be leaders in our community as well. I'll possibly have the opportunity to be a leader at the camp next year, which would be the best job in the world in my opinion.

The Summer Art Explosion is not just for kids that love art, like myself. It is for anyone no matter what your race or your background is. It brings kids from all different kinds of families and social statuses together and we're all friends. Everyone I know who has attended (most who actually dislike art) loved this camp and could not wait for next summer. It is a place where youth can be in a fun, safe environment and learn to respect others, their community, and the arts. So many lives have been changed due to

this benevolent program. So all I can ask is that you please consider helping the youth of your community by granting us the Community Development Block Grant, and I am certain you'll change a few lives.

Sincerely,
McKenna Potter

COMMENT #5

Dear Don,

I wish I could be at the public comment hearing on Saturday, Sept 30th to discuss the YouthCAN! summer Art Explosion Program. Unfortunately, I will be out of town and unable to make that hearing. So instead, I am writing to you in concern over the YouthCAN! Summer Art Explosion Program funding that is in need of your recommendation for Block Grant Funding. I am certain there are many programs put before you which need evaluation, but I'd like to help this particular program stand out in your mind as one that is VERY important.

My twelve year old daughter has attended this program for two years. Prior to this, she has been involved in other programs offered during the summer. None have held her interest, given her a sense of value and self-esteem, nor taught her as genuine of skills as this program has. Each year she has looked forward to going back to YouthCAN! Summer Art Explosion and has taken a few friends with her. It would be a shame for this program to end simply because the funding was not available! They are changing lives at YouthCAN! - in a POSITIVE way! Northwest Arkansas needs more programs like YouthCAN! I am constantly amazed at the beautiful art work that comes out of the Summer Art Program - and I'm not talking about the canvas or the pottery..... I'm talking about the changed lives. There are some great "works of art" in the smiles of each child as they celebrate their accomplishments. It's great to see those changed lives. There's nothing better than that! Springdale would be losing a GREAT program if YouthCAN! Summer Art Explosion were to cease due to a lack of funding.

I hope you will not only approve them for Block Grant Funding, but help them receive more funding whenever possible and grow their program. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Tamara Dampier
tldampier@yahoo.com
Springdale, AR

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

The City of Springdale will carry out its AAP through the use of federal, state, local and private funds utilizing the CDBG staff, the Springdale Public Housing Authority, other

subsidized housing developments, private groups, non-profit organizations and public institutions to implement its planned use of funds and to fulfill its goals in a manner which affords the maximum benefit to its low-to-moderate-income citizens. An assessment of the strengths and gaps in our institutional structure indicate that the general environment of economic prosperity, low unemployment, quality health care facilities, and the number and variety of local non-profit social service agencies contribute to a high quality of life for our citizens. However, we identified gaps in our ability to carry out our approved community development activities.

MONITORING

All programs will be monitored by the City's Accounting Department and external auditors hired by the city.

All agencies receiving funds will enter into an agreement with the City of Springdale before funds are released.

The Administration Program will be monitored by the CDBG Coordinator and the Planning & Community Development Director.

Housing Programs will be monitored by the CDBG Coordinator as well as the City's Building Inspection Division, and HUD's Arkansas State Field Office. A monitoring inspection will be made annually on or about the date the moderate rehabilitation project was completed on each individual property. A Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspection will be completed and made a part of the homeowner's file.

Public Facilities will be monitored by the CDBG Coordinator as well as the City's Building Inspection Division, and the HUD Arkansas State Office. An inspection will be performed daily by the CDBG Coordinator on all public facilities receiving funding for building improvements during the improvement phase of the project.

Public Services Program will be monitored by the CDBG Coordinator and the Planning & Community Development Director. The CDBG Coordinator will conduct at a minimum one monitoring site visit during the term of the activity being funded. The site visit shall be documented by completing a Monitoring Review Site Visit Form and the form shall be placed in the sub-recipients file.

