



Second Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Second Annual Action Plan includes the [SF 424](#) and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

Narrative Responses

GENERAL

Executive Summary

This is the second year of the City's five-year Consolidated Plan (CP) 2008-2012. This plan identifies the four Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs and the activities under those programs the City will undertake during the 2009 CDBG Program Year. The City prepared this Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the period beginning January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009. This plan describes the resources available, the proposed programs and activities to be funded and the proposed accomplishments for the 2009 CDBG Program Year.

The City received ten Applications for Funding Assistance from the 2009 CDBG Program. Seven were from different not-for-profit agencies. The City received one application for Housing Services projects, three were for Public Facility projects and six were for Public Service activities. The City did not elect to fund any projects under the 2009 Public Facility Program. The City of Springdale funded its in-house Administration Program, Housing Services Program, and one activity from its Public Services Program. A summary of those applying for 2009 CDBG funds are on pages 22-26.

Below are the four eligible Community Development Block Grant Programs. The chart shows the amount and percentage of funds the City will allocate to each program for the 2009 CDBG Program Year.

Program	Amount allocated	% of grant
Administration	\$ 40,000.00	7.85%
Housing Services	\$ 419,437.00	82.33%
Public Services	\$ 50,000.00	9.82%
Public Facilities	\$ -	0%
	\$ 509,437.00	100%

The City anticipates it will receive \$509,437 in CDBG funding for 2009. Of the total \$509,437 the City has committed 82.33% to Housing Services Program activities, making it the City’s top priority for 2009. The primary objective for the 2009 CDBG Program Year is Creating Suitable Living Environments for extremely-low to low/moderate-income owner/occupants of single family dwellings. The primary outcome will be Availability and Accessibility for extremely-low to low-moderate-income citizens.

The chart below breaks-down how the projected 2009 CDBG funds will be allocated by program and activity.

Organization	Funding	Program / Activity
City of Springdale	\$40,000	Administration / Program Admin.
City of Springdale	\$65,000	Housing Services / Housing Admin.
City of Springdale	\$332,437	Housing Services / Housing Rehab.
City of Springdale	\$12,000	Housing Services / Lead-based Paint
City of Springdale	\$10,000	Housing Services / Paint Program
City of Springdale	\$15,000	Public Service / Taxi Program
EOA Washington County	\$10,000	Public Service / Housing Counseling
First United Methodist	\$25,000	Public Service / The Bread of Life

The CDBG Program will continue to partner with other City Departments, financial institutions, and other agencies to accomplish their annual goals and at the same time meet the goals set by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

Three objectives of the CDBG Program are:

1. **Creating Suitable Living Environments:** In general, this objective relates to activities that are designed to benefit communities, families, or individuals by addressing issues in their living environment.
2. **Decent Housing:** The activities that typically would be found under this objective are designed to cover the wide range of housing possible under HOME, CDBG, HOPWA, ESG. This objective focuses on housing programs where the purpose of the program is to meet individual family or community needs and not programs where housing is an element of a larger effort, since such programs would be more appropriately reported under Suitable Living Environment.
3. **Creating Economic Opportunities:** This objective applies to the types of activities related to economic development, commercial revitalization or job creation.

Three outcomes of the objectives are:

- 1. Availability and/or Accessibility - This outcome category applies to activities that make services, infrastructure, public services, public facilities, housing, or shelter available or accessible to low- and moderate-income people, including persons with disabilities. In this category accessibility does not only refer to physical barriers, but also to making the affordable basics of daily living available and accessible to low-and- moderate-income people where they live.**
- 2. Affordability - This outcome category applies to activities that provide affordability in a variety of ways in the lives of low-and-moderate-income people. It can include the creation or maintenance of affordable housing, basic infrastructure hook-ups, or services such as transportation or day care.**
- 3. Sustainability, Promoting Livable or Viable Communities - This outcome applies to projects where the activity or activities are aimed at improving communities or neighborhoods, helping to make them livable or viable by providing benefits to persons of low-and-moderate-incomes or by removing or eliminating slums or blighted areas, through multiple activities or services that sustain communities or neighborhoods.**

Evaluation of Past Performance:

- 1. An on-site monitoring review took place July 17th and 18th 2008. The monitoring team consisted of Rhonda Shannon and Pamela Barton, CPD Representatives from the Little Rock Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD).**
- 2. On September 2, 2008, the Mayor of Springdale received a letter dated August 27, 2008 from Alice Rufus, the Department of Housing & Urban Development, Little Rock Field Office Director stating they have completed their annual monitoring review of the City of Springdale's 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year.**
- 3. The Monitoring Report stated the City has carried out its 2007 CDBG and related activities in substantial compliance with program regulations, handbooks, and other administrative directives governing Community Planning and Development Programs. There were no findings during the review that would require action by the City.**
- 4. The Monitoring Team selected a sample of the City's 2007 Public Facility Projects, Public Service Projects, and Housing Rehabilitation Projects. A site visit to five of the selected projects corroborated the information**

in the files, verifying compliance with the national objectives. On-site inspections were made to the following activities: The Bread of Life (Public Service Activity), Community Clinic @ St. Francis House (Public Facility Project) and Springdale Senior Center (Public Facility Project).

