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FY 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

*For Submission to HUD for the
Community Development Block Grant Program*

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CR-00 - Executive Summary

In accordance with the Federal Regulations found in 24 CFR Part 570, the City of McKeesport, Pennsylvania has prepared this Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The CAPER describes the activities undertaken during this time period for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The projects/activities and accomplishments described in this CAPER principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons and the funding has been targeted to neighborhoods where there is the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income residents in the City of McKeesport. The following is the overall program narrative based on the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. This is the CAPER for the third year of the FY 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

A listing of the active projects is found in CR-90 – IDIS Reports of the document. The CAPER meets three (3) basic purposes:

1. It provides HUD with the necessary information for the Department to meet its statutory requirement to assess each grantee’s ability to carry out relevant CPD programs in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.
2. It provides information necessary for HUD’s Annual Report to Congress, also statutorily mandated.
3. It provides grantees with an opportunity to describe to citizens their successes in revitalizing deteriorated neighborhoods and meeting objectives stipulated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

The City of McKeesport’s Department of Community Development is the lead entity and administrator for the CDBG funds. The City of McKeesport receives HOME funds as a member of the Allegheny County HOME Consortium. These funds go to the McKeesport Housing Corporation (MHC), which is a CHDO organization. The City received \$152,232 of the FY 2017 HOME Allocation from the Allegheny County HOME Consortium. Allegheny County is the administering PJ of the HOME funds.

Funds Received –

The City of McKeesport has received the following funds during the time period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

	CDBG	Total
FY 2017 Entitlement Grants	\$ 971,553.00	\$ 971,553.00
Program Income	\$ 9,143.64	\$ 9,143.64
Total Funds Received:	\$ 980,696.64	\$ 980,696.64

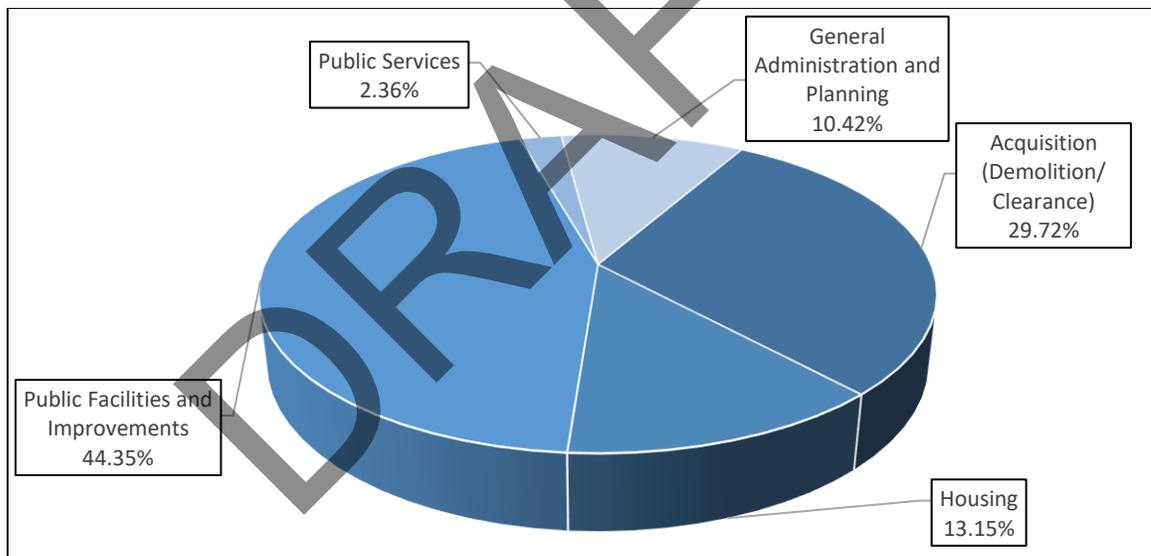
This chart only includes funds received during July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Any previous program year funds that were not spent or which might have been spent during this time period are not included.

Funds Expended –

The funds shown in the following chart are funds that were expended during the time period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. These expenditures consist of previous program year funds that were not drawn down until this time period and also include any reprogrammed funds from previous years.

Funding Sources	Total Funds Expended
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$ 1,080,521.32
Total:	\$ 1,080,521.32

The CDBG expenditures by type of activity are shown below.



Type of Activity	Expenditure	Percentage
Acquisition (Demolition/Clearance)	\$ 321,111.37	29.72%
Housing	\$ 142,080.38	13.15%
Public Facilities and Improvements	\$ 479,215.18	44.35%
Public Services	\$ 25,520.30	2.36%

General Administration and Planning	\$ 112,594.09	10.42%
Total:	\$1,080,521.32	100.00%

Regulatory Caps –

Program Administration Expense Cap:

The City of McKeesport’s program administration expenditures were below the regulatory cap. This is shown in the chart below:

	CDBG
FY 2017 Entitlement Grant	\$ 971,553.00
FY 2017 Program Income	\$ 9,143.64
Administrative Cap Allowance	20%
Maximum Allowable Expenditures	\$ 196,139.33
Total Administration Obligations	\$ 112,594.09
Administrative Percentage:	11.48%

The City of McKeesport’s CDBG program total administrative obligations was \$112,594.09, which is 11.48%, below the 20% cap for CDBG administrative expenditures.

CDBG Public Service Activity Cap:

	CDBG
FY 2017 Entitlement Grant	\$ 971,553.00
Prior Year Program Income	\$ 9,620.32
Public Service Cap Allowable	15%
Maximum Allowable Expenditures	\$ 147,176.00

Total Public Services Funds Obligated	\$ 25,520.30
Public Service Percentage	2.60%

The City of McKeesport expended and obligated a total of \$97,200.12 in funds for public services, which was 10.35% of the allowable expenditures and well under the 15% cap for public services.

Summary of Priority Goals and Expenditures:

The City of McKeesport’s FY 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan serves as a consolidated planning document and a strategic plan for the use of CDBG funds. The following goals and strategies have been identified for the five-year period of FY 2015 through FY 2019:

HOUSING PRIORITY - (High Priority)

There is a need to improve the quality of the housing stock in the community and to increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers.

Goals/Strategies:

- **HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation** - Continue to rehabilitate the existing owner and renter occupied housing stock in the City, including handicap accessibility modifications.
- **HS-2 Housing Construction/Rehabilitation** - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in the City through new construction and rehabilitation of vacant units.
- **HS-3 Fair Housing** – Affirmatively further fair housing by promoting fair housing choice through monitoring, education, and outreach.
- **HS-4 Homeownership** - Assist low- and moderate-income households to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and requiring housing counseling training.

HOMELESS PRIORITY - (Low Priority)

There is a need for housing and services for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

Goals/Strategies:

- **HO-1 Operation/Support** - Assist providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HO-2 Housing** - Support the efforts of local agencies' to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.

OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS PRIORITY - (Low Priority)

There is a need for housing, services, and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with other special needs.

Goals/Strategies:

- **SN-1 Housing** - Increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for the elderly, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation, new construction, and making reasonable accommodations to existing housing.
- **SN-2 Social Services** - Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with other special needs.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY - (High Priority)

There is a need to improve the public and community facilities, infrastructure, public social/welfare services, code enforcement, clearance, and the quality of life in the City of McKeesport.

Goals/Strategies:

- **CD-1 Community Facilities** - Improve the City's parks, recreational centers, trails, bikeways, and public and community facilities through rehabilitation, modifications for accessibility, and new construction.
- **CD-2 Infrastructure** - Improve the City's infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, walks, curbs, handicap accessibility improvements, sewer, water, storm water management, bridges, green infrastructure, the purchase of equipment, etc.
- **CD-3 Public Services** - Improve and increase public safety, programs for the youth, the elderly, and disabled, and social/welfare programs throughout the City.
- **CD-4 Code Enforcement** - Undertake code enforcement activities to ensure compliance with City code ordinances to maintain and sustain the existing housing stock in the City.
- **CD-5 Clearance** - Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions through demolition of vacant and abandoned, dilapidated structures throughout the City.

- **CD-6 Public Safety** - Improve the public safety facilities, purchase of new equipment, crime prevention, community policing, and ability to respond to emergency situations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY - (Low Priority)

There is a need to increase employment, self-sufficiency, education, job training, technical assistance, and economic empowerment for residents of the City of McKeesport.

Goals/Strategies:

- **ED-1 Employment** - Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, employment, and job training services.
- **ED-2 Financial Assistance** - Support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development through technical assistance and low interest loan programs.
- **ED-3 Redevelopment Program** - Plan and promote the development and redevelopment of vacant commercial and industrial sites and facilities.

ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT PRIORITY - (High Priority)

There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of Federal, state, and local funded programs.

Goals/Strategies:

- **AM-1 Overall Coordination** - Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all Federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

FY 2017 CDBG Budget:

The chart below lists the FY 2017 CDBG activities that were funded:

Project ID Number	Project Title/Description	FY 2017 CDBG Budget	FY 2017 CDBG Expenditures
CD-17-01	Excavator Program Lease	\$ 106,554.00	\$ 106,553.88
CD-17-02	Fire Equipment	\$ 131,728.00	\$ 131,728.00
CD-17-03	Fawcett and Duncan Fields Improvements	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 145,795.00

CD-17-04	Gergely Park Amphitheater	\$ 68,243.00*	\$ 0.00
CD-17-05	Rodent Control - Wildlife Pest Control	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 8,700.00
CD-17-06	Demolition	\$ 126,618.00	\$ 22,868.76
CD-17-07	Community Policing	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 0.00
CD-17-08	Neighborhood Preservation Team - Code Enforcement	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 115,290.42
CD-17-09	Fair Housing	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00
CD-17-10	McKeesport Housing Corporation - Housing Rehabilitation Program	\$ 15,000.00**	\$ 4,915.00
CD-17-11	Administration - Community Development	\$ 194,310.00	\$ 180.66
Total:		\$ 986,553.00	\$ 536,031.72

*Note: This is a multi-year project which includes \$36,300 in reallocated CDBG funds from FY 2013.

