



City of Joliet
Consolidated Annual Performance Report
Community Development Block Grant Funds
2022 Program Year

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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

This Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) describes the activities undertaken by the City of Joliet during the Program Year , beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023, using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This report includes accomplishments for both the regular allocation of CDBG funds as well as the supplementary funding received through the CARES Act to prepare, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report serves to meet the performance reporting requirements of the Consolidated Plan Regulations at 24 CFR 91.520. The report measures the progress made and the accomplishments achieved against the goals and objectives described in the City's 2022 Annual Action Plan and the 2020- 2024 Consolidated Plan. Both plans are available for public review at the City's Neighborhood Services Division.

The City of Joliet's Neighborhood Services Division is the lead entity and administrator for CDBG funds. Beginning in Program Year 2016, the City of Joliet joined the Will County HOME Consortium. The accomplishments of HOME-funded projects funded with allocations after 2015 will be included in the Will County CAPER report. The accomplishments for HOME-funded projects funded with pre-2016 funds are reported in this CAPER. Currently, only administrative funds remain for pre-2016 funds.

2022 is the third year of the City's updated Consolidated Plan. The City originally funded 10 projects with its 2022 CDBG allocation:

1. Facility Improvements – Easterseals (\$57,000)
2. Facility Improvements – Catholic Charities, Daybreak Emergency Shelter (\$185,000)
3. Facility Improvements – Agape, NFP (\$36,000)
4. Facility Improvements – Spanish Community Center (\$100,000)
5. Housing Improvements – Agape, NFP (\$56,000)
6. Microenterprise – Joliet Area Latino Economic Development Association (\$100,000)
7. Public Services - Holsten Human Capital Services at Riverwalk (\$88,000)
8. Public Services - Senior Snow Removal (\$45,000)
9. Infrastructure – Roads, Curbs Sidewalks (180,000)
10. Slum/Blight – Demolition (\$28,000)
11. General Administration (\$40,445)

1. Facility Improvements – Easterseals

The City allocated \$57,000, a neighborhood facility located at 2504 Fairway Drive, for building renovations to prepare the location for a new program offering pre-vocational and activeivies program for adults with developmental disabilities. Easterseals utilized funding and requested

additional funding in 2023 to complete the project due to inflation of supplies. This project is not complete due to the request and allocation of additional funds. Bids were received in August and the City expects construction to finish in the 2023 program year.

2. Facility Improvements – Catholic Charities, Daybreak Emergency Shelter (\$185,000)

The City allocated \$185,000 to Catholic Charities, Daybreak Emergency Shelter located at 611 E. Cass Street. The project included replacement of the existing roof, gutters and downspouts; replacement of any deteriorated decking and fascia; installation of insulation; installation of a new roofing system including membrane, detailing, and flashing; and installation of new gutters and downspouts; and removal of job debris. Lighting, flooring, and shower stalls will also be replaced. Catholic Charities provided improved and updated facilities to 467 unduplicated clients during program year 2022. \$183,035 drawn of \$185,000 during PY2022. Remaining balance will be reserved for PY2023 Catholic Charities projects. Project Complete.

3. Facility Improvements – Agape, NFP

The City allocated \$36,000 to the Agape, NFP located at 840 Plainfield Road to provide facility improvements. The project included replacing aging doors, walls, and restroom facilities to ensure the building is safe for clients receiving services. Work began in the summer of 2023 and is completed. The City expects the project to have completed documentation and request for reimbursement in the near future. \$0 drawn of \$36,000.

4. Facility Improvements – Spanish Community Center

The City allocated \$100,000 to the Spanish Community Center located at 309 N. Eastern Ave to provide facility improvements. The project included essential asbestos abatement on the first and third floor, as well as repairing a portion of the parking lot that has fallen into disrepair. Upon further investigation, asbestos abatement was no longer a concern. However, the parking lot required significant improvements. These improvements are necessary for the safety of the potential clients. The repairs are an expansion of ongoing efforts to ensure the longevity and continued provision of services to Joliet residents through Spanish Community Center. Work began in the summer of 2023 on the parking lot and is completed. \$100,000 drawn of \$100,000. Project complete.

5. Housing Improvements – Agape, NFP

The City allocated \$56,000 to the Agape, NFP located at to provide improvements to scattered site housing units. The project is proposed to make enhancements to its current HOPWA units to meet the changing needs of its residents including replacement of doors, HVAC system, technology, security, and handicap accessibility features. Work began in the spring of 2023 and is completed. The City expects the project to have completed documentation and request for reimbursement in the near future. \$0 drawn of \$56,000.