5. HUD Regulations state that there should be no more than 1.5 times the annual grant remaining in the line of credit at 60 days prior to the end of the program year. The City's ratio at the time of the Monitoring Review of timeliness for expending CDBG funds was .60, which is well below the allowable 1.5 ratio.
6. The Monitoring Team reviewed Housing Service Program files and conducted an on-site review/inspection of three Housing Rehabilitation Projects to determine if the cost were reasonable; workmanship was acceptable; and if each dwelling, upon completion, met the City's program objectives. Review of the rehabilitation files included the required Lead-based paint (LBP) documentation in each file. No concerns or findings were noted.
7. The Monitoring Review stated the City needs to amend its current Citizen Participation Plan in order to meet the new requirements of 24 CFR 91. The Monitoring Report is available for citizens to review at the City of Springdale Administration building located at 201 Spring St, in room 221.

General Questions

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year. Where appropriate, the jurisdiction should estimate the percentage of funds the jurisdiction plans to dedicate to target areas.
2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.
4. Identify the federal, state, and local resources expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the plan. Federal resources should include Section 8 funds made available to the jurisdiction, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds expected to be available to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan.

Action Plan General Questions response:

- 1. CDBG funds are not directed to any particular area of the City. The City does have a small targeted revitalization area and homeowners living in this area have a priority on the Housing Services Program. The Housing Services Program is a city wide program open to all extremely-low-income to low-moderate-income homeowners adjusted for family size. The owner must own and occupy a single family dwelling within the City's corporate limits. The City does not dedicate a specific amount of funding to the targeted revitalization area or any other area in the City.**
- 2. Neither Public Service nor Public Facility funds are distributed geographically, they are distributed according to the location of the sub-recipient carrying out the activity. Funding from the Housing Services Program is disbursed based on the location of the single family dwelling requiring assistance.**
- 3. Funding is the City's biggest obstacle to meeting underserved needs. Extremely-low to low-moderate income renters of single family dwellings are among the underserved category. The City included them in the 2008 Program Year Action Plan but did not include them in the 2009 Program Year Action Plan.**
- 4. The City will use its projected \$509,437 from the Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Cities Program to address some of the needs listed in this Action Plan. The City continues with its plan to partner with the Office of Human Concern (OHC) and Rebuilding Together of NWA (RTNWA) on Housing Rehabilitation and Emergency Repair Projects. The City will also continue to partner with local organizations and volunteer groups to carry out its CDBG Housing Services Program activities. Any Program Income received by the CDBG Program in 2009 will be returned to the Housing Services Program and disbursed on Housing Services Program activities.**

Managing the Process

1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.
2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

Action Plan Managing the Process response:

1. The CDBG Program Director of the City's Planning & Community Development Department has the primary responsibility for overseeing the development of the City's Consolidated Plan (CP) and Annual Action Plans. The CDBG Program Director is responsible for all aspects of the Program, including its administration, development, implementation, monitoring, and reporting of activities. The CDBG Program Director works with the CDBG Committee and the Planning & Community Development Director. In addition the CDBG Program Director gathers data received from citizens throughout the year and at public hearings for which he is responsible for organizing and conducting in order to encourage ongoing public comments, receive citizen views, and to establish priorities for housing and community development needs.
2. The development of this plan started March 9th and 19th with a display ad (attached) placed in The Morning News newspaper stating that there would be a Public Hearing on March 25, 2008 to solicit input from Springdale citizens, public agencies and other interested parties that will or may be affected by the CDBG Program. In July 2008 a display ad (attached) was placed in The Morning News newspaper stating that 2009 CDBG Funding Applications were available. A display ad (attached) was also placed in The Morning News newspaper stating a public hearing will be held on September 15th to receive input from Springdale citizens, non-profit, and for-profit agencies. The CDBG staff communicated with agencies by phone, e-mail, and face to face. The CDBG staff will continue to research ways to increase the attendance of citizens and agencies at CDBG public hearings and meetings. Members of the CDBG Committee, CDBG Program Director and the Planning & Community Development Director met September 10, 2008 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm to discuss 2009 funding priorities and the reallocation of funds from a 2005 Public Service project that was not carried out. The following agencies were also consulted during the development of this plan: Equal Opportunity Agency (EOA) of Washington County, Springdale Senior Center, Area Agency on Aging, Arkansas Department of Health, Chamber of Commerce Springdale, First United Methodist Church, Ozark Guidance Center, Circle of Life, Community Clinic Medical @ St Francis House, Community Clinic Dental at St Francis House, Youth Bridge Inc., Elizabeth Richardson Center, First United Methodist, Jones Center for Families, University of Arkansas Community Health, Kid Care, Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Office, Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas, Office of Human Concern (OHC), Salvation Army, Springdale Housing Authority, City of Springdale staff, CDBG Committee, United Way of Washington County and citizens of Springdale.