**Note: Includes an estimated \$15,000 in Program Income for the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

The City spent \$536,031.72 of its \$986,553.00 FY 2017 CDBG allocation (including \$15,000 in Program Income), which is 54.3% of the allocation. Additionally, during the 2017 CAPER period, the City expended \$544,489.60 from previous fiscal years.

Substantial Amendment:

The City determined that it was necessary to amend the approved CDBG program budget for the previously approved program year for FY 2013. The funds were reprogrammed from cancelled projects/activities to new projects/activities and/or increase funding for other previously approved projects/activities.

This was considered a substantial amendment in accordance with the City’s Citizen Participation Plan as the following applied: the scope, purpose, and location of the project activity has changed.

The amendment to FY 2013 CDBG Annual Action Plan was the following:

FY 2013 Activities:

1. **IDIS # 557 McKeesport Housing Corporation** – reduced the line item budget amount by \$54,000 and reallocated the funds to two (2) new projects/activities.
2. **Gergely Park Fishing Pier** – reallocated a total of \$17,700 to a new activity. Funds will be used to reconstruct the fishing pier in Gergely Park. The City of McKeesport proposed to replace its existing wooden fishing pier along the Youghiogheny River. The pier was built approximately thirty (30) years ago. The wood has deteriorated and has been damaged with boats hitting it and from the weather, including ice flows. The City proposed to replace it with a precast concrete sea wall and a poured concrete deck with metal railing. This will be weather resistant and structurally sound. This is a multi-year activity, using FY 2013 and FY 2016 CDBG funds.
3. **Gergely Park Amphitheater** – reallocated a total of \$36,300 to a new activity. Funds will be used to reconstruct the Gergely Park Amphitheater, including four (4) 3.5; x 60' long terraced rows, a 6' ADA ramp with railing, concrete steps with railing, and a conduit set-up for future lighting. This is a multi-year activity, using FY 2013 and FY 2017 CDBG funds.

Copies of the Substantial Amendment was on public display for viewing by the public for a period of 30 days beginning on Monday, December 4, 2017 and ending on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the following locations:

- **Department of Community Development** - 500 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, McKeesport, PA 15132
- **Office of the City Clerk** - 500 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, McKeesport, PA 15132

The City of McKeesport had the Substantial Amendment on public display from Monday, December 4, 2018 through Tuesday, January 2, 2018. The City held a Public Hearing on the Substantial Amendment on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 10:30 AM. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present the Substantial Amendment to the City for the FY 2013 Annual Action Plan. No comments were received on the Substantial Amendment.

The City adopted a Resolution approving the Substantial Amendment on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

This is the City of McKeesport's third year of the FY 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan designed to address the housing and non-housing needs of City residents. This year's CAPER reports on the actions and achievements the City accomplished in Fiscal Year 2017.

The CAPER for the FY 2017 Annual Action Plan for the City of McKeesport includes the City's CDBG Program and outlines which activities the City undertook during the program year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

The CDBG Program and activities outlined in this FY 2017 CAPER principally benefited low- and moderate-income persons and funding was targeted to neighborhoods where there is the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income residents.

The City of McKeesport, during this CAPER period, budgeted and expended CDBG funds on the following strategies:

- **Housing Priority – HS** - Budgeted \$21,000.00*, expended \$4,915.00.
- **Homeless Priority – HO** - Budgeted \$0.00, expended \$0.00.
- **Other Special Needs Priority – SN** - Budgeted \$0.00, expended \$0.00.
- **Community Development Priority – CD** - Budgeted \$771,243.00, expended \$530,936.06.
- **Economic Development Priority – ED** - Budgeted \$0.00, expended \$0.00.
- **Administration, Planning, and Management Goal – AM** - Budgeted \$194,310.00, expended \$180.66.

**Note: Includes an estimated \$15,000.00 in Program Income for the Housing Rehabilitation Program.*

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
AM-1 Overall Coordination	Administration & Planning	CDBG: \$194,129.34	Other	Other	5	3	60.0%	1	1	100.00%
CD-1 Community Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$201,943.00	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
CD-2 Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	44,772	38,741	86.53%	-	19,370	-
CD-2 Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0.00	Other	Other	3	2	66.67%	2	1	50.00%
CD-3 Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$74,400.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	485	13,070	100.00%	13,070	13,070	100.00%
CD-3 Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$74,400.00	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	90	853	100.00%	90	0	0.00%

CD-4 Code Enforcement	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$130,000.00	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	1,000	886	88.6%	200	134	67.0%
CD-5 Clearance	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$233,172.00	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	27	35	129.63%	8	14	175.0%
CD-5 Clearance	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$233,172.00	Other	Other	3	3	100.0%	1	1	100.0%
CD-6 Public Safety	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$131,728.00	Other	Other	5	4	80.00%	1	1	100.0%
ED-1 Employment	Economic Development	CDBG: \$0.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	-	-	-	-
ED-2 Financial Assistance	Economic Development	CDBG: \$0.00	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0	-	-	-	-
ED-3 Redevelopment Program	Economic Development	CDBG: \$0.00	Other	Other	0	0	-	-	-	-
HO-1 Operating/Support	Homeless	CDBG: \$0.00	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0	-	-	-	-
HO-2 Housing	Homeless	CDBG: \$0.00	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0	-	-	-	-
HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$15,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	22	11	50.00%	1	7	100.00%
HS-2 Housing Construction/Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0.00	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0	-	-	-	-

HS-2 Housing Construction/Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0.00	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	0	-	-	-	-
HS-3 Fair Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$6,000.00	Other	Other	5	3	60.00%	1	1	100.0%
HS-4 Homeownership	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0.00	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	0	-	-	-	-
SN-1 Housing	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$0.00	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0	-	-	-	-
SN-2 Social Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$0.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0	-	-	-	-

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

During the FY 2017 CAPER period, the City of McKeesport did not meet all of its goals for expected units of measurement. Due to the delays in funding and the later start this year, the City did not reach its projected goals. However, these activities are still in progress and the City should meet its goals in the FY 2018 CAPER period.

During the FY 2017 CDBG Program Year, the City of McKeesport addressed the following strategies and specific objectives from its Five Year Strategic Initiatives:

Housing Priority:

There is a need to improve the quality of the housing stock in the community and to increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers.

Goals/Strategies:

- **HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation** - Continue to rehabilitate the existing owner and renter occupied housing stock in the City, including handicap accessibility modifications.

McKeesport Housing Corporation proposed to rehabilitate one (1) house during this CAPER period. The City exceeded this goal, where a total of seven (7) housing units were rehabilitated through the McKeesport Housing Corporation's Housing Rehabilitation Program using prior year CDBG funds and CDBG program income. Additionally, one (1) housing unit using HOME funds through the Allegheny County HOME Consortium. The City received \$167,455 of the FY 2017 HOME Allocation from the Allegheny County HOME Consortium.

- **HS-3 Fair Housing** - Promote fair housing choice through monitoring, education, and outreach.

The City proposed to use CDBG funds for operating costs for a Fair Housing Officer to address the housing complaints and promote education in the City of McKeesport. The Fair Housing Officer, through the McKeesport Housing Corporation, distributed fair housing information and partnered with the Fair Housing Law Center of Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc. to hold a fair housing education event for April 2018. A total of twenty-seven (27) residents attended the event on Wednesday, April 30, 2018. This event discussed the following: Who is covered by the fair housing act; reasonable accommodation; reasonable modifications; criminal history guidance; and affirmatively furthering fair housing. In addition, during this CAPER period, Fair Housing Law Center of Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc. prepared and printed the following fair housing pamphlets for: Disabilities, Race, Religion, Service Assistance Animals, Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications, Housing Discrimination, and Familial Status and Sex Discrimination.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY (High Priority)

There is a need to improve the public and community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and the quality of life.

Goals/Strategies:

- **CD-3 Public Services** - Improve and increase public safety, programs for the youth, the elderly, and disabled, and social/welfare programs throughout the City.

The City proposed to serve a total of 90 households through the Rodent Control – Wildlife Pest Control project by providing rodent control/wildlife pest control services to residents in the City. The funds were used to provide the necessary materials and labor to bait and remove pest infestation. The City proposed to serve 13,070 individuals in low- and moderate-income areas of the City of McKeesport with increased police protection in the form of foot patrols, bike patrols, and vehicle patrols through the Community Policing project.

- **CD-4 Code Enforcement** - Undertake code enforcement activities to ensure compliance with City code ordinances to maintain and sustain the existing housing stock in the City.

The City proposed to inspect 200 structures during this CAPER period through the Neighborhood Preservation Team – Code Enforcement project. CDBG funds were used to provide operating support to continue the efforts of the Neighborhood Preservation Team (NPT). Activities undertaken by the NPT included code enforcement, building inspection, and other neighborhood stabilization and conservation activities. The Neighborhood Preservation Team inspected 532 structures citywide for code compliance during this CAPER period. Property owners made 400 corrections based on the inspections. In addition, the Neighborhood Preservation Team issued 334 citations.