6. Microenterprise – Joliet Area Latino Economic Development Association

The City allocated \$100,000 to the Joliet Area Latino Economic Development Association (LEDA) to support economic development. The LEDA

Business Assistance program is an on-the-ground service in the community that accomplishes extensive outreach, marketing, and 1-on-1 technical assistance to ensure that the hardest-to-reach businesses that are most in need of support are aware of resources that can help them survive the current pandemic-induced recession and thrive during our economic recovery. This project spent \$67,250.67 of \$75,000.00 during Program Year 2022. LEDA will use their remaining balance the first quarter of PY2023.

7. Public Services - Holsten Human Capital Services at Riverwalk

The City allocated \$98,000 to Holsten Human Capital to provide case management services to the residents of Riverwalk Homes. The subrecipient fully spent its allocation and served a total of 4,874 unduplicated residents through a number of programs based out of the community center located in Riverwalk Homes. \$88,000 of \$88,000 drawn. Project complete.

8. Public Services - Senior Snow Removal

The City allocated \$45,000 towards snow removal for senior and disabled residents. Two hundred and seventy three seniors were assisted with snow removal service in the program year. This program helps seniors remain active and maintain independent living. \$20,365.40 drawn of \$45,000. Project complete. The remaining balance of \$24,634.60 will be utilized during 2023/2024 senior snow removal program.

9. Infrastructure – Roads, Curbs Sidewalks

The City allocated \$146,000 to improve neighborhood infrastructure by making needed improvements to roads, watermains, curbs, and sidewalks in low and moderate income areas. infrastructure improvements in low-moderate areas to make improvements to City sidewalks. This project was delayed. The City anticipates this project will be complete in 2024.

10. Slum/Blight – Demolition

The City allocated \$28,000 to demolish and clear blighted structures from CDBG target areas. The immediate purpose of this goal is to remove conditions that have adverse effects on the health, safety, and livability of the service areas. This project was delayed due to staff turnover. This funding was reprogrammed. The City has a demo funding balance from 2016 remaining.

PRIOR YEAR PROGRAMS CONTINUED IN THE CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR

1. Housing Rehabilitation – Senior Repair Program

Will County Senior Services continued to administer a minor repair program for seniors and disabled persons using prior year funds. In the program year, the organization expended \$20,870.66 and assisted four senior homeowners with minor repairs to their homes. An additional five projects are underway. The subrecipient will continue the program in the next year. \$20,870.66 drawn from prior year funds.

2. Facility Improvements – Spanish Community Center

The City allocated \$50,000 to make accessibility improvements to the Spanish Community Center, a neighborhood facility located at 309 N

Eastern Avenue, which provides a variety of services to the surrounding neighborhoods. The work has been delayed. The City expects construction to start and finish early in the 2024 program year.

3. Facility Improvements – Forest Park Community Center

The City allocated \$50,000 to the Forest Park Community Center to make needed improvements to the aging building, including façade work, improvements to the lighting, and accessibility improvements. \$49,035.25 drawn of \$50,000. Project complete.

4. Facility Improvements – Boys and Girls Club

The City allocated a total of \$48,000 to the Boys and Girls Club to create a large art installation on an interior wall of the multipurpose room of the Boys and Girl’s Club’s main building. The work was completed at the beginning of program year 2022. Eight-hundred- forty (840) individuals and youth residents benefited from this project. \$15,477.05 drawn of \$48,000. Project complete.

5. Facility Improvement - YMCA - \$25,000

The City allocated a total of \$25,000 to the YMCA for roof repairs. The roof has been repaired, but the organization may not seek reimbursement. \$0 drawn of \$25,000.

6. Facility Improvement – Salvation Army - \$175,000

The City allocated a total of \$175,000 to Salvation Army for facility improvements. The project is partially completed. The City is awaiting reimbursement documentation from the organization for reimbursement.

7. Demolition / Clearance

The City carried forward a balance of \$33,964.61 of prior year allocations for the demolition and clearance of blighted structures within the City. The City cleared two blighted properties during Program Year 2022. The remaining balance of the program funds were reallocated toward sewer/water main improvements via substantial amendment. Project cancelled.

8. Evergreen Terrace/Riverwalk Homes Acquisition

The City has approved a redevelopment plan for the development. The developer secured the necessary financing, including application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Project is complete.