LEAD-BASED PAINT

According to the 2000 U.S. Census there are 8,083 housing units built before 1979. Approximately 30% of the total number may contain some levels of lead-based paint and are occupied by low-income individuals and families. Each home built before 1978 that qualifies for the Housing Services Program will be tested for lead-based paint by an Arkansas State Certified and Licensed Lead-based Paint Inspector / Risk Assessor. All material identified as containing high levels of lead-based paint will be removed and replaced if possible or feasible, or it may be covered. All deteriorated lead-based paint

identified in the Risk Assessment will be addressed during the rehabilitation of the dwelling. All construction material being removed from the home containing lead-based paint belongs to the contractor performing the work, and he/she is required to remove the material from the property.

SPECIFIC HOUSING OBJECTIVES

By committing 68% of the 2007 CDBG budget to the Housing Services Program. The City has made rehabilitation of existing housing stock a priority. There are very few new homes being constructed for low-to-moderate-income individuals or families. Even existing homes being sold are not affordable to one income households. The City expects to rehab 35 homes in 2007 and to eliminate lead-based paint hazards from at least 10 of the 35.

By bringing the existing housing stock up to current energy conservation standards, current plumbing, electrical, and HVAC codes this will extend the life of exiting homes in our area. The City partners with the Office of Human Concern when it comes to providing weatherization and energy conservation activities on existing homes.

NEEDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING

The City works closely with the Springdale Housing Authority, and a representative of the City attends all of their Commission meetings. The first Board of Commissioners was appointed by the City, and the Commissioners now appoint their successors. The hiring, contracting and procurement practices are carried out in accordance with regulations governing Public Housing Authorities.

BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Actions being done to address the Affordable housing needs of the Latino population include but not limited to: In August 2005, the CDBG Coordinator and the Planning / Community Development Director met with Manny Sepulveda the Northwest Arkansas Deputy District Director and Rey Hernandez the District Director of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) about constructing affordable housing. Manny & Rey are working on a plan to begin constructing affordable housing in 2007. The CDBG staff has begun the process of identifying ways to assist the Latino community in attaining homeownership. We are working with local banks, realtors, and lenders in researching ways to assist the Latino community in attaining home ownership.

The City had its Housing Services Program Information and General CDBG Program information translated into Spanish. We continue to search for ways to inform the Latino community of programs under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The CDBG staff set up and maintained a booth at the Jones Center for Families located at 922 E Emma Avenue on Saturday, September 23, 2006 for a Homeownership Fair. The staff was present to answer questions and pass out information packets on the

CDBG Programs that are available.

SPECIFIC HOMELESS PREVENTION ELEMENTS

The City of Springdale has partnered with the Cities of Fayetteville, Bentonville, and Rogers and hired the University of Arkansas to perform a Homeless Needs Assessment. This assessment is scheduled to be performed during the third week of January 2007.

No specific priority has been given to the homeless in this AAP. The City will have a better understanding of what actions are needed to be taken at eliminating chronic homelessness after receiving the completed Homeless Needs Assessment Report.

The City is a member of the Northwest Arkansas Housing Coalition and hosts the monthly meetings. A member of the CDBG staff attends the monthly meetings. The CDBG staff works with agencies involved with the homeless and the needs of transitional housing.

The mission of the First United Methodist Church, The Bread of Life (TBOL) is to serve people who find themselves in crisis situations. The goal is to assist as many persons as possible, with efficient use of limited resources, to decrease homelessness. We provide limited financial assistance to clients who have temporary situations which could result in homelessness in the Springdale area. This support could include either rent or utility assistance with verifiable documentation. Low income individuals and families (those earning minimum wage make up their client base. Staffing consist of one director and 20-25 volunteers. All CDBG funding will be a direct benefit to their clientele.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City's priority non-housing community development needs are organizations that provided a public service to citizens in the prevention of homelessness. This support could include either rent or utility assistance.

There are new agencies being created to assist low-income residents of the City of Springdale. Many area agencies have been in existence and assisting Springdale citizens for more than two decades. The increase in population and significant advancements in the knowledge base of how particular services may be rendered, particularly in the areas of infant care for neglected and/or abused infants, victims of family violence, and mental illness, has created pressure on existing services due to growth. These pressures include facility improvement and /or addition, technology enhancements, staff addition, and increase in operating expenses in order to meet the present and future needs of the community.