- **CD-5 Clearance** - Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions through demolition of vacant and abandoned, dilapidated structures throughout the City.

The City proposed to demolish eight (8) dilapidated, unsafe structures during this CAPER period through the Clearance and Demolition project. The City exceeded this goal by demolishing twenty-eight (28) structures during this CAPER period. The City also used CDBG funds to pay for the lease payment for excavation equipment, including the following items: 2014 Freightliner 1145D, 2014 Freightliner 1085D, 9'3" Steel Body Plow and Spreader, 25 Ton Trailer, 2013 Chevy 3500, and Case CX 160C. The last of 5 payments for the excavator equipment was made during this CAPER period. The City demolished twenty-eight (28) structures using the excavation equipment during this CAPER period.

- **CD-6 Public Safety** - Improve the public safety facilities, purchase of new equipment, crime prevention, community policing, and ability to respond to emergency situations.

The City used CDBG funds to satisfy city-wide needs for public-safety and to provide improved fire prevention equipment through the purchase of one (1) ladder truck and one (1) pumper truck. During this CAPER period, the second (2nd) of five (5) payments was made for the new fire trucks.

Administration, Planning, & Management Priority:

There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of Federal, state, and local funded programs.

Goals/Strategies:

- **AM-1 Overall Coordination** - Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all Federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The City continued to use CDBG funds to pay for administrative and office expenses of the CDBG program.

The greatest need for the City of McKeesport and the Allegheny County HOME Consortium is affordable housing. The Allegheny County HOME Consortium used HOME funds to assist with this need and funded the McKeesport Housing Corporation's Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City received \$167,455 of the FY 2017 HOME Allocation from the Allegheny County HOME Consortium.

McKeesport Housing Corporation assisted eight (8) households with housing rehabilitation and accessibility improvements during this CAPER period with CDBG funds, CDBG program income, and HOME funds.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

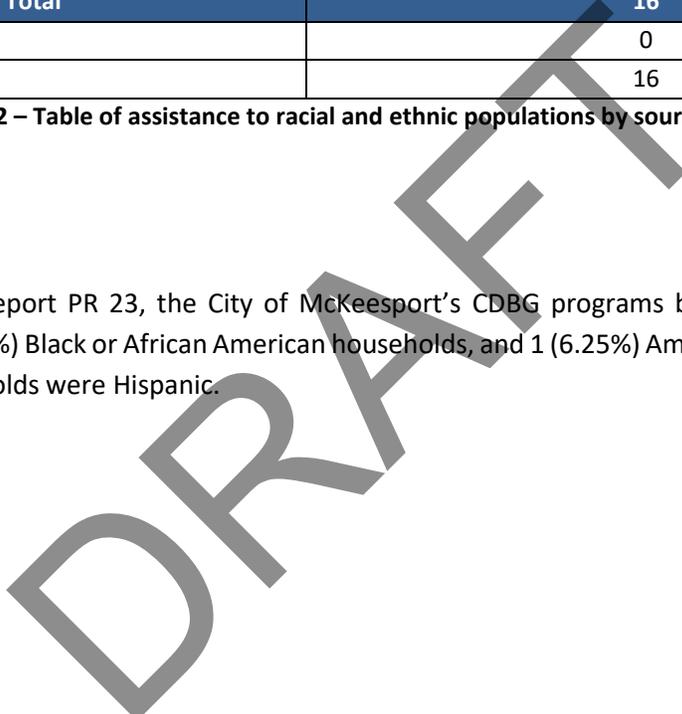
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	CDBG
White	8
Black or African American	7
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	16
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	16

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

Narrative

Based on the IDIS Report PR 23, the City of McKeesport’s CDBG programs benefitted 8 (50%) White households, 7 (43.75%) Black or African American households, and 1 (6.25%) American Indian or American Native. Zero households were Hispanic.



CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	FY 2017	\$ 971,553.00	\$ 536,031.72

Table 3 – Resources Made Available

Narrative

The City of McKeesport has received the following grant amounts during the time period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018:

- **CDBG Allocation** - \$971,553.00
- **CDBG Program Income** - \$9,143.64
- **Total Funds Received** - **\$980,696.64**

During this CAPER period, the City of McKeesport expended \$536,031.72 in FY 2017 CDBG funds.

Under the FY 2017 Program Year, the City of McKeesport received the above amounts of Federal Entitlement Grants. These funds were made available to the City after September 22, 2017 when the HUD Director, Community Planning and Development Division signed the FY 2017 CDBG Grant Agreement.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Citywide	100.0%	100.0%	The City of McKeesport funded 11 projects during this CAPER period in this Target Area.

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The City of McKeesport allocated its CDBG funds to those geographic areas whose population is over 51% low- and moderate-income. The City has a public benefit ratio of over 70% of its funds, which principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The following guidelines for allocating CDBG funds were used by the City:

- The public services activities were for social service organizations whose clientele were low

income or in certain cases a limited type of clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.

- The public facilities activities were either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or had a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or clientele over 51% low- and moderate-income.
- The infrastructure improvement activities were either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or had a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or clientele over 51% low- and moderate-income.
- The acquisition and demolition of structures were either located in a low- and moderate-income census area or these activities were eligible by preventing or eliminating slum and blight on a spot basis or area basis.
- The housing activities have income eligibility criteria, therefore the income requirement directed funds to low- and moderate-income households throughout the City.

The HOME funds were used for administration and for housing rehabilitation projects. These funds were targeted to low-income persons, projects designed to provide affordable housing to low-income persons, and were located in low and moderate income area.

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Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

In addition to the CDBG Entitlement Grant, the City received HOME funds through the Allegheny County HOME Consortium in the amount of \$152,232. These HOME funds help to fund affordable housing projects in the City through the housing rehabilitation program.

The McKeesport Housing Authority (MHA) receives funds for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing Capital Funds to correct physical and management deficiencies in the public housing developments to achieve efficiency and economy. MHA received a Capital Funds allocation for 2017 in the amount of \$1,396,430, and \$63,867 in Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) Funds.

In addition to its CDBG funds, the following other public resources were received by agencies in the City of McKeesport during the FY 2017 CAPER Period:

- \$100,000 in a CITF Grant for Bowman Avenue.
- \$200,000 in a CITF Grant for a Multi-Media Center.
- \$334,500 in a MTF Grant for the intersection between Walnut and PA-48.
- \$300,000 in a PHARE Grant for the McKeesport Cultural District Revitalization Project.

The City of McKeesport did not have any publicly owned land or property within the jurisdiction that were funded with CDBG funds.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	1	8
Number of special-needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	1	8

Table 5- Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through rental assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through the production of new units	0	0
Number of households supported through the rehab of existing units	1	8
Number of households supported through the acquisition of existing units	0	0
Total	1	8

Table 6 - Number of Households Supported

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

During the FY 2017 CDBG Program Year, the City of McKeesport did not have any projects that were dedicated to homeless and special needs households. Due to the limited resources, the City did not fund rental assistance, production of new units, nor acquisition of existing units activities/projects.

Through the Allegheny County HOME Consortium, CDBG Program Income and other funds, the McKeesport Housing Corporation operated an owner occupied housing rehabilitation program. MHC rehabilitated 8 low- and moderate-income households in FY 2017. Seven (7) of the households were assisted with CDBG program income and HOME funds. In addition, one (1) household was just assisted with HOME funds.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The City of McKeesport is working toward achieving its goal of providing decent, safe, sound, and affordable housing for its low- and moderate-income residents. The City is providing funds for both sales and rental housing which are affordable.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

During this CAPER period, the City of McKeesport used its CDBG and HOME funds to assist eight (8) households.

Narrative Information

The City of McKeesport provided CDBG and HOME funds that were used to develop or rehabilitate housing in the City. The results are from the activities funded in FY 2017 CAPER period as required in HUD Table 2-A:

- **Rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied units** - FY 2017 = 8 existing units; and proposed Five Year Total = 14 existing units.
- **Housing Units Demolitions** - FY 2017 = 28 housing units; and proposed Five Year Total = 47 housing units.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through: Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City of Pittsburgh is part of the Pittsburgh/McKeesport/Penn Hills/Allegheny County Continuum of Care. This is a regional initiative staffed by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services. As a member of the Continuum of Care, the City of Pittsburgh supports the efforts of the regional Continuum of Care.

The chart below illustrates a Point-In-Time Survey taken of the homeless population by the Continuum of Care and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services on January 31, 2018. The Point-In-Time Survey was performed at the following locations: hospitals, soup kitchens, day programs, street outreach, shelters, transitional housing of various types, and permanent housing which addresses the needs of the homeless.

Unsheltered:

- Individuals – 26
- Persons in Families with Children – 0
- **Total – 26**

Transitional Housing:

- Individuals – 124
- Persons in Families with Children – 22
- **Total – 146**

Safe Haven:

- Individuals – 6
- Persons in Families with Children – 0
- **Total – 6**

Emergency Shelter:

- Individuals – 323
- Persons in Families with Children – 252
- **Total – 575**

Highlighted below are the number of homeless individuals in each sub-population that were sheltered and unsheltered from the January 2018 Point-In-Time survey:

- **Chronic Homeless** – 75 sheltered and 20 unsheltered
- **Severe Mental Illness/Substance Abuse** – 159 sheltered and 12 unsheltered
- **Veteran** – 112 sheltered and 3 unsheltered
- **HIV/AIDS** – 2 sheltered and 1 unsheltered
- **Domestic Violence** – 54 sheltered and 0 unsheltered
- **Physical Disability** – 73 sheltered and 8 unsheltered

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Allegheny County Department of Human Services, through their office of Data Analysis and Research Evaluation, present regular reports to the local Continuum of Care's Homeless Advisory Board, a performance measures report and a needs analysis of the Continuum of Care, based on data from HMIS and Coordinated Entry. For example, the most recent report to the Homeless Advisory Board concluded that there is a need for 200 more units of Rapid Rehousing for families, and 248 more units of Rapid Rehousing for single persons, in our local Continuum of Care.