3. **Attendance at CDBG public meetings and hearings are usually one to two citizens if any. The CDBG staff is developing an e-mail listing of public agencies and housing developers and will notify them in advance of CDBG Public Hearings and Meetings. The City will work with local radio stations to encourage them to provide a public service announcement in regards to the date, time and location of 2009 CDBG Public Hearings.**

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.
2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.
3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.
4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

Action Plan Citizen Participation response:

1. **CDBG Program staff places display ads in the Morning News newspaper stating the date, time and location of CDBG Public Hearings. The ad states the objectives of the CDBG Program and encourages all of its citizens, public agencies and other interested parties to comment on the CDBG Program or provide input into the development of CDBG Program activities. A minimum of two CDBG Public Hearings are held annually. In 2009 the CDBG staff will begin holding four public hearings, one each quarter in hope of increasing the attendance at CDBG Public Hearings.**

The City placed a Public Notice display ad in March 2008 in The Morning News newspaper encouraging citizens and agencies to comment on the City's Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER).

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The City placed a Public Hearing Notice display ad in September 2008 in The Morning News newspaper stating the date, time and location of the CDBG Public Hearing. The ad states the objectives of the CDBG Program and encourages all of its citizens, public agencies and other interested parties to comment on the CDBG Program or provide input into the development of CDBG Program activities.

The City placed two Public Notice display ads in the Morning News newspaper in October. The ad stated the City has prepared a 2009 Annual Action Plan. A summary of the proposed 2009 CDBG Programs and activities are included in the ad and citizens are encouraged to comment on the Action Plan. The ad states citizens have thirty days to comment on the Action plan. The ad also states the locations where the complete Action Plan is available to review and comment on.

The City will place a display ad in the Morning News newspaper in October. The ad is a public notice ad for a Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Intent to Request Release of Fund. Individuals, groups, agencies disagreeing with the Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact or Intent to Request Release of Funds are given 15 days and encouraged to comment on the Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Intent to Request Release of Fund.

2. All comments and/or views of this plan are attached or incorporated herein. Two citizens attended the Public hearing that was held from 6:00pm - 7:30pm, March 25, 2008. Both were owners of single-family dwellings and requested information about the CDBG Housing Services Program. After explaining the Housing Services Program and how it worked both homeowners requested Applications for the Program. A public hearing was held at 6:00pm, Monday, September 15, 2008 at the Springdale Senior Center. The public hearing was scheduled to solicit input from citizens, public agencies and other interested persons in the development of the City's 2009 Annual Action Plan (AAP), the reallocation of 2005 funds, and past performance of the CDBG Program. The CDBG staff held the public hearing from 6:00pm until 7:30pm and no one attended the public hearing.
3. The CDBG staff places display ads in The Morning News newspaper prior to holding public hearings or meetings. These ads encourage citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties to provide input and/or comments on proposed 2009 CDBG Program activities. Within the ad the following statement appears "the City encourages all of its citizens to provide input into the Consolidated Plan (CP) and the Annual Action Plan (AAP), especially minorities, persons with disabilities, residents of public and assisted housing developments, residents living

in slum and blighted areas, residents in predominantly extremely-low to moderate-income neighborhoods”. The Citizen Participation Plan is posted on the City of Springdale’s web site at springdaleark.org under the office of CDBG. The City will be revising and updating its Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) at the conclusion of writing this 2009 Action Plan (AP).

4. There were no comments made at the two public hearings.

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.

Action Plan Institutional Structure response:

1. **The City of Springdale will carry out its 2009 Annual Action Plan (AAP) through the use of federal, state, local and private funds utilizing the CDBG staff, volunteers, civic groups, non-profit organizations, and religious organizations 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. The CDBG staff will continue to coordinate with other City of Springdale departments to administer and carryout the CDBG Program and activities.**

Monitoring

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

Action Plan Monitoring response:

1. **Housing Services Program projects: The CDBG Program Director will conduct daily inspections of the work-in-progress during the rehabilitation of single-family dwellings. This inspection ensures the contractor is on-site and performing the work as required in the Scope of Work and the General Specifications Guide. While on site the Director also consults with the contractor and homeowner to ensure there are no problems and the homeowner is satisfied with the work up to that point. Members from the City’s Building Inspection Division will conduct inspections as required by the City and State Building Codes. Where required a Lead-based Paint Inspector/Risk Assessor will conduct a clearance test on single-family dwellings that tested positive for lead-based-paint. The homeowner agrees to maintain the improvements in good condition and to make repairs as necessary in order to maintain**

the improvements made to the home. Normal wear and tear is understandable and expected. A monitoring inspection will be made each year during the month the rehabilitation project was completed on each individual property. A monitoring report will be completed and made a part of the file. The report will include the name of the person conducting the inspection, date of the inspection, condition of the dwelling, and any other information pertinent to the inspection.

2. **Public Service Program activities:** Once an agreement is signed between the City and a Sub-recipient, the CDBG Program Director will conduct at least two site visits during the funding program year. The visits to the sub-recipient are to ensure the activity the sub-recipient requested funding for is being carried-out. A monitoring report will be completed during each site-visit and made a part of the file. The report will include the name of the person conducting the site visit, date of the site visit and any other information pertinent to the monitoring review.
3. **Public Facility Program projects:** There were no public facility projects approved for the 2009 Program Year.