Planning and coordination on the part of the city and supportive agencies will be increasingly important in the future to insure that the needs of our growing population

are met. Also of prime importance will be long-term studies and projections to ensure the city is prepared for its growth.

ANTIPOVERTY STRATEGY

The City recognizes that the relationship between economic development and environmental quality is a way to improve the quality of life and attract new businesses to our area. At the same time the City recognizes that in order to reduce the number of households earning incomes below the poverty line, we need to promote industry with higher paying positions and must have educated and trained people to fill these positions.

We have the physical infrastructure in place to attract such industries, including a healthy and natural environment, a stable government, an industrial park, and an excellent health care system. We must continue to promote programs which provide the capital and technical support for new businesses and to improve in the area of education and job training.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

Gaps

A gap exists in affordable homeownership opportunities. Escalating prices for homes, combined with the influx of new residents, will likely increase investment pressure in older established low-to-moderate-income neighborhoods as these neighborhoods contain the least costly housing units in the City.

Housing Needs

In an eight-year time period, from 1996 to 2004, the median home value of a single family dwelling rose tremendously. In 1996 there were 406 building permits issued for single-family dwellings, the median value of which was \$68,300. In 2003 there were 772 building permits issued for single-family dwellings with a median value of \$120,000. In 2004 there were 479 building permits issued for single-family dwellings with a median value of \$163,700. In 2005 there were 515 building permits issued for single-family dwellings with a median cost of \$202,000. Source: (city-data.com).

Housing Market

Based on the construction median value of new single-family dwellings in Springdale, low-to-moderate-income individuals or families cannot afford to purchase a new home. There is a great need to construct single-family dwellings that are affordable to low-to-moderate-income individuals and families.

Market Analysis

The demand for housing is high with new subdivisions either in the planning stages or under construction in the city. In 2004 a total of 1,499 housing unit building permits were issued, of the total 479 were single-family units, 194 duplexes, and 826 were multi-family housing units. Of the total housing unit permits issued 31.9% were for

single family dwellings. Only .3% of all single family housing unit permits issued were for affordable housing (construction cost below \$75,000). In 2004 the average construction cost of a single family dwelling was \$163,700. Building permits for the construction of new housing units dropped by 26% compared to 2003.

The average sales price of a house sold in Springdale continues to rise. In 2003 the median sale price of new single family homes was \$121,549. A total of 1200 (new/used) homes were sold in the City with the median sales price of \$124,700.

With Northwest Arkansas rated as one of the top ten places in the country to live, data confirms that phenomenal growth has caused an accelerated upward spiral in housing values in our region.

The demand for housing has also caused rents to increase, making it even harder for a low-income renter to save for a down payment to purchase a home.