9. Infrastructure Improvement – Parks Ave.

The City budgeted \$405,000 to make needed improvements to the street surface and the aging water main that runs along Parks Avenue. The

project was delayed but the City expects the project to will be completed by December 2023. \$0 drawn of \$405,000.

CDBG-CV SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM CARES ACT TO PREPARE, PREVENT, AND RESPOND TO COVID-19

The City received a total of \$1,391,950 of supplemental CDBG funds through the CARES Act to prepare for, prevent, and respond to COVID-19. The City fully budgeted its CDBG-CV funds in two rounds of funding. For CDBG-CV Round 1, the City of Joliet received \$563,076. The City signed a subrecipient agreement with Spanish Community Center to administer an emergency rent/mortgage/utility assistance program. To date, this program has expended a total of \$239,527 and assisted 55 households. As the local economy has rebounded and the need for rental assistance lessens, the City expects to reprogram the balance of funds to other programs that can address the lingering effects of the pandemic and prepare for any recurrence of COVID.

For CDBG-CV Round 2, the City of Joliet received \$828,874. The City allocated this to four different entities. Below is a summary of the progress of each along with expenditure milestones:

10. Facility Improvement - Cornerstone - \$450,000

This project was nearing completion at the beginning of the program year. \$450,000 drawn of \$450,000. Project is complete.

11. Facility Improvement - Will Grundy Medical Clinic - \$148,874

This project is underway and is expected that this project will be complete prior to the end of the 2024 calendar year. Through a substantial amendment, the City allocated an additional \$275,000 towards the project, totalling \$423,874. \$280,027.24 drawn of \$423,874.00.

12. Facility Improvement/Public Service - YMCA - \$130,000

This project provided operating support for a number of YMCA programs to support students and youth adversely affected by the pandemic. The program was amended to include limited facility improvements to accommodate the expanded programs. The program will continue to operate in the 2023 program year until funds are fully expended. \$41,716 drawn of \$130,000.

13. Public Service - Non-Congregate Emergency Shelter – Will-Grundy Medical Clinic - \$275,000

Through a substantial amendment the City provided non-congregate emergency shelter to homeless individuals in the City's service area. This was accomplished through partnership with the Continuum of Care street outreach providers, Joliet Police Department, and Joliet Fire Department. Thirty-three (33) literally homeless individuals were placed in non-congregate emergency shelter. Total cost was \$14,323.87. Project is complete.

14. Public Service – Housing Assistance – Spanish Community Center - \$563,076

The City has provided \$563,076 to the Spanish Community Center to assist those negatively effected by COVID-19 with rental housing and utility payments. The funding also assisted the Spanish Community Center with administrative costs including staffing and supplies. A total of one-

hundred-eighteen (118) residents were assisted. \$239,527 drawn of \$563,076. Remaining funds were allocated to Will-Grundy Medical Clinic to provide non-congregate emergency shelter and additional building improvements. Project complete.

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)

This was the third year of the five year Consolidated Plan. The performance over past years has been drastically affected by the COVID pandemic. Despite this, the City continued to make progress towards its stated long term goals. Overall, the City completed nine (10) CDBG funded projects during Program Year 2022. Most impressively, the City was able to close-out the purchase of Evergreen Terrace, and provided funding for the first ever direct response to homelessness.

Further, the City funded Infrastructure project (Parks Ave) are expected to be completed by the end of December 2023. Other capital projects were delayed to various degrees. Work on the Forest Park Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club were completed. The City continued to CAPER 5 OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 06/30/2018) support two public service projects, Riverwalk Homes and Senior Snow Shovel, which served a total of 10,328 persons. The City’s housing project for seniors was delayed but is now returning to normal operations and hopes to work through its backlog of applications.

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
Eliminate Blighted Conditions	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	20	3	15.00%	2	2	100.00%
Improve Condition of Housing Stock	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
Improve Condition of Housing Stock	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	400	17	4.25%	8	0	0.00%

Improve Condition of Housing Stock	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	0	0				
Improve Neighborhood Infrastructure and Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	12000	10042	83.68%	1000	3437	343.70%
Improve Neighborhood Infrastructure and Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Improve Neighborhood Infrastructure and Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	
Improve Neighborhood Infrastructure and Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	0				
Improve Public Services	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5000	16167	323.34%	1130	5147	455.49%

Improve Public Services	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Increasing Economic Opportunities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	300	75		300	75	25.00%
Planning, Administration, and Capacity Building	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	75		0	0	

Planning, Administration, and Capacity Building	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	2	2	100.00%	1	0	0.00%
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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 2022 Program Year, the City of Joliet addressed the following strategies and specific objectives from its Amended Consolidated Plan Strategic Initiatives using CDBG:

Improve Neighborhood Infrastructure and Facilities

Improve Neighborhood Infrastructure and Facilities	
Goal:	The City’s primary goal for the purpose of this Consolidated Plan is to improve the sustainability of older, low- and moderate-income neighborhoods within the City. The City will pursued this goal by investing in neighborhood infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, flood drainage, water lines, and sanitary sewer improvements. The City will also invest in neighborhood facilities that provide access to crucial services for residents.