Lead-based Paint

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families, and how the plan for the reduction of lead-based hazards is related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards.

Action Plan Lead-based Paint response:

1. **The City of Springdale has about 8,083 housing units built before 1979. Approximately 2,425 of them are occupied by low-income individuals and families and may contain some level of lead-based-paint. The City will continue to provide homeowners and renters of single family dwellings with handouts about the hazards of lead-based-paint. The City will ensure its contractor utilizes lead-safe work practices in the provision of its Housing Services Programs.**

All single family dwellings built before 1978 that qualifies for the Housing Services Program are 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 (1.0 mg/cm² or higher) will be removed and replaced if possible or feasible, or it may be covered. All components with deteriorated lead-based-paint identified in the LBP 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. Lead-based-paint (LBP) in non-deteriorated condition shall be addressed if funding permits. Single family dwellings containing deteriorated lead-based-paint are a hazard to children under the age of seven. Homes in this situation have priority on the Housing Services Program.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

*Please also refer to the Housing Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve during the next year.
2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

1. **The City of Springdale is committed to its on-going goals of providing decent, safe, and affordable housing and improving the quality of life for the occupants. The City's priority for the 2009 Program Year is its Housing Services Program and the activities that fall under that program. Maintaining the existing affordable housing stock is a priority for the CDBG Committee. During the 2009 Program Year the City's primary goal is to meet the objective of "Creating Suitable Living Environments". The City will accomplish this by addressing issues in the homeowners living environment such as:**

- Reducing lead-based paint hazards to children under seven
- Making repairs that eliminate a health or safety hazard
- Bring substandard housing up to current housing standards
- Installing energy conservation materials

Also, during the 2009 Program Year another city goal is to meet the objective "Decent Housing". The City will accomplish this under the Paint program by addressing issues in the community such as:

- Addressing blighted conditions

2. **The CDBG Committee allocated 82.33% of the 2009 CDBG Program Year funds to the Housing Services Program. The purpose of the Housing Services Program is to provide housing-related services to qualified,**

extremely-low to low-moderate-income families and individuals. The goal is to preserve and improve their homes. The goal is to promote housing that is safe, secure, healthy, and energy efficient. Rehabilitation means to restore to former state or sound operation. Repair means to put back in good condition, after decay or damage. The Housing Services Program includes activities such as; Moderate Rehabilitation, Minor Rehabilitation, Emergency Repairs, Energy Conservation Program, Summer Paint Program, Lead-based Paint Program, Tool Loan Program, and Self-help Program. Program funds will not be used to perform routine maintenance work or any type of landscaping. The amount of funds disbursed for each individual dwelling varies, according to the amount of work necessary to bring the dwelling up to current City housing codes and standards.

- a. **Moderate Rehabilitation (\$10,000 - \$25,000) or Minor Rehabilitation (\$100 - \$10,000):** Work that is necessary to bring the home up to current building codes and energy conservation standards. Work may include upgrading the electrical and plumbing systems if necessary, removing and replacing exterior doors and windows, insulating the home, installing a central heating/ventilation air conditioning system, removing and replacing rotten and damaged materials, rehab of the kitchen and/or bathrooms if necessary, installing vinyl siding, and other improvements to improve the efficiency of the systems and appearance of the structure. The CDBG Program does not include painting in the contractor's Scope of Work. Painting is the homeowner's responsibility on all housing rehabilitation projects. The homeowners and CDBG staff will work together to have the painting accomplished by the owners family members, friends or volunteers. By not having contractors paint any of the new materials installed reduces the moderate rehab cost by an average of \$1,150.
- b. **Emergency Repairs (\$100 - \$10,000):** The purpose of this program is to eliminate a health or safety hazard. The extent of emergency work is limited; the nature of the repair must be to alleviate a condition that is hazardous or unhealthy to the occupants. Most emergency repairs are performed on an immediate basis. Program funds may be used to, repair or replace; leaking roofs, broken water and/or sewer lines, replace inoperative heating systems, replace an inoperable hot water heater, repair electrical hazards, and other repairs deemed to be an emergency by the Community Development Block Grant Program Director .
- c. **Energy Conservation Program:** The purpose of this program is to replace hollow core entry doors with metal-clad insulated doors and replace single pane window units with double pane vinyl window

units. Replace all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs.