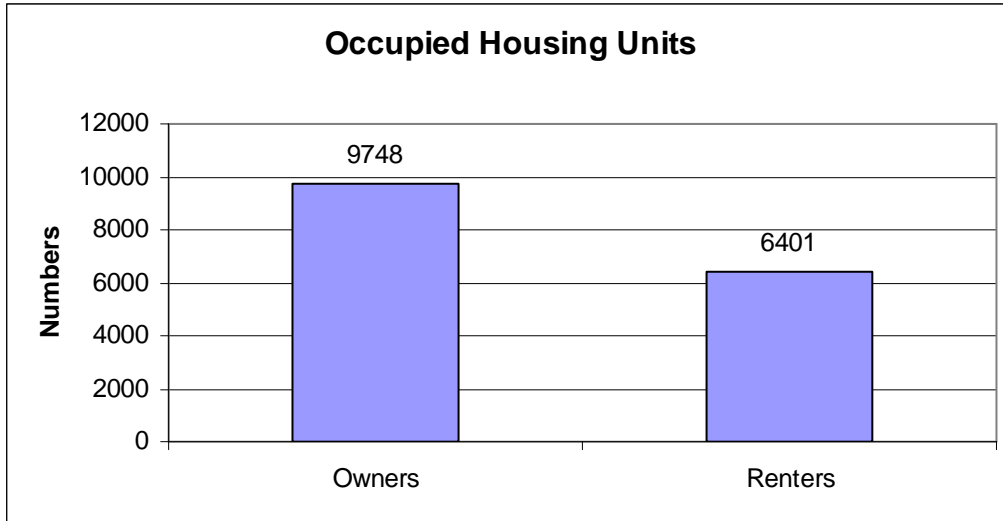
Housing Characteristics

The 1990 Census estimated the City's population to be 29,941 with 11,994 housing units. The 2000 Census estimated the City's population to be 45,798 with 16,962 housing units. In the ten-year period the population increased by 16,764 people (65%), and the housing units increased by 5,308 units (70%). The 2005 Special Census estimated the City's population to be 62,459 and increase of 16,661 in a five year period.

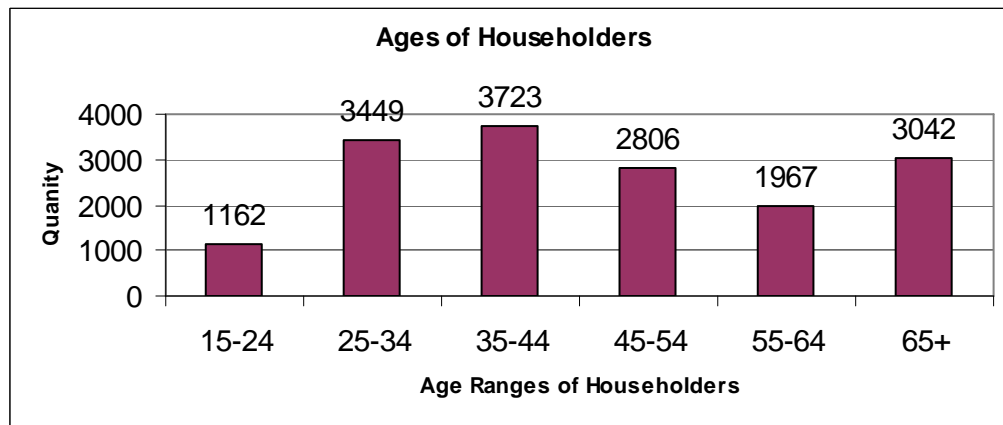
The population of owner-occupied housing units in 2000 was 27,573 while the population of renter-occupied housing units was 17,908.

In 2000 the City had 16,962 housing units, of which 16,149 (95%) were occupied, leaving only 813 vacant housing units. Of those 813 vacant units, 296 were for rent, 229 were for sale, 61 were rented or sold but not occupied, 57 were for recreational or occasional use, and 1 was for migrant workers, leaving only 169 vacant units.

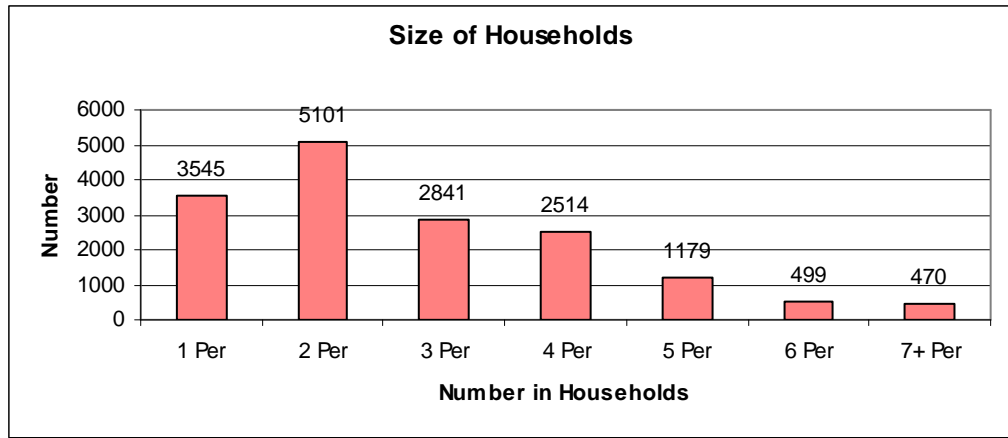
Of the 16,149 occupied housing units, 9,748 (60%) were owner-occupied units while 6,401 (40%) were renter-occupied units. 11,852 of the total occupied units are occupied by families while 4,297 were non-family households.