To better serve clients with the highest needs and longest length of homelessness, the CoC has adopted the HUD CPD 14-012 Notice "Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status." The implementation of this prioritization at Coordinated Entry (CE) has resulted in the need for the CoC to increase dedicated beds to end chronic homelessness. Projects with high barriers are required to decrease barriers and adopt a housing first model to support and serve vulnerable individuals and families. Additionally, projects awarded in previous years have opted to increase dedicated chronic homeless beds. New PSH projects are dedicated solely to chronic homeless. Together these strategies have increased the CoC's total dedicated Chronic Homeless beds.

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services has a policy to never leave a child on the street or unsheltered for the night. In order to fill this need, they use funds for overflow shelter, such as extended stay hotels. The County typically has about 3-6 families at a time in hotels, and will provide the rooms until a shelter or transitional housing unit opens. The CoC has taken concrete steps to rapidly house families with children within 30 days. The Coordinated Entry system ensures only those with no other resources access the system and uses the Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VISPDAT) to identify families and refer them to Rapid Re-Housing or Permanent Supportive Housing, as appropriate. Once in the shelter work begins immediately with families through the shelter case managers and homeless services and supports coordinators. The Coordinated Entry system is adding an additional staff to expedite and facilitate the referral process for families from Emergency Shelter to Rapid Re-Housing or Permanent Housing quickly. CoC is working jointly with ESG to utilize Rapid Re-Housing resources and to increase the number of Rapid Re-Housing units. CoC has also adopted a housing first approach across the CoC. Rapid Re-Housing providers maintain lists of landlords/units willing to participate in Rapid Re-Housing and continue to engage new landlords on an ongoing basis which is a key

strategy to Rapid Re-Housing. CoC has committed child welfare funding to programs serving families so they can rapidly move from Emergency Shelter to Rapid Re-Housing or Permanent Housing within 30 days.

There is a severe cold weather shelter for single men and women that operates from November 15th until March 15th each year. There are typically 100 or more people in the cold weather shelter at any given time. In 2017, Allegheny County Department of Human Services completed a Request for Proposals process for a year-round, low-barrier shelter. A provider has been identified and site locations are being considered.

The priority homeless needs in the City of Pittsburgh are as follows:

- **Emergency Shelters Family beds** – low priority Individual beds – medium priority
- **Transitional Housing Family beds** – low priority Individual beds – medium priority
- **Permanent Supportive Housing Family beds** – medium priority Individual beds – medium priority
- **Safe Haven Family beds** – low priority Individual beds – medium priority

There are 444 year-round Emergency Shelter (ESG) beds, 752 year-round Transitional Housing (TH) beds, 57 year-round Safe Haven (SH) beds, 232 year-round Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds, 2,005 year-round Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds, and 40 year-round Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds.

The following programs in the Continuum of Care assist families, or youth, with transitional housing or rapid rehousing services:

Families with Children – Transitional Housing

- **Bridge to Independence – Combined Transitional Housing Program - Transitional Housing 27 adults, 43 children and 19 families:** Mental health, drug and alcohol, self-sufficiency, and life skills. Bridge to Independence's program is ending on November 30, 2017.
- **HEARTH – Transitional Housing 15 units/45 beds:** Case management, life skills, and education. This program will end on September 30, 2017.
- **Naomi's Place – Transitional Housing - 5units/12 beds:** Case management, assistance with accessing mainstream services, employment services, and behavioral health services. This program is ending on September 30, 2017.
- **Sisters Place – Transitional Housing - 10 units/25 beds:** Assistance to increase skills, income, and self-sufficiency. This project is ending on November 30, 2017. Sisters Place will be implementing a new Permanent Supportive Housing program that will provide 10 units/25 beds.

Youth

- **FamilyLinks—DOCS Emergency Shelter—18 beds:** 18 emergency shelter beds for youth ages 18-24.
- **FamilyLinks – Runaway Homeless Youth - Transitional Housing 8 units:** Emergency Shelter for 18-24 year olds. Funded by the Runaway Youth Grant from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

- **FamilyLinks—Runaway Homeless Youth—Street Outreach:** Street Outreach to engage youth ages 18 -24 living on the street or places not meant for human habitation.
- **Action Housing –Rapid Rehousing program—65 units:** Rapid Rehousing program for youth ages 18 – 24, including 5 units for households with children.
- Also, any emergency shelter or rapid rehousing program within the continuum of care will serve youth ages 18 – 24 as part of their regular services to singles or families.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The Continuum of Care has recently shifted their focus to increase the number of permanent housing units to address the unmet needs in the community. The CoC's ten-year plan includes a comprehensive approach to ending chronic homelessness. Over the past several years, the CoC has effectively increased the number of permanent housing beds available to the chronic homeless, with more beds planned to be available in the coming years. Persons who are chronically homeless and housed in permanent housing are also connected with available public services in order to stabilize income and increase access to mental health, drug, and alcohol support services.

The CoC has worked with the Veterans Administration (VA) and Veteran's Leadership Program (VLP) since 1984 to reach out to veterans, provide housing, and to prevent homelessness. As a result, there are numerous beds available for homeless veterans. Efforts are made to also provide services to assist veterans in finding permanent housing. The Coordinated Entry (CE) system incorporates VA funded programs, including Grant per Diem, VASH, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) and some private funded programs for veterans, so that veterans who call Coordinated Entry can still be referred to VA funded services. CE staff also ask each veteran their discharge status and try to direct those who are eligible for VA services to access VA services. If the veteran cannot or will not call the VA for housing or homeless resources, CE staff will refer to the CoC funded system. The VA and the CoC regularly meet to share information on available resources. VA staff also go directly to shelters, drop in centers and participate in street rounds to identify and engage veterans who are eligible for VA funded services. VA is a member of Homeless Advisory Board (HAB).

The CoC has several service providers to assist homeless youth by connecting them to employment training and other public benefits in order to stabilize and break the cycle of homelessness. Multiple youth service providers are a part of and inform the work of the CoC. Further, the Unaccompanied Youth Task Force meets monthly to identify gaps in the availability of youth services, plan new services, forge connections among existing services, and improve quality of services. Through the efforts of this Task Force, an annual YOUth Count survey is administered each summer, seeking to identify all youth in the

county who are unstably housed. Over 35 agencies engage in the YOUth Count, including homeless providers, youth service providers, street outreach teams, and community organizations (i.e. libraries, churches and employment centers). The survey is designed so that counts can be compared to the annual PIT results for homeless youth, in addition to also identifying youth who are more broadly unstable, such as those who are doubled-up or staying in an unsafe location.

The local Continuum of Care recently launched a drop-in center for youth, called the 412 Youth Zone. The 412 Youth Zone is a safe and welcome one-stop center for young people ages 16-23 that are transitioning out of the foster care system and are eligible for independent living services or are experiencing unstable housing. With over 80 provider partners, services offered at the 412 Youth Zone include: life skills, housing counseling, legal aid, food, child care and parenting support, medical and behavioral health, and workforce training.

The CoC has a long-term goal of increasing the number of homeless moving from transitional housing to permanent housing. In order to achieve this objective, the CoC meets regularly with providers to monitor and review their progress. The CoC also works toward strengthening relationships with affordable housing providers (such as housing authorities) to assist a consumer to transition into permanent housing. Effective services and support while in transitional housing are critical to the effective move into permanent housing.

The CoC also has a goal of maintaining or increasing the percentage of participants remaining in permanent housing for at least six months. In order to meet this objective, the CoC holds regular sessions with providers to discuss best practices to engage consumers in permanent housing, and trouble shoot as necessary. Individuals and families residing in permanent housing facilities are taught life skills in order to improve the likelihood that they will successfully retain housing and not become homeless again.

The City of Pittsburgh and the Continuum of Care Organization have adopted the following strategy to prevent homeless for individuals and families with children who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless:

- Identify any barriers to accessing housing.
- Prevent homelessness through effective discharge planning for youth exiting the child services system.
- Expand children and youth use of transitional living programs and supervised independent living programs to prevent homeless youth leaving the foster care system.
- Support the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group through its foreclosure and client services program.
- Support housing counseling services.
- Support employment and training programs.
- Support utility company funds to provide emergency aid.

Allegheny County Department of Human Services, through its service providers, will implement the following strategies for helping extremely low- and low-income individuals and families who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless:

- Provide support to prevent evictions, or move the family to a more affordable housing unit if necessary.
- Provide financial literacy programs to educate the homeowners or renters.
- Provide family case management, life skills training, and job training.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The Continuum of Care has outlined its discharge policy for assisting persons aging out of foster care, and being released from health care facilities, mental health facilities, and correctional facilities.