- d. **Paint Program:** The CDBG staff identifies single family dwellings in need of exterior painting. The CDBG Program and the Robinson Avenue Church of Christ partner together during the church's summer youth camp and paints homes in Springdale. The CDBG staff identifies the homes and qualifies the occupants. The church provides youths and chaperones, and some painting supplies. The CDBG program has the structures power-washed and any damaged siding repaired or replaced. The homeowners choose one field and one trim color. The CDBG program provides the paint, ladders, trays, handles, and some brushes, tape, etc. The church usually starts on a Tuesday and finishes on Thursday.
- e. **Lead-based Paint (LBP) Program:** All single family dwellings built before 1978 and are qualified for housing rehabilitation are tested for lead-based paint by an Arkansas State Certified and Licensed lead-based paint inspector/ risk assessor. Homes identified as having deteriorated LBP and children under the age of seven living in the home have priority on the Housing Services Program Waiting List.
- f. **Tool Loan Program:** The CDBG Program has tools available to homeowners who are physically able to make minor repairs and/or improvements to their on homes. Some tools that are available are: hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, wrenches, levels, drills, saws, rakes, shovels, hoes, wheel barrow, pruning shears, ladders, painting equipment, drywall tools, etc.
- g. **Self-help Program:** This program is for Springdale citizens that own and occupy a single family dwelling and are physically able to make repairs or improvements or have family, friends, or volunteers make the repairs or improvements necessary to assist in bringing the home up to current housing standards. The CDBG staff will provide the material required and the supervision necessary to the homeowners, family members, friends or volunteers. Thus reducing the labor cost portion of a housing rehabilitation project. The CDBG Program does not include painting as one of the bid items in the homeowners Scope of Work. The homeowners are responsible to accomplish the painting portion of the rehab.

Housing is substandard if it is:

- a. **Dilapidated, a housing unit is dilapidated if it:**
 - Does not provide safe and adequate shelter and meets the criteria in either paragraphs 2, 3 or 4

- Endangers the health, safety or well being of a family in its present condition
 - Has one or more critical defects; or
 - Has a combination of intermediate defects in sufficient number or extent to require considerable repair, or rebuilding. (The defects may involve original construction, or they may result from continued neglect or lack of repair or rebuilding).
- b. Does not have operable indoor plumbing;
 - c. Does not have a usable flush toilet, bathtub or shower inside the unit for the exclusive use of a family;
 - d. Does not have electricity or has inadequate or unsafe electrical services;
 - e. Does not have safe or adequate source of heat;
 - f. Should but does not have a kitchen;
 - g. Or has been declared unfit for habitation by an agency or unit of government.

Needs of Public Housing

1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.
2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

Action Plan Public Housing Strategy response:

1. **The City of Springdale does not use any CDBG funds to assist the Springdale Housing Authority with public housing. The City plans on holding one of its 2009 public hearings at the housing authority complex to solicit input from the residents there.**
2. **The Springdale Housing Authority is not designated by HUD as a "troubled" housing authority.**

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing response:

The supply of affordable housing for low-income families fails to keep pace with the demand. Building housing that is affordable to families earning 60% of the area median adjusted for family size is not as profitable as it once was. Because of this fact, as many low-income housing units age and deteriorate, they are removed from the market or converted to more cost-effective uses. Most new housing developments are constructing housing units that are not affordable to very-low or low-income-citizens.

The Equal Opportunity Agency (EOA) of Washington County states many low/moderate-income residents can afford a monthly mortgage payment, but they are unable to obtain homeownership because they are unable to save up enough to cover the down-payment and/or closing cost. The CDBG staff will work with EOA and try to find a way to assist these prospective homeowners.

One reason the City of Springdale commits the majority of the CDBG funds to the Housing Services Program, even though the existing affordable housing stock is getting older, it can still be maintained and kept affordable for lower-income citizens. Many of the homes that receive Housing Rehabilitation repairs or improvements are 30 - 60 years of age and still in good solid condition. Many of the existing older homes just need to be brought up to current standards. This can be accomplished by replacing old entry doors with new metal-clad insulated doors, replacing old single-pane wood window units with new double pane vinyl units and insulating areas in the home.

HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)

1. Describe other forms of investment not described in § 92.205(b).
2. If the participating jurisdiction (PJ) will use HOME or ADDI funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of the HOME rule.
3. If the PJ will use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines required under § 92.206(b). The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt. At a minimum these guidelines must:
 - a. Demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing.

- b. Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestments in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.
 - c. State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.
 - d. Specify the required period of affordability, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.
 - e. Specify whether the investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy under 24 CFR 91.215(e)(2) or a Federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.
 - f. State that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
4. If the PJ is going to receive American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds, please complete the following narratives:
- a. Describe the planned use of the ADDI funds.
 - b. Describe the PJ's plan for conducting targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public housing and manufactured housing and to other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purposes of ensuring that the ADDI funds are used to provide down payment assistance for such residents, tenants, and families.
 - c. Describe the actions to be taken to ensure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.

Action Plan HOME/ADDI response:

The City of Springdale does not receive funds for HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)

HOMELESS

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

*Please also refer to the Homeless Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.

2. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.
3. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.
4. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.
1. **The City does not have a homeless shelter or transitional housing facility. Therefore the City did not commit any of the federal funds it anticipates it will receive from the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to directly address the needs of the homeless.**

A City goal is the prevention of homeless. The CDBG staff works with the Springdale Nuisance & Abatement Program (SNAP) Team which consists of police officers. The SNAP Team identifies single family dwellings as unsafe and the Building Code Enforcement Officers red tags the home as uninhabitable. This procedure means the occupants become homeless. The CDBG Program is able to rehab the home and prevent it from being condemned. The homeowners are allowed to move back into the structure which makes them no longer homeless and saves the structure and keeps it affordable. The City committed 82.33% of the projected funding it will receive to address housing needs of owners of single family dwellings. Addressing the housing repair and improvement needs of the extremely-low to low-moderate-income homeowners will help to reduce homelessness. The City also provides funding to the First United Methodist Church which aides in the prevention of homelessness.