The table below shows the Ages of Householders; of the 16,149 occupied housing units;



The table below shows the Sizes of Households of the 16,149 occupied housing units. The average household size of owner-occupied housing units is 2.77 persons per unit, while the average household size of renter-occupied housing units is 2.85 persons per unit.



Roughly 18.3% of the 16,149 occupied housing units pay more than 30% of their income toward a mortgage. Individuals and families who pay more than 30% of their income for housing are considered to be cost-burdened and may have difficulty in paying for necessities such as water, electricity, food, etc.

Substandard Housing

Substandard housing is defined as any house lacking complete plumbing facilities, complete kitchen facilities, and/or having inadequate heating systems. These houses are in substandard condition, but are suitable for rehab.

Rehabilitation - It appears that the rehabilitation of our older housing units using funds provided by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) is still the most efficient method we have of preserving our affordable housing stock. By providing housing assistance through the CDBG & HOME Programs to improve dilapidated housing structures which have been identified by City Code Enforcement Officials, agencies and other sources, we can more easily attain our goal of preventing many at risk owner households, especially extremely-low and very-low-income individuals and families, from becoming homeless.

Supportive Housing Organizations

Several organizations exist that serve families or persons who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. These organizations provide housing and/or a range of services for those assessed through screening and/or referral as having a specific problem that could result in homelessness.

Children’s House, Fayetteville, serves abused or neglected children with a capacity of 22. Children are placed by the Department of Human Services or Juvenile Court.

NWA Children’s Shelter, Bentonville, also serves abused or neglected children with a capacity of 21. Girls served are between the ages of 0-18, while boys are 1-12 years old. Again, children are placed in the facility by the Department of Human Services or Juvenile Court.

Peace at Home Family Shelter, Fayetteville, serves physically, sexually, or emotionally abused women and children with a capacity of 6 families or a total of 20 people. Placement in this facility is strictly voluntary.

Lifestyles, Inc., Fayetteville, serves the developmentally disabled. The age of those served is not restricted. Lifestyles Inc. has 11 rent-assisted dwellings, 8 single apartments, and 4 double apartments.

Richardson Center, Springdale, also serves the developmentally disabled. Its preschool facilities have the ability to serve 86 children. In addition, the Center provides in-home services based on staff availability.

Ozark Guidance Center (Habberton House), Fayetteville, serves seriously emotionally disturbed children whose ages range between 9 and 18 with a maximum capacity of 26. Admittance is through referral.

Youth Bridge, Fayetteville/Centerton, serves as an emergency shelter for children ranging in age from 12-18. The Fayetteville facility has a maximum capacity of 9, while the Centerton facility can house 25.

Vista Health, Fayetteville, serves people with acute or sub-acute mental illness with a maximum capacity of 16 in the children's unit and 28 in the adolescent unit. Admittance is also through referral.

Salvation Army, Fayetteville, serves the homeless, regardless of age. Although maximum capacity is 57 people, the Salvation Army will not refuse admittance to anyone.

Seven Hills Homeless Shelter, Fayetteville, also serves homeless people of all ages. Although primarily a day facility offering food and facilities for cleanliness, the shelter has a transitional housing facility with a maximum capacity of 21 women or men.

Decision Point, Inc., Springdale, serves adult men and women with drug and alcohol abuse problems. The maximum capacity is 25 men and 15 women with a 30-day maximum length of stay.

Housing Strategy

In July 2004, the City partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Washington County in the construction of affordable single-family dwellings. The City transferred a lot to Habitat in December 2004 for the construction of the first home under the new partnership. In June 2005 Habitat for Humanity turned the keys over to the new homeowners for the 3 bedroom 1 ½ bath home that was constructed on the lot donated to Habitat by the City of Springdale. Under the new partnership Habitat proposes to construct three homes in 2006 and three in the year 2007.