Foster Care:

The CoC has adopted a process to transition youth from the foster care system. This process includes life skills classes and housing options. The Housing Authority has worked with Allegheny County's Office of Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) to transition some youth into their system and has worked with the Allegheny County Housing Authority to designate vouchers for families. CYF provided housing for youth who choose to remain in CYF until the age of 21 and seek additional education. Transitional housing programs have been established for those who may become homeless. These programs included strong employment and training support, as well as connections to other useful services.

Health Care:

The Health Committee and Mercy's Operational Safety Net (OSN) have developed and implemented a protocol between the major hospitals to identify homeless consumers, share information between entities, and coordinate the discharge plan. When a hospital identifies a homeless person upon discharge, it contacts OSN to transition the person to appropriate housing.

Mental Health:

The Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) has developed and implemented a housing plan to ensure consumers discharged from mental health facilities are placed in appropriate housing. This plan utilizes public housing, private units, and personal care homes. OBH received a grant from the Department of Justice to train police on mental health procedures and issues. This program has successfully diverted persons from the jail to the Central Recovery Center which appropriately addresses their needs. OBH has

partnered with the CoC to provide services to homeless consumers within the CoC housing network and provide matching supportive service funds for these consumers in many of the OBH programs.

Corrections:

As a partner in the CoC, the Allegheny County Jail Collaborative (ACJC) is involved in addressing homelessness of persons discharged from jail. ACJC has developed a strategic plan to reduce recidivism, promote stable housing, and increase employment opportunities for those released from jail. ACJC has received grants to fund fulltime caseworkers to work with inmates in advance of their release date to secure employment, housing, and other services. Additionally, the jail has a database of local affordable housing providers and landlords to assist inmates. ACJC also runs a renter program for inmates. Upon completion of the program, inmates receive a certificate to show landlords. Additional programs to ease the transition out of correctional facilities include a program to reunite inmates with families living in units owned by the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, transitional housing units, and employment training and rental assistance through Goodwill Harbor.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Housing Authority administers 556 Section ACC 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. This is the maximum number of ACC vouchers available to the City of McKeesport. Of these, approximately 476 were in use. There were 209 families on the waiting list as of August 23, 2018. The Section 8 Housing Choice waiting list closed on February 29, 2016. The waiting list for public housing units was also open during this CAPER period. As of August 23, 2018, there were 578 families on the waiting list for public housing. The Housing Authority's overall occupancy rate during this CAPER period was 95.1%

Each year, the McKeesport Housing Authority (MHA) receives an allocation of funds from HUD under the Capital Fund Program to undertake the physical improvements. In addition, the MHA received operating subsidies to offset the operating deficits associated with public housing units and to carry out maintenance. The McKeesport Housing Authority received \$2,033,691 under a HUD Capital Fund grant for FY 2018 during this CAPER period. The Housing Authority's FY 2017 Budget (\$1,396,430.00 in Capital Funds and \$63,867 in Replacement Housing Factor Funds) was as follows:

- **Administration** = \$139,437.00
- **Operations** = \$139,436.00
- **A/F Fees and Building Inspector** = \$1,032,672.00
- **R B Harrison Village/Olive Street** = \$14,447.00
- **Total** = **\$1,394,365.00**

McKeesport Housing Authority proposed various activities to improve the overall living environment in the Authority's public housing projects.

In FY 2017, the Housing Authority demolished buildings 44, 45, and 46 in the Crawford Village public housing community. The buildings are being replaced with six (6) Uniform Federal Accessible Standard (UFAS) units that will be completed by September, 2018. In accordance with PIH Notice 2012-7, PHAs generally need to evidence public housing units were obsolete in order to receive HUD demolition/disposition approval under Section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937.

The McKeesport Housing Authority has undertaken outreach to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services and other social services. Housing Authority staff were enrolled in various trainings, and the Housing Authority updated its website to better serve Housing Authority residents.

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

MHA encourages resident participation in management through the resident councils of the McKeesport

Public Housing Communities. Every Public Housing Community has a resident council. The resident councils have input in and involvement with management operations and modernization needs.

Members from each resident council attend the Resident Advisory Board meetings with MHA staff, where various topics, including Section 3 Maintenance Training, budgeting classes, and afterschool programs take place.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The McKeesport Housing Authority was not designated as "troubled" by HUD and was performing satisfactorily according to HUD guidelines and standards. The Housing Authority administers 556 Section ACC 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. This is the maximum number of ACC vouchers available to the City of McKeesport. Of these, approximately 476 were in use. There were 209 families on the waiting list as of August 23, 2018. The Section 8 Housing Choice waiting list closed on February 29, 2016. The waiting list for public housing units was also open during this CAPER period. As of August 23, 2018, there were 578 families on the waiting list for public housing. The Housing Authority's overall occupancy rate during this CAPER period was 95.1%

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CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

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

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs in the City of McKeesport was the limited financial resources available to address identified priorities.

Adding to the impact of limited available financial resources was the number of home foreclosures, unemployment, homelessness and risk of homelessness, and the need for increased supportive service for the growing population that was negatively affected by the economy and finds itself with fewer resources. McKeesport had even fewer resources available to address these issues as local governments face reductions in general funds and non-federal revenues.

Another significant issue was housing abandonment within the City. Fewer homeowners were living in the City which reduces the tax revenue generated. Vacant properties depress housing values, further reducing taxes collected. Additionally, deterioration of the structures due to an extended vacancy period had resulted in a significant amount of demolition works; the City typically demolishes about 5 to 10 structures per year based on funding. The list of structures that need to be razed seems to grow every year. Units were being abandoned at a higher rate than the demolition of the units. The City demolished eight (8) housing units during this CAPER period. During this CAPER period, the City prepared a Basic Conditions Report to designate a portion of the City as a Redevelopment Area, and intends to target demolitions to the Redevelopment Area.

The increase in abandonment had devalued other housing on the same block and in the same neighborhoods. This had made it crucial to fund activities that helped to eliminate blighting conditions in the neighborhood through code enforcement, rodent control, rehabilitation, and demolition.

During this program year, the City funded the following activities:

- **Excavator Program Lease** - \$106,554
- **Demolition** - \$126,618
- **Rodent Control – Wildlife Pest Control** - \$14,400
- **Neighborhood Preservation Team - Code Enforcement** - \$130,000
- **McKeesport Housing Corporation – Housing Rehabilitation Program** - \$15,000

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

In response to the prevalent lead risk inherent in its large stock of homes built before 1978, the City of McKeesport maintains an aggressive system for lead poisoning prevention. McKeesport Housing Corporation (MHC) manages a lead paint identification and mitigation program as part of its Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City and MHC complied with HUD's Lead-Safe Housing Rule (24 CFR Part 35) in requiring at-risk homes (those built before 1978 that exhibit chipping/peeling paint or a painted surface that may be disturbed during rehabilitation) to follow a set of steps, including evaluation by a certified lead-based paint inspector, mitigation by a lead-hazard-certified contractor, and post-rehabilitation lead testing. This process was in place to ensure that all lead hazards in McKeesport homes were identified and remediated. In keeping with Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, first-time homebuyers received assistance and homeowners that participate in a rehabilitation programs were provided with information on lead-based paint and related hazards before the sale or lease of most of the City's older housing.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health estimated that 8.08% of the County's children have blood lead levels high enough to qualify as positive for lead poisoning, according to CDC guidelines. This information was found in the 2014 Childhood Lead Surveillance Annual Report released by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The Department ran a Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) to provide services to children under age six. These services included blood lead screening, laboratory services for environmental sample analysis, medical case management, environmental inspections, environmental management, informational and educational services and coordination of collaborative efforts. The City of McKeesport continued to work with the County Health Department to identify children with high blood lead levels and mitigate causal hazards.

There were eight (8) homes that were made "lead safe" using a combination of abatement and interim controls during this CAPER period.

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

Approximately 33.3% of the City of McKeesport's residents live in poverty, which is higher than the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania where 13.3% of residents live in poverty. Female-headed households with children are particularly affected by poverty at 53.4%, and 53.7% of all youth under the age of 18 were living in poverty. This information is taken from the U.S. Census "2012-2016 ACS Five-Year Estimates." The City's goal was to reduce the extent of poverty by actions the City could control and through work with other agencies/organizations.

Poverty is a function of income. Factors that affect income include education, job training, and employment. The City of McKeesport, by itself, has very little control over the factors that cause poverty. Such factors include unemployment, lack of education, substance abuse issues, and lack of transportation options to get to and from work.

The City has little control over the overall factors that cause poverty. However, the City elected to support data-measured organizations that provide quality services to low income residents to help them improve their incomes. The City of McKeesport, in partnership with nonprofit organizations and businesses, influenced the chances for poverty-stricken residents of moving up and out of poverty. The City achieved this by supporting organizations that offer job training and placement services as well as drug and alcohol abuse counseling services.

The City of McKeesport has Revolving Loan - Enterprise Zone funds toward economic development programs that encouraged businesses to locate in the community, with the anticipation that these companies will provide jobs for area residents. The City has developed several approaches to addressing poverty issues, focusing on economic development assistance to businesses through small business loans through the Revolving Enterprise Zone Loan (EZ), tax credit programs, and the Keystone Opportunity Zone, and Enterprise Zone sites in the City.

In addition, the City of McKeesport worked with the Regional Industrial Development Corporation and Allegheny Department of Economic Development to redevelop and market the former Tube City and Pipe Factory site.