2. **The objectives of the Strategic Plan are to maintain the existing affordable housing stock. By maintaining and improving the existing housing stock the City is hoping to prevent homelessness and to keep the existing housing stock affordable. The only potential obstacle is funding. On average there are approximately 25 homeowners of single-family dwellings on the Housing Services Program Waiting List.**
3. **There are no specific planned actions in this plan at eliminating chronic homelessness. This plan is directed more at preventing homelessness.**

- 4. The City's CDBG Housing Services Program addresses the needs of individuals and families with children who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. If these families and individuals live in single-family dwellings the CDBG Program makes them a priority with housing rehab.**
- 5. The City of Springdale has not developed a Discharge Coordination Policy for the coming year.**

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

Action Plan ESG response:

The City of Springdale does not receive funds for Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

*Please also refer to the Community Development Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.
2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

*Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

Action Plan Community Development response:

- 1. The City's non-housing priority community development needs are the three Public Service Activities described below:**

The first priority is First United Methodist Church's The Bread of Life (TBOL) Program. The Bread of Life provides three days of food and personal hygiene items to qualified applicants. The BOL is also the

current distribution agent for USDA commodities for Washington County. The BOL also provides 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 families or those earning minimum wage make up the majority of their client base. The total proposed budget for this project is \$40,000 with \$25,000 from the CDBG Program and the remaining \$15,000 from church members and other sponsors in the community. Every week in a six hour time period, more than 130 low-income families visit the Bread of Life needing either food or financial assistance, sometimes both. Staffing consists of one director and 12-20 volunteers daily. All operational expenses are covered by The First United Methodist Church. The Bread of Life's goal is to decrease hunger and homelessness. **OBJECTIVE:** Suitable Living Environment, This objective relates to activities that are designed to benefit families or individuals by addressing issues in their living environment. **OUTCOME:** Availability/Accessibility. This outcome category applies to activities that make services, infrastructure, public services, public facilities, housing, or shelter available or accessible to low- and moderate-income people, including persons with disabilities. In this category accessibility does not refer only to physical barriers, but also to making the affordable basics of daily living available and accessible to low and moderate income people where they live.

The second priority is transportation for the elderly and handicapped. The City operates a Taxi Program out of the Mayor's office. With no means of transportation, qualified citizens are given taxi coupons to pay the taxi company. Each applicant is issued 40 coupons monthly; these coupons are accepted by the taxi company in lieu of cash. Each month the taxi company returns the coupons to the City of Springdale for reimbursement. On average 82 Springdale citizens are on the City's Taxi Program monthly. The total proposed budget for this project is \$34,185 with \$15,000 from the CDBG Program, \$15,000 from the City, and \$4,185 from the Area Agency on Aging. **OBJECTIVE:** Suitable Living Environment, This objective relates to activities that are designed to benefit individuals by addressing issues in their living environment. **OUTCOME:** Availability/Accessibility: This outcome category applies to activities that make public services available to low and moderate-income people, including persons with disabilities.

The third priority is Housing Counseling. Equal Opportunity Agency (EOA) of Washington County's mission is to address the root causes of poverty and assist low-income people in reaching and maintaining economic self sufficiency. EOA is a Community Action Agency whose purpose is to assist low-income people in making changes to improve their situations. The Agency works with the community to develop and

maintain an environment that encourages independence and family strength. The goal of the program is to provide education, counseling, and case management services to low-to-moderate-income persons who are interested in homeownership and building a long-term asset. Housing resources offers a variety of programs in both Spanish and English. All services are at no cost to the clients. Services include: both pre-purchase and post-purchase housing counseling; financial literacy education; IDA Program; renter's assistance; fair housing assistance; homebuyer education programs; home improvement and rehabilitation counseling; Mortgage Delinquency & Default Resolution Counseling. The EOA is funded through a number of different Federal, State, Local, and private funding sources. The total proposed budget for this project is \$94,000 including \$10,000 from the CDBG Program.

The City did not allocate any 2009 CDBG funds to the Public Facilities Program or for Economic Development.

2. The City's specific long-term and short-term goals did not include economic development activities as a priority. The City's short-term and long-term objectives of the CDBG program are to provide decent housing and create a suitable living environment for extremely-low to moderate-income individuals and families.

Antipoverty Strategy

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.

Action Plan Antipoverty Strategy response:

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. The City of Springdale and the Chamber of Commerce continues to work together to attract new businesses and industries to the area.

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 HOUSING

Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))

*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.
2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

- 1. The City's CDBG Committee's priority is to maintain the existing affordable housing stock. Currently there is not enough affordable housing being constructed for citizens whom earn 60% or below of the area median income adjusted for family size within the city. By rehabbing the existing substandard housing stock it will keep it affordable to extremely-low to low/moderate income individuals and families. The specific objective the City hopes to achieve is Creating Suitable Living Environments for extremely-low to low/moderate income homeowners and renters of single family dwellings. The primary outcome will be Availability/Accessibility for extremely-low to low-moderate income Springdale residents.**
- 2. The City anticipates it will receive a total of \$509,437 for the 2009 CDBG Program Year. Of the total, the City has committed \$419,437 (82.33%) to Housing Services Program. The City will place any Program Income (PI) it receives back into the Housing Services Program and will use it for the Housing Services Program.**

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

*Please also refer to the HOPWA Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.
2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.
3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic

and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.