In September 2004, the City's CDBG Program and Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas formed a partnership to work together to rehab single-family dwellings in the City. On April 30, 2005 CDBG and Rebuilding Together completed their first joint Housing Rehabilitation Project. On April 29, 2006 CDBG and Rebuilding Together completed their second joint Housing Rehabilitation Project. April 28, 2007 CDBG and Rebuilding Together will partner together to complete another joint Housing Rehabilitation Project. The CDBG Coordinator acts as the House Captain/ Project Manager and with 55 volunteers completes the rehabilitation of the single family dwelling. CDBG acts as the project manager and Rebuilding Together provides all of the volunteers, to include a food coordinator, volunteer coordinator, tools, materials, and lunch for the volunteers. The CDBG Coordinator writes the Description of Work, completes a materials list and provides an estimate on how many volunteers will be needed to complete the project in one day.

CDBG staff will continue to partner with the Office of Human Concern, which provides weatherization of units being rehabilitated under CDBG & HOME Housing Services Programs. The OHC partnered with the CDBG Housing Services Program and provided assistance to 4 homeowners in 2005. The OHC and CDBG Programs partnered together on 7 homes in 2006 and will partner again in 2007.

The CDBG Program continues its partnership with the Robinson Avenue Church of Christy. Members of the summer youth camp paints single family dwellings identified by the CDBG Coordinator. The local church group which provides the volunteer labor and the CDBG Program provides the paint. Both organizations provide the painting equipment. The summer youth camp painted 2 dwellings in 2003, 4 dwellings in 2005, and 5 dwellings in 2006. Their goal is to paint 10 dwellings in 2007.

The CDBG continues to perform Energy Conservation Projects, Emergency Repairs, Minor Rehab, and Moderate Rehab of owner-occupied single-family dwellings within its City limits. Maintaining the existing stock of older small single family dwellings is one way the City of Springdale helps to maintain affordable housing.

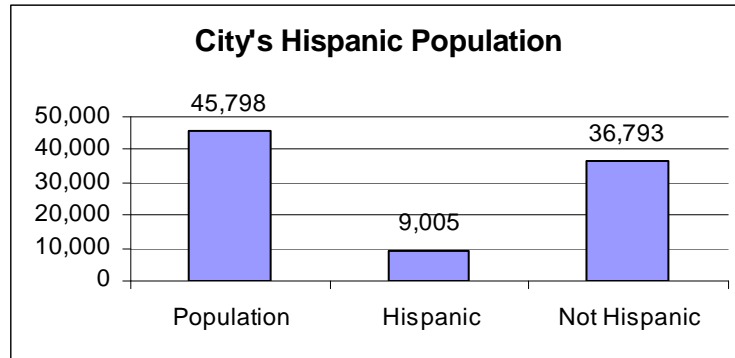
The Equal Opportunity Agency of Springdale held its second Homeownership Fair in the Jones Center for Families building on Saturday, September 23, 2006, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The CDBG staff was on hand with a translator and had an information booth setup with general information on the CDBG Program and more detailed information on Housing Services Program, the written information was translated from English to Spanish prior to the event. We have received numerous requests for our Housing Services Program Application from Latino's since the fair.

Special Populations - A survey of supportive agencies in our region indicate the needs for this special population to include: affordable and accessible housing, services for the handicapped, assistance with utility bills, and especially money for down payment assistance and closing costs to facilitate home ownership. In addition, there is the need to change some of the qualifications on weatherization programs to enable these agencies to assist a greater number of applicants.

Housing Needs of the Handicapped – Structural barriers and handicapped showers / ramps are included in the housing rehabilitation program for handicapped homeowners. Springdale will continue to support the efforts of local agencies in their efforts to provided services for the handicapped.

Latino Population Stats

The City of Springdale’s population based on the 2000 Census Data shows the total population to be 45,798 persons. Of the total population 9,005 (19.7%) of the population was Hispanic or Latino.