The City worked with the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) and the Penn State Greater Allegheny University for education and job training programs. Given the limited CDBG resources available to the City, leveraging the City's resources was a critical part of its economic development efforts. During this CAPER period, the Penn State Greater Allegheny opened the McKeesport Community Center in the City's former YWCA building. The Community Center aims to support and cultivate entrepreneurs in the surrounding communities through providing resources, spaces, training, and business plan development. In addition to being a business incubator, the Community Center will also serve as a resource to the community by providing programming focusing on job preparedness, home ownership, non-traditional education, personal development, and civic engagement. The Center will be a catalyst for entrepreneurs and community members to achieve their optimal level of civility, responsibility and aspiration.

Federal and state policies on welfare, health care, and the minimum wage were crucial factors in the fight to address and reduce poverty. The City continued to provide incentives for businesses to locate into the City, support homeless prevention activities, and preserve and improve affordable housing options, as part of its strategy to prevent and alleviate poverty in McKeesport.

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

Coordination and collaboration between agencies was important and essential to ensuring that the needs within the City were addressed. The key agencies that were involved in the implementation of the Plan

and additional resources that were available to address identified needs were described below.

Public Sector:

- **City of McKeesport** – The Community Development Department were responsible for the administration of the CDBG program and other programs that assist LMI residents. The Community Development Department’s responsibilities include the management and implementation of the City’s CDBG program, including the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. In addition, the following Departments serve an integral role in meeting the Five Year Plan Priorities: Public Works & Utilities Office, Parks & Recreation, Building Inspection, Fire Department, and the Police Department.
- **McKeesport Housing Authority (MHA)** – MHA was one of the primary owners and providers of affordable housing in the City. MHA administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. In addition, MHA provided affordable housing to low-income families, elderly residents, and persons with disabilities in its various public housing communities.
- **Other Housing and Development Agencies** – The City continued to partner with the following government-related agencies in meeting the Consolidated Plan: McKeesport Housing Corporation, McKeesport Neighborhood Initiative, Inc., Action Housing, Inc., Regional Industrial Development Corporation, and Mon Valley Initiative, Inc.

Non-Profit and Community Agencies:

There were several non-profit and community agencies that serve LMI residents in the City. These agencies provided housing, educational services, day care, after school programs, counseling, job training, and other related services to LMI residents. The City collaborated with these essential service providers on various projects, programs, and services.

Private Sector:

The private sector was an important collaborator and partner in the services and programs associated with the City’s Five Year Consolidated Plan. The private sector brings additional resources and expertise that can be used to supplement existing services or fill gaps in the system. Lending institutions, affordable housing developers, business and economic development organizations, and private service providers offer a variety of assistance to residents such as health care, small business assistance, home loan programs, and assisted housing. The City of McKeesport worked with the following: Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, Local Banks, Local Board of Realtors, Private Foundations, and Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh.

Coordination:

The City was committed to continuing its participation and coordination with federal, state, county,

and local agencies, as well as with the private and non-profit sectors, to more effectively serve the needs of LMI individuals and families living in the City of McKeesport. The City continued to work with organizations like the County Department of Human Services, Homeless Alliance, McKeesport Housing Authority, McKeesport Housing Corporation, and the McKeesport Neighborhood Initiative to address housing, community development, and homeless needs in the City.

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

The City of McKeesport was committed to continuing its participation and coordination with social service agencies, housing agencies, community and economic development agencies, County, Federal, and State agencies, as well as with the private and non-profit sectors, to serve the needs of target income individuals and families in the City. The City solicited funding requests for CDBG funds. The City Department of Community Development staff provided help and assistance to the public agencies that receive funding.

The City of McKeesport did not play a direct role in regard to public housing. The Board of the Housing Authority was appointed by the Mayor and then approved by the City Council. However, MHA hired its own staff and handles its own contracting, procurement, and management issues. Even though the City did not play a direct role in the development, provision, and/or management of public housing in McKeesport, the City worked in partnership with MHA on many initiatives, including housing developments and city-side revitalization projects. The City assisted the Housing Authority by writing grants for them.

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

The City of McKeesport entered into a three (3) year Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA) with HUD on November 2, 2011, and was released from its VCA obligations in November 2014. The City agreed that it was its duty and obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. As part of the agreement, the City appointed a Fair Housing Officer to have ongoing training and develop process and procedures for handling fair housing complaints. Other provisions to fair housing in the City were changes to the zoning ordinance that were provided to HUD but not yet approved by the McKeesport City Council. The City hired an outside consultant to prepare their Comprehensive Zoning Revision, which included recommendations for inclusionary zoning. During this CAPER period, the City approved the Comprehensive Zoning Revision.

The following actions were taken to promote fair housing in the City of McKeesport during this CAPER period:

- The City of McKeesport proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month. The Fair Housing Resolution was

signed by the Mayor during the Council meeting on April 4, 2018.

- The City funded a Fair Housing Officer to address the housing complaints and promote education in the City of McKeesport.
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CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Performance monitoring was an important component in the long-term success of the City's CDBG program. The City's Community Development Department developed standards and procedures for ensuring that recipients of entitlement funds meet the purposes of the appropriate legislation and regulations, and that the funds were dispersed in a timely manner.

The City's Community Development Department was responsible for all performance measurement activities. The office incorporated objective standards and methods into the process of awarding funds, allocating resources to programs and agencies, and obtaining progress and completion reports from those programs and agencies.

The City of McKeesport continued to improve its monitoring system to ensure that the activities carried out in furtherance of the Annual Action Plan were done so in a timely manner in accordance with the federal monitoring requirements per 24 CFR 570.501 (V) and 24 CFR 85.40, and all other applicable laws, regulations, and policies, by using sound management and accounting practices. The objectives of monitoring were as follows:

- To ensure that sub-recipients were carrying out their program or project as described
- To assure that sub-recipients were implementing the program or project in a timely manner,
- To ensure that sub-recipients were assessing costs to the program or project which were eligible under CDBG regulations and the contract,
- To assure that sub-recipients were conforming with all applicable laws, regulations, and terms of agreement,
- To assure that the program or project was operating in a manner that minimizes the opportunity for fraud, waste, and mismanagement,
- To ensure that sub-recipients had the capacity to carry out the approved project or program, and;
- To assure that equal opportunity was provided, a drug-free workplace was in force, and sexual harassment and civil rights abuse were not occurring.

The City continued to track and report on its progress toward meeting its housing and community development goals. In order to ensure long-term compliance with program and comprehensive planning requirements, City staff annually prepared a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) summarizing its progress on goals and priorities identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan. The CAPER includes a status report of the CDBG projects and programs, Program Income, and other related programs and projects. Further, this review is an opportunity to assess if the Five Year Consolidated Plan goals continued to address community priorities for housing and community development and if

adequate resources were available to meet the objectives. The IDIS program continued to facilitate the management and reporting of this information to HUD.

In accordance with HUD's Community Planning and Development Notice 03-09, the City of McKeesport implemented outcomes and performance measures for the CDBG Program. In accordance with HUD Training Manual and Guidebook Community Planning and Development Outcome Performance Measurement Framework, the City of McKeesport incorporated HUD's recommended system into its IDIS reporting and its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

The City did not perform any monitoring visits during this CAPER period. In the previous CAPER period, the City monitored the McKeesport Housing Corporation in May 2017. The City had only one concern. The City requested McKeesport Housing Corporation to have an Audit prepared for its organization since it has been many years since the last audit was prepared.

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Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)**Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.**

The City of McKeesport placed the FY 2017 CAPER document on public display for a period of 15 days beginning on Friday, August 31, 2018 through Friday, September 14, 2018. A copy of the Public Notice was published in the Mon Valley Independent on Thursday, August 30, 2018, a copy of which is attached in the Citizen Participation Section of this CAPER document.

The “Draft” FY 2017 CAPER was on display at the following locations in the City of McKeesport:

- **Department of Community Development**
500 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, McKeesport, PA 15132
- **Office of the City Clerk**
500 Fifth Avenue, 2nd Floor, McKeesport, PA 15132
- **McKeesport Carnegie Library**
1507 Library Avenue, McKeesport, PA 15132

In addition, the City placed the “Draft” FY 2017 CAPER on the City’s website: www.mckeesport-pa.gov.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

This is the CAPER for the third year of the FY 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The City of McKeesport has not made any changes to the FY 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan and its program objectives during this reporting period.

During this CAPER period, the City of McKeesport expended CDBG funds on the following activities:

- **Acquisition (Demolition/Clearance)** - \$321,111.37, which is 29.72% of the total expenditures.
- **Housing** - \$142,080.38, which is 13.15% of the total expenditures.
- **Public Facilities and Improvements** - \$479,215.18, which is 44.35% of the total expenditures.
- **Public Services** - \$25,520.30, which is 2.36% of the total expenditures.
- **General Administration and Planning** - \$112,594.09, which is 10.42% of the total expenditures.
- **Total: \$1,080,621.32**

The City of McKeesport Timeliness Ratio of unexpended funds as a percentage of the FY 2017 CDBG allocation is 0.96, which is below the maximum 1.5 ratio.