4. Report on annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.
5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.
6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.
7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.
8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.
9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.

Action Plan HOPWA response:

The City of Springdale does not receive funds for HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS).

Specific HOPWA Objectives

Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

There are no specific HOPWA objectives in this Annual Action Plan and the CDBG Committee did not set aside any CDBG Program funds for this activity.

Other Narrative

Include any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.

2009 CDBG Program Year Funding Request

Funds requested \$754,727 funds available \$509,437 over budget \$245,290

Funding requested by program

Administration Program	\$ 40,000
Housing Services Program	\$449,437
Public Service Program	\$124,565
Public Facility Program	\$140,725
	\$754,727

Funding recommended by program

Administration Program	\$ 40,000
Housing Services Program	\$419,437
Public Service Program	\$ 50,000
Public Facility Program	\$-----
	\$509,437

Organization Activity	Funds Requested	Funding Approved	Program
City of Springdale Program Administration	\$40,000	\$40,000	Administration
City of Springdale Housing Services Administration	\$65,000	\$65,000	Housing Services
City of Springdale Housing Rehabilitation	\$332,437	\$332,437	Housing Services
City of Springdale Lead-based Paint Program	\$12,000	\$12,000	Housing Services
City of Springdale Summer Paint Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	Housing Services
City of Springdale Taxi program	\$15,000	\$15,000	Public Service
Equal opportunity Agency Housing Counseling	\$20,000	\$10,000	Public Service
First United Methodist Church The Bread of Life	\$25,000	\$25,000	Public Service
University of Arkansas, Fay. Community Health	\$6,900	\$-0-	Public Service
Ozark Guidance Safety/Confidentiality Need	\$27,225	\$-0-	Public Facility
Rebuilding Together of NWA Housing Services	\$30,000	\$-0-	Housing Services
Youth Bridge Inc Van Transportation	\$33,865	\$-0-	Public Services
Youth Bridge Inc Safer Recreational Area	\$13,500	\$-0-	Public Facility
Youth Bridge Inc Transportation	\$13,800	\$-0-	Public Services
Community Clinic Medical Pediatrics	\$10,000	\$-0-	Public Services
Community Clinic Dental Facility Renovations	\$100,000	\$-0-	Public Facility

CITY OF SPRINGDALE'S IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS

The following proposed activities will be accomplished in-house. HUD regulations places a 15% cap of the total grant amount for public service activities and a 20% cap for program administration. For the past four years

the CDBG has been less than the projected amount, therefore the CDBG Committee has set the Public Service cap at 10% of the total grant amount.

1. **City of Springdale, Program Administration (\$40,000):** This Activity is required by HUD; this budget includes administrative requirements of the Community Development Block Grant; including but not limited to preparation of required reports Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report, public hearings and meetings, Citizen participation requirements, budgeting, HUD correspondence, monitoring reviews of sub-recipients, processing Funding Request, etc.
2. **City of Springdale, Taxi Program (\$15,000):** The City contributes \$10,000 and the Area Agency on Aging contributes \$4,835 towards this program. The City provides 40 coupons monthly to each of the 82 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.
3. **City of Springdale, Housing Administration (\$65,000):** Staff cost to perform all administrative requirements of the Housing Services Program. This includes travel and training requirements, vehicle fuel and maintenance, performing Housing Quality Standards Inspections, writing Descriptions of Work, bidding projects, contract administration, pay authorizations, file and release liens, etc.
4. **City of Springdale Owner/occupied Housing Rehab Program (\$332,437):** 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 perform moderate rehab of kitchens and bathrooms, etc.
5. **City of Springdale, Lead-based Paint Program (\$12,000):** All homes built before 1978 and receive more than \$5,000 in funding is required to be tested for lead-based paint. Once the rehabilitation of the homes is complete a lead-based paint clearance test is required to be performed to ensure no lead dust was left behind.
6. **City of Springdale, Summer Paint Program (\$10,000):** The CDBG Program and the Robinson Avenue Church of Christ partner together and paint the exterior of single family dwellings during the month of

June. The CDBG staff qualifies the applicants, has the homes power washed and any damaged siding repaired or replaced. The summer youth camp with adult chaperons provide the volunteers and some painting equipment. The CDBG program provides the paint one field color and one trim color.

PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAM

The following agencies requested Public Service funding from the 2009 CDBG Program. The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) places a 15% cap of the total grant awarded to the City for Public Service activities. The City sets a 10% cap of the total grant for Public Service activities.