Based on the 2000 Census Data Hispanic / Latinos were the next largest population group in Springdale.

The City of Springdale’s Citizen Participation Plan encourages Minorities and non-English speaking persons to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan.

The biggest needs of the Hispanic Community identified by citizens and non-profit agencies were Affordable Housing and Health Care.

All of the agencies we provided funding to in 2005 provided some type of assistance to the Latino community.

CDBG FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2007

HUD’s estimated amount of funding to the City (\$566,000)
 Total funding request (\$733,411)
 Public Services 15% cap (\$84,900) of the total grant amount

Requested Approved

\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	AD - Administration
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\$350,000	\$357,970	HS - In-house Housing Rehabilitation
\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	HS - Rebuilding Together of NWA
\$ 6,030	\$ 6,030	HS - Habitat for Humanity
\$406,030	\$389,000	Housing

\$ 68,000	\$ 55,000	PF - Community Clinic @ St Francis House
\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	PF - Springdale Senior Center
\$ 98,000	\$ 85,000	Public Facilities

\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	PS - City of Springdale, Taxi Program
\$103,900	\$-----	PS - Community Clinic @ St Francis House
\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	PS - First United Methodist Church, Bread of Life
\$ 25,000	\$-----	PS - Springdale Senior Center
\$ 8,481	\$-----	PS - Youth Can
\$179,381	\$ 42,000	Public Services \$84,900 maximum
\$733,411	\$566,000	total funding

Percentages of the 2007 Block Grant Committed by Program

Administration 8.8%
Housing Services 68.8%
Public Facilities 15.0%
Public Services 7.4%

ADMINISTRATION

City of Springdale \$50,000

Staff cost to administer the CDBG program, preparing the Annual Action Plan (AAP), Annual Action Plan (AAP), Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER), the budget, newspaper ads, public hearing notices, Travel & Training requirements, and other requirements of the grant. Including in this budget is hiring an agency to perform a required Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and a Homeless Needs Assessment.

HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM

City of Springdale \$350,000, Housing Rehabilitation & Emergency Repair Program

Staff cost to perform all administrative requirements of the Housing Services Program and all fees involved with the Lead-based paint testing and clearances, moderate rehab and emergency repairs of single family dwellings. Rehab work includes but not limited to; replacing sewer lines, removing inadequate heating systems and installing central Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning systems, we also replace leaking roofs, install energy efficient doors and windows, up-grade plumbing and electrical systems including installing electric/battery-backup smoke/carbon monoxide detectors in all sleeping areas. We insulate the floors, attic, and walls, perform moderate rehab of kitchens and bathrooms, etc. Power-wash homes, replace any damaged siding, supply paint and equipment for the Robinson Avenue Church of Christ summer youth camp paint program. Rehab applications and qualifying citizens for any of the Housing Services Programs. Performing Housing Quality Standards Inspections, writing Descriptions of Work, bidding projects, contract administration, pay authorizations, file and release liens.

Rebuilding Together of NWA \$50,000

Working in partnership with NWA communities, it is the mission of Rebuilding Together of NWA to preserve and revitalize houses and communities – assuring that low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, disabled, and families with children, live in warmth, safety, and independence. This grant will serve low-to-moderate income Springdale homeowners who are elderly, disabled, or families with children that do not have the financial and/or physical capability to make important home repairs to enable them to stay warm, safe, and dry in their homes. We will provide moderate rehab of 3 homes, 10 emergency repairs will be made, and a minimum of three wheelchair ramps or other accessibility improvements for disabled homeowners in Springdale. The requested funds will support a portion of direct costs, as well as operating and administrative expenses to enable growth of the overall programs of this organization.

Habitat for Humanity, \$6,030

Funding will be used to provide water and sewer taps for six (6) very low income homeowners. Families are selected the home is then constructed and sold to the selected family.

PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAM

City of Springdale, \$12,000: Elderly and Handicap Taxi Program:

The City provides 30 coupons monthly to each of the 70 clients on the Taxi Program. Each coupon has a \$1.00 value to the Taxi companies. The program is open to all Springdale residents who are either disabled or over the age of 60 and their income does not exceed \$18,000 annually.