During this CAPER period, the CDBG program targeted the following with its funds:

- **FY 2017 Percentage of Expenditures Assisting Low- and Moderate-Income Persons and Households Either Directly or On an Area Basis** – 66.82%
- **FY 2017 Percentage of Expenditures that Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Areas** – 64.33%
- **FY 2017 Percentage of Expenditures that Aid in the Prevention or Elimination of Slum or Blight** – 33.18%

During this CAPER period, the income level beneficiaries data are the following:

- **Extremely Low Income (<=30%)** – 28.57%
- **Low Income (30-50%)** – 57.14%
- **Moderate Income (50-80%)** – 14.29%
- **Total Low- and Moderate-Income (<=80%)** – 100.00%
- **Non Low- and Moderate-Income (>80%)** – 0.00%

During this CAPER period, the City had the following CDBG accomplishments:

- **Actual Jobs Created or Retained - 0**
- **Households Receiving Housing Assistance - 7**
- **Persons Assisted Directly, Primarily by Public Services and Public Facilities - 0**
- **Persons for Whom Services and Facilities were Available - 215,445**
- **Units Rehabilitated - Single Units - 7**
- **Units Rehabilitated - Multi Units Housing - 0**

During this CAPER period, the City leveraged \$867,717.43 for CDBG Activities based off the PR54 CDBG Community Development Block Grant Performance Profile Report.

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

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CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

The City of McKeesport does not receive a direct HOME allocation, however, the City is a member of the Allegheny County HOME Consortium. The City receives HOME funds as a member of the Allegheny County HOME Consortium. These funds go to the McKeesport Housing Corporation (MHC), which is a CHDO organization. Allegheny County is the administering PJ of these HOME funds. The City received \$152,232 of the FY 2017 HOME Allocation from the Allegheny County HOME Consortium.

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CR-55 - ESG 91.520(g)

The City of McKeesport does not receive an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement allocation. Therefore, agencies have to apply to the State of Pennsylvania for ESG funds. Not Applicable.

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CR-60 – HOPWA CAPER Report

The City of McKeesport does not receive a Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant as an entitlement community in FY 2017. Not Applicable.

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CR-65 – Section 3 Report

The Section 3 Summary Report HUD – 60002 for the CDBG Program for the City of McKeesport has been submitted in SPEARS.

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CR-70 – IDIS Reports

Attached is the PR26 – CDBG Financial Summary IDIS Report for the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG RESOURCES

01 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
02 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	971,553.00
03 SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL	0.00
04 SECTION 108 GUARANTEED LOAN FUNDS	0.00
05 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	9,143.64
05a CURRENT YEAR SECTION 108 PROGRAM INCOME (FOR SI TYPE)	0.00
06 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LINE-OF-CREDIT	0.00
06a FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
07 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	0.00
08 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM, LINES 01-07)	980,696.64

PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG EXPENDITURES

09 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	967,927.23
10 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT	0.00
11 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT (LINE 09 + LINE 10)	967,927.23
12 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	112,594.09
13 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	0.00
14 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00
15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 11-14)	1,080,521.32
16 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 08 - LINE 15)	(99,824.68)

PART III: LOWMOD BENEFIT THIS REPORTING PERIOD

17 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	0.00
18 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD MULTI-UNIT HOUSING	0.00
19 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MOD ACTIVITIES	646,815.86
20 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT	0.00
21 TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT (SUM, LINES 17-20)	646,815.86
22 PERCENT LOW/MOD CREDIT (LINE 21/LINE 11)	66.82%

LOW/MOD BENEFIT FOR MULTI-YEAR CERTIFICATIONS

23 PROGRAM YEARS(PY) COVERED IN CERTIFICATION	PY: PY: PY:
24 CUMULATIVE NET EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT CALCULATION	0.00
25 CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES BENEFITING LOW/MOD PERSONS	0.00
26 PERCENT BENEFIT TO LOW/MOD PERSONS (LINE 25/LINE 24)	0.00%

PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CAP CALCULATIONS

27 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	25,520.30
28 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
29 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
30 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS	0.00
31 TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS (LINE 27 + LINE 28 - LINE 29 + LINE 30)	25,520.30
32 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	971,553.00
33 PRIOR YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	9,620.32
34 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP	0.00
35 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP (SUM, LINES 32-34)	981,173.32
36 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 31/LINE 35)	2.60%

PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP

37 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	112,594.09
38 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
39 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
40 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS	0.00
41 TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS (LINE 37 + LINE 38 - LINE 39 +LINE 40)	112,594.09
42 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	971,553.00
43 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	9,143.64
44 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP	0.00
45 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP (SUM, LINES 42-44)	980,696.64
46 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 41/LINE 45)	11.48%



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LINE 27 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 27

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2016	6	594	6059608	COMMUNITY POLICING	05I	LMA	\$1,373.82
2016	6	594	6067749	COMMUNITY POLICING	05I	LMA	\$4,432.99
2016	6	594	6077901	COMMUNITY POLICING	05I	LMA	\$4,735.06
2016	6	594	6125456	COMMUNITY POLICING	05I	LMA	\$1,853.54
2016	6	594	6166874	COMMUNITY POLICING	05I	LMA	\$2,418.06
					05I	Matrix Code	\$14,813.47
2014	19	576	6077686	MCKEESPORT HOUSING CORP - VCA OFFICER	05J	LMA	\$96.20
2015	9	583	6077886	McKeesport Housing Corp - FHO	05J	LMA	\$403.80
2015	9	583	6166869	McKeesport Housing Corp - FHO	05J	LMA	\$700.00
2016	8	596	6166874	MHC - FHA	05J	LMA	\$206.83
					05J	Matrix Code	\$1,406.83
2016	4	592	6059608	RODENT CONTROL	05M	LMA	\$600.00
2017	5	605	6144295	Rodent Control - Wildlife Pest Control	05M	LMA	\$6,600.00
2017	5	605	6155043	Rodent Control - Wildlife Pest Control	05M	LMA	\$1,050.00
2017	5	605	6166877	Rodent Control - Wildlife Pest Control	05M	LMA	\$1,050.00
					05M	Matrix Code	\$9,300.00
Total							\$25,520.30

LINE 37 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 37

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2015	11	588	6059574	Administration CD	21A		\$5,754.33
2015	11	588	6067742	Administration CD	21A		\$5,152.21
2015	11	588	6077886	Administration CD	21A		\$4,718.97
2015	11	588	6096588	Administration CD	21A		\$18,923.63
2015	11	588	6103718	Administration CD	21A		\$4,409.27
2015	11	588	6118960	Administration CD	21A		\$9,495.75
2015	11	588	6125466	Administration CD	21A		\$2,647.96
2015	11	588	6127690	Administration CD	21A		\$3,244.40
2015	11	588	6138116	Administration CD	21A		\$4,807.66
2015	11	588	6144072	Administration CD	21A		\$8,444.85
2015	11	588	6155061	Administration CD	21A		\$4,556.84
2015	11	588	6166869	Administration CD	21A		\$12,637.56
2016	10	598	6059608	ADMINISTRATION	21A		\$5,500.00
2016	10	598	6067749	ADMINISTRATION	21A		\$22,120.00
2017	11	611	6144295	Administration - Community Development	21A		\$180.66
					21A	Matrix Code	\$112,594.09
Total							\$112,594.09

CR-75 – Fair Housing

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Overview:

During this CAPER period, the City had the following affordable homeowner housing accomplishments through the McKeesport Housing Corporation's Housing Rehabilitation Program:

- Eight (8) existing owner-occupied housing units were rehabilitated with CDBG and HOME funds.

The City of McKeesport funded the following affordable housing projects with 2017 CDBG funds, CDBG Program Income, and HOME funds:

- **Fair Housing** – Fair Housing Training, Seminars, Outreach and Educational Programs, and Fair Housing Testing.
- **McKeesport Housing Corporation – Housing Rehabilitation Program** – The City of McKeesport utilized the McKeesport Housing Corporation, a 501(c)3 and CHDO, to implement a housing rehabilitation and accessibility improvement program along with funds for project delivery cost.

The following actions were taken to promote fair housing in the City of McKeesport during this CAPER period:

- The City of McKeesport proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month. The Fair Housing Resolution was signed by the Mayor during the Council meeting on April 4, 2018.
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FY 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice:

The City of McKeesport prepared an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in 2015 to coincide with the City's FY 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The following actions were taken to address the impediments identified in the City of McKeesport's 2015 A.I.:

Impediment 1: Housing Affordability

Decent, safe, affordable housing remains a high priority to ensure fair housing choice, quality of life, and attractive neighborhoods.

Goal: Continue to maintain the supply of decent, safe affordable housing targeted to lower income households, both renters and owners.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **1-A:** Upgrade the supply of available decent, safe, sound, and affordable housing through rehabilitation assistance and support of the creation of and capacity building of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), both locally and countywide.

Accomplishments: Eight (8) housing units were rehabilitated through the McKeesport Housing Corporation's Housing Rehabilitation Program using prior year CDBG funds, CDBG program income, and HOME funds through the Allegheny County HOME Consortium. Upon completion, all homes were code compliant and free from the hazards of lead based paint, achieving safe and affordable housing for all eight (8) families.

- **1-B:** Provide homeownership opportunities for LMI households by promoting available housing and housing counseling, as well as referrals to the County HOME Programs.

Accomplishments: McKeesport Housing Corporation partnered with Dollar Bank on its first time homebuyer program.

- **1-C:** Continue to Enforce and strengthen an effective property maintenance inspection and enforcement program.

Accomplishments: CDBG funds were used to provide operating support to continue the efforts of the Neighborhood Preservation Team (NPT). Activities undertaken by the NPT included code enforcement, building inspection, and other neighborhood stabilization and conservation activities. The Neighborhood Preservation Team inspected 532 structures citywide for code compliance during this CAPER period. Property owners made 400 corrections based on the inspections. In addition, the Neighborhood Preservation Team issued 334 citations.

Impediment 2: Housing Accessibility

There is a lack of accessible housing for the older population, and persons with disabilities.