Organization: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Area Health Education Center-Northwest (UAMS ASHEC-NW) **Project:** Exposure to health careers **Funds requested** \$6,900 **Activity:** (CHAMPS) Community Health Applied to Medical Public Service: This one-week program at UAMS ASHEC-NW is intended for low-income minority junior high school students (grades 8-10) from Springdale, to provide them exposure to health careers through observation, an opportunity to learn basic health care skills such as CPR, first aid, taking vital signs, and to participate in a community service project. Attendees will be given the opportunity to see health care professionals actually working in real life settings **Beneficiaries:** Fifteen (15) low-income minority junior high students

Organization: First United Methodist Church **Project:** The Bread of Life **Funds requested** \$25,000 **Activity:** The ministry provides three days of food/personal hygiene items. The ministry also provides limited financial assistance to clients who have temporary situations which could result in homelessness in the Springdale area. TBOL is also the distribution agent for USDA commodities for Washington County. **Beneficiaries:** 11,100 low-income families annually

Organization: Economic Opportunity Agency (EOA) of Washington County: **Project:** Housing Counseling **Funds requested** \$20,000 **Housing Counseling:** The goal of the program is to provide education, counseling and case management services to low-to-moderate-income persons who are interested in homeownership and building a long term asset. Housing resources offers a variety of programs in both Spanish and English. All services are at no cost to the clients. Services include: both pre purchase and post purchase housing counseling; financial literacy education; IDA Program; renter's assistance; fair housing assistance; homebuyer education programs; home improvement and rehabilitation counseling; Mortgage Delinquency & Default Resolution Counseling. **Beneficiaries:** 120 low-income individuals/families annually

Organization: Youth Bridge, Inc. **Project:** Transportation for Homeless Youth in the Transitional Living Program **Funds requested** \$13,800 **Activity:** Provide transportation to young adults enrolled in Youth Bridge's Transitional Living Program (TLP). Transportation will be provided in the form of mileage reimbursement for TLP staff members or taxi vouchers for use by TLP clients. The TLP is for homeless young adults 16-22 who need personal and financial assistance to become independent. These young adults live up to 18 months in one of two group homes or are placed in apartments. **Beneficiaries:** 18 – 26 low-income Springdale residents

Organization: Youth Bridge, Inc. **Project:** Van Transportation for Homeless Youths in the Transitional Living Program **Funds requested** \$33,865 **Activity:** Purchase a large passenger van, which will be operated by Youth Bridge's Transitional Living Program. The TLP is for homeless young adults 16-22 who need personal and financial assistance to become independent. These young adults live up to 18 months in one of two group homes or are placed in apartments. **Beneficiaries:** 20-26 low-income residents

Organization: Community Clinic Springdale Medical **Project:** Pediatric Services **Funds requested** \$10,000 **Activity:** This activity will provide pediatric services to uninsured and low-income children in Springdale. Services will include well-child checkups (EPSDT), sick-child care, nutrition consultation and immunizations. CDBG funds will be used for expenses in the way of consumable supplies and medications necessary for pediatric care. **Beneficiaries:** 3200 pediatric patients and 9500 pediatric patient visits

PUBLIC FACILITIES PROGRAM

The following agencies requested Public Facility funding from the 2009 CDBG Program.

Organization: Ozark Guidance Inc. **Project:** Safety **Funds requested** \$27,225 **Activity:** Safety and Confidentiality of Children in Need: We provide comprehensive mental health services to over 14,000 clients annually in NWA, including over 4,000 children. With I-540 near the back of the campus where programs such as Therapeutic Day Treatment and Early Childhood Center are housed, we need to construct an additional fence to ensure that these children are protected from both the dangers of the highway and the risk of identification posed by the location of the highway so near our campus. **Beneficiaries:** 4,500 children and their families annually

Organization: Youth Bridge, Inc. **Project:** Safer Recreational Area, Homeless Youths in the Transitional Living Program **Funds requested** \$13,500 **Activity:** Improve the safety of the grounds and increase the recreational opportunities for youth at Julies House, a group home which serves the areas homeless young adults enrolled in Youth Bridge's Transitional Living Program. This will be

accomplished by performing maintenance on or removing 75 trees located on the property some of which are a safety hazard to youths who wish to walk the grounds. **Beneficiaries:** 18 – 26 low-income Springdale residents

Organization: Community Clinic Springdale Dental **Project:** Dental Facility Expansion **Funds requested** \$100,000 **Activity:** The proposal is a one-time start-up project that will allow for dental facility expansion in the way of construction. The expansion will allow for improved patient flow, the creation of family centered and culturally appropriate waiting room areas adjacent to the dental bays, improved access to care for children in Springdale. The proposed project will involve renovating 1800sf, installing plumbing and fixtures that will update dental equipment and constructing open waiting room bays. The renovation will create a floor design that improves efficiency of dental services, patient care delivery and provide overall quality of care. **Beneficiaries:** 1700 low-income patients and 5000 low-income patient visits annually

HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAM

The agency below requested Housing Services funding from the 2009 CDBG Program.

Organization: Rebuilding Together of NWA **Project:** Housing Services **Funds requested** \$30,000 **Activity:** Housing Rehabilitation and Emergency Repairs of houses and construction of wheelchair ramps in the Springdale city limits. We propose to rehabilitate a minimum of three homes, emergency repair work on ten homes and construct two wheelchair ramps **Beneficiaries:** Fifteen (15) low-to-moderate income Springdale residents