Community Clinic @ St Francis House \$103,900

This funding request is for exam tables, computers, phones, office furniture, and additional equipment for the new building the Community Clinic will occupy in 2007. As a result of the rapid population growth in NWA the Community Clinic @ St Francis House served 10,887 patients with over 18,300 office visit. These numbers represent a 50% increase in patient visits from the previous year, indicating the population growth continues to outpace the access to services. If approved the funding would allow us to increase the number of residents we can serve. The goal is to serve low-income and uninsured residents with pre-natal care, medical, dental, eye care, children's medical services, and preventive health education.

First United Methodist Church, \$30,000 Bread of Life

The mission of the ministry is to serve people who find themselves in crisis situations. Our goal is to assist as many persons as possible, with efficient use of limited resources, to decrease hunger and homelessness. We provide up to three days of food and personal hygiene items. The Bread of Life is also the current distribution agency for USDA commodities for Washington County. In addition we provide limited financial assistance to clients who have temporary situations which could result in homelessness in the Springdale area. This support could include either rent or utility assistance with

verifiable documentation. We also provide emergency assistance to individuals and families in need of food, gasoline vouchers, and other emergency assistance. Low income individuals and families (those earning minimum wage make up our client base. Staffing consist of one director and 20-25 volunteers. All CDBG funding will be a direct benefit to our clientele.

Springdale Senior Center, \$25,000

Funding will allow us to hire two van drivers to deliver meals to the homebound in the two new Hot Shot meal delivery trucks purchased by the senior center with legislative funding. It would also free up two current van drivers to provide more transportation for the seniors so they may come to the center for hot meals, socialization, and health & wellness.

Youth Can, Summer Art Explosion Program, \$8,481

The Mission of Youth Can is to provide and sponsor creative programs and activities that empower youths to make responsible choices, thereby reducing substance abuse among youths, and over time, by adults. This program will serve 30 Springdale youths ages 10-18, with 3 of the 16– 18 year olds being hired to participate in a vocational learning laboratory as team leaders where they act as art mentors and guides with the younger youths. This program provides constructive youth development art activities for disadvantaged youths for five weeks during a high risk time of the year - the summer. The youths will work with professional artist, participate in community service art activities, sell their art work, and become empowered to make positive choices. The summer program has seven main goals 1) to provide constructive activities for area youths, 2) to provide opportunities for community service, 3) to provide positive adult interactions, 4) to provide opportunities to view art as a vocation, 5) to increase self-esteem, 6) to increase internal focus of control, 7) to decrease pro-drug attitudes among targeted youths.

PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM

Springdale Senior Center, \$30,000

Rehab of both bathrooms includes installing a second stool in the men's bathroom, replacing the existing stools with ADA water saving automatic flush stools, install water saving automatic hand washing faucets, light fixtures, electric hand dryers, new flooring, moving the storage room from the men's bathroom to a different location. Install a 25' flag pole. Currently there is no signage on the building this funding would allow for signage on the end and two sides of the building that faces streets. Sections of the metal siding on the building has been replaced at different times and is several different shades of color, this funding would allow the exterior of the building to be painted.

Community Clinic @ St Francis House, \$68,000

The Jones Center for Families recently remodeled the building located at 610 E. Emma for use as a nursing school. Unfortunately the nursing school is scheduled to close December 2006. This space has been offered to the Community Clinic at St Francis House for expanded use. The building meets the Springdale fire codes. The

Community Clinic at St Francis House will remodel the building for use as a medical clinic by removing non-load bearing walls to allow for a patient lobby, open access to classrooms by adding doors and building exam rooms within the existing classrooms. Expenses in remodeling include only those needed to adapt the facility for use as a clinic. Of the 11,096 patients served last year in the clinic's medical and dental programs, 6,646 (59.8%) were Springdale residents. Space limitation at the Community Clinic has restricted access for additional uninsured residents. The expansion would allow the Community Clinic to see more new patients