Goal: Continue to increase the supply of housing that meets the accessibility, visitability, and quality of life needs of the older population and persons with disabilities.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **2-A:** Increase the supply of accessible owner-occupied housing by continuing to provide assistance to support the removal of architectural barriers.

Accomplishments: Through the McKeesport Housing Corporation's Housing Rehabilitation Program eight (8) households were rehabilitated. None of those homes required accessibility modifications during this CAPER period.

- **2-B:** Enforce building codes (I.B.C.) to ensure that new multifamily construction meets the accessibility provisions of the Fair Housing Act.

Accomplishments: CDBG funds were used to provide operating support to continue the efforts of the Neighborhood Preservation Team (NPT). Activities undertaken by the NPT included code enforcement, building inspection, and other neighborhood stabilization and conservation activities. The City Building Inspector oversees building codes.

- **2-C:** Increase the supply of accessible renter-occupied housing by making housing units totally accessible.

Accomplishments: The Housing Authority is currently working on the demolition of three (3) buildings in PA 5-4 Crawford Village. They plan to replace them with six (6) Uniform Federal Accessible Standard (UFAS) units. The addition of six (6) UFAS units to the Crawford Village development will complete the Housing Authority's UFAS Transition Plan for Crawford Village.

- **2-D:** Promote education and awareness of the requirements for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities and the elderly in rental housing.

Accomplishments: The City provided information on fair housing and other housing-related concerns to residents that came to their office to make complaints, and answered questions via phone and email. The Fair McKeesport Housing Corporation, partnered with the Fair Housing Law Center of Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc. to hold a fair housing education event for April 2018. A total of twenty-seven (27) residents attended the event on Wednesday, April 30, 2018. This event discussed the following: Who is covered by the fair housing act; reasonable

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Impediment 3: Fair Housing Education, Advocacy, Monitoring, and Enforcement

There is a lack of awareness of the rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act and a need to continually monitor and enforce the Fair Housing Act.

Goal: Increase the knowledge and awareness of the rights of individuals and the responsibilities of building owners in regard to the Fair Housing Act; use educational advocacy, monitoring, and enforcement to eliminate discrimination in housing and provide fair housing choices for all individuals and families.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **3-A:** Continue to promote educational and training programs concerning the rights and responsibilities covered by the Fair Housing Act.

Accomplishments: The City provides information concerning the Fair Housing Act on the City website. The Fair Housing Officer, through the McKeesport Housing Corporation, distributed fair housing information. The McKeesport Housing Authority updated their website to include Fair Housing information. The McKeesport Housing Corporation, partnered with the Fair Housing Law Center of Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc. to hold a fair housing education event for April 2018. A total of twenty-seven (27) residents attended the event on Wednesday, April 30, 2018. This event discussed the following: Who is covered by the fair housing act; reasonable accommodation; reasonable modifications; criminal history guidance; and affirmatively furthering fair housing. In addition, during this CAPER period, Fair Housing Law Center of Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc. prepared and printed the following fair housing pamphlets for: Disabilities, Race, Religion, Service Assistance Animals, Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications, Housing Discrimination, and Familial Status and Sex Discrimination. The sign in sheet for the training is included at the end of this section along with the meeting flyer.

- **3-B:** Support fair housing monitoring, investigation, and enforcement strategies.

Accomplishments: The Fair Housing Officer referred fair housing complaints to HUD's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Office in Pittsburgh.

- **3-C:** Support and promote the delivery of housing counseling programs and credit counseling for low-income and minority households.

Accomplishments: McKeesport Housing Corporation partnered with Dollar Bank on its first time homebuyer program.

Impediment 4: Concentration of Low-Income and Minority Groups

There are high percentages of low-income persons, minorities, and female headed households in certain areas within the community.

Goal: Promote policies and actions effecting housing choices that will reduce concentrations of low-income households and minorities in certain neighborhoods

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **4-A:** Promote homeownership programs to provide affordable housing opportunities to all areas of the community.

Accomplishments: The City of McKeesport Housing Authority also has a Section 8 homebuyer program.

- **4-B:** Assess the social and economic trends that contribute to segregated neighborhoods and develop strategies to close the minority homeownership gap.

Accomplishments: The City did not fund a project during this CAPER period.

Impediment 5: Accessibility of Public Facilities

The accessibility of public facilities remains a fundamental quality of life issue for most communities, the older population, and persons with disabilities.

Goal: Continue to maintain and upgrade municipal facilities, public spaces, and sub-recipient facilities to make them accessible to persons with disabilities.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **5-A:** Continue to fund improvements and upgrades at public and social service agency facilities to remove architectural barriers.

Accomplishments: The City funded accessibility improvements through the ballfield renovations at Fawcett and Duncan fields. The City also funded the rehabilitation of the Gergely Park Amphitheater. This project made the amphitheater and the adjacent Gergely Park Fishing Pier ADA accessible.

- **5-B:** Continue to monitor any accessibility constraints in municipal facilities and managed public spaces utilizing capital improvement funds to remove any potential architectural barriers.

Accomplishments: The City addressed the continuing need for accessibility improvements through funding the ballfield improvements at Fawcett and Duncan Fields. The City also funded the rehabilitation of the Gergely Park Amphitheater. This project made the amphitheater and the adjacent Gergely Park Fishing Pier ADA accessible.

- **5-C:** Evaluate the accessibility constraints of all sub-recipient and allied organizational facilities and assist these organizations to obtain funds for capital improvements to remove any existing architectural barriers.

Accomplishments: The City did not fund a project during this CAPER period.

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Good Afternoon,

The City of McKeesport would like to remind you about the upcoming Fair Housing Event at the McKeesport Palisades Event Center on Wednesday, April 30, 2018 at 2:30 PM. The City of McKeesport recognizes the month of April as Fair Housing Month in accordance with the nationally recognized Fair Housing Month, sponsored each year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The details of the event are as follows:

Wednesday, April 30, 2018

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

The McKeesport Palisades Event Center
100 Fifth Avenue
McKeesport, PA 15132

The Fair Housing Event will cover the following topics:

- Who is Covered by the Fair Housing Act?
- How to Recognize Housing Discrimination
- Disability Specific Protections
- Reasonable Accommodations
- Reasonable Modifications
- How to Remedy Housing Discrimination

This is a **FREE** event that is open to the general public, as well as local agency representatives.

Please print out the attached event flyer and distribute it to your clientele

and staff. If possible, please also post the flyer in an area where your clients will notice. There will be light refreshments donated by the McKeesport Palisades Event Center, and Fair Housing brochures will be available to take back to your office.

The City urges you to send a representative from your agency to join in this important training. Although RSVPs are not required for this event, and it is open to any person that would like to attend, we ask that you **please reply to this email to let us know how many staff members from your agency plan to attend the event.**

We look forward to seeing you at the event, and we hope that you will help spread the word!

Melissa Ernst
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FAIR HOUSING TRAINING

City of McKeesport Fair Housing Month

Join us to learn more about:

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Fair Housing Rights and Responsibilities

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Jim Haugton	MHC	412-664-7003	mckhousing@mcshel.com
Erin Lawrence	MHC	"	"
Angelia Christina	MHA	412-673-6942	achristina@mcsha.org
Debra Summer	MHA		
C. Seman	MHA		
Carol Seman	MHA		
NANCY JACKSON	MHA		
Shawn Farr	MHA	-484-848-7333	



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Name	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
Roshia Jones	CITIZEN	412-673-5765	
Phil Williams	MHA	412-316-5590	pwilliams@mckeesport.org
SARAH CASH	MHA	412-673-6942 EXT#4	
JAY GEAHAM	MHA	412-673-6942 X210	
Debbie Snice	MHA	412-673-6942 EXT 213	
Jaquelyn Martineic	MHA	412-673-6942 EXT 310	
SCOTT SENAY	MHA	412-673-6942	
Cynthia Edward Holmes	Citizens	412 514 3036 edward 412 304-2346 Cynthia	Cyndee mh40@yahoo.com edward.holmes475@gmail.com



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Christine Cantola	State Rep A. Davis	412-664-0035	ccantola@pahouse.net
Lauren Palmquist	State Rep. A. Davis	412-664-0035	lpalmquist@pahouse.net
Michael Cherepko	City of McKeesport	412 675-5020	mike.cherepko@mckeesport-pa.gov
Tom Maglicco	City of McKeesport	412-675-5020	tom.maglicco@mckeesport-pa.gov
Laura B Thompson	AFU Mck Family Center	412-672-6970	mckeesportfc@aiv3.net
Karl Haylund	Urban Design Ventures LLC	412-461-6916	Karl@urban.designventures.com
AJ Tedesco	City of McKeesport	412-675-5020 X 617	ajfred.tedesco@mckeesport-pa.gov



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Melissa Ernst	City of McKeesport HOWARD HANNA	412 675 5000 635 ELL	melissa.ernst@cityofmckeesport-pa.gov
ROBERT BAUM	WILSON BAUM RE	412-848-8119	RWBAUM@WILSONBAUM.COM

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The following pages include the public display notice.

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**CITY OF MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

NOTICE OF DISPLAY OF THE C.A.P.E.R.

**FY 2017 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE
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The City of McKeesport intends to submit the FY 2017 C.A.P.E.R. to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before September 28, 2018.

Copies of the FY 2017 C.A.P.E.R. are available for public viewing beginning Friday, August 31, 2018 through Friday, September 14, 2018 at the following locations:

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