Actual:	The City completed five (5) facility improvements, Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet’s Daybreak Emergency Shelter, Spanish Community Center, Forest Park Community Center, Boys & Girls Club, and Cornerstone Services projects. Three additional facility improvements, Easterseals, Spanish Community Center, and Will-Grundy Medical Clinic are underway and have an expected completion no later than September 2024. Five additional facility and infrastructure projects remain underway and are expected to be completed in the 2023 program year. One project, AGAPE Missions Improvements, will be completed before the end of the first quarter of 2024 as will Parks Ave.
Improve Public Services	
Goal:	The City will use available federal resources to increase access and availability of crucial social services to low- and moderate-income persons. Eligible public services include those targeted to specific populations, such as homeless, at-risk youth, young families (child care), seniors, and the disabled. They also include programs aimed at increasing access to economic opportunity, such as job training and supportive services, and improving community health, such as programs that increase access to health care, mental health, and healthy food.
Actual:	The City continued to fund its Senior Snow Removal Program and the Holsten Human Capital program at Riverwalk Homes. During the program year, the Snow Removal Program assisted 276 senior households to maintain independent living while Holsten’s CAPER 6 OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 06/30/2018) program assisted 5,147 persons.
Improve Condition of Housing Stock	
Goal:	The City will use available federal resources to support rehabilitation programs. Given the limited amount of resources and the expense of rehabilitation programs, the City will use available resources for limited repair programs that serve a specific purpose, such as assisting a senior or disabled household remain in their home, increasing security, or addressing the hazards of lead-based paint. The City will also consider funding rehabilitation programs and projects if the CDBG funds are able to leverage other funding.
Actual:	During the program year, the City continued to partner with Will County Senior Services to offer the Senior Minor Repair program. A total of \$20,870.66 was expended to assist 2 senior households. An additional 6 projects are in the

	pipeline and should be completed in the 2023 program year. The programmed balances will be carried forward to assist additional households in the next program year.
Eliminate Blighted Conditions	
Goal:	The City will use available federal resources to demolish and clear blighted structures from CDBG target areas. The immediate purpose of this goal is to remove conditions that have adverse effects on the health, safety, and livability of the service areas. The long-term goal of the program is to re-purpose the available land for new housing or other redevelopment opportunities and to attract private investment into the neighborhoods.
Actual:	The City demoed two properties during the program year. The balance of funds will be carried over to be used in the next program year.

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CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	3,386
Black or African American	1,940
Asian	25
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5
Total	5,356
Hispanic	2,783
Not Hispanic	2,573

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

Narrative

Table above does not provide an option for multiracial households. The City of Joliet assisted an additional 33 multi-racial households during PY22. These households are reported in the Other category.

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	HUD	890,445	\$388,051.90
CDBG COVID	HUD		

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Citywide	18		
Citywide - Low/Mod Target Areas	82		

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

There are 113 census block groups within the City. Based on low- and moderate-income data provided by HUD, 57 of the block groups have concentrations of low- and moderate-income residents over 51% and therefore would qualify to receive CDBG investments on an area wide basis. Of those 57 block groups 31 have an LMI % over 70%. All of the qualifying block groups are located within Joliet Township. In the map below, the census block groups that qualify for CDBG assistance are shaded green. Those with an LMI% over 70% are shaded a darker green.

In the Consolidated Plan, the City proposed to focus its CDBG investments within low- and moderate income areas depicted in the map below. When choosing which projects to fund, the City is giving additional preference to those areas where there are high concentrations of racial or ethnic minority populations as well. The City has identified three census tracts that have relatively high poverty rates and high concentrations of minority residents: Census Tracts 8819, 8820, and 8812.

During the program year, the City worked on the following programs that had specific locations/target areas:

- The Senior Snow Removal, Senior Repair, and Clearance funds may be used anywhere in the City. The City expects most of the clearance of blighted properties will occur in Districts 4 and 5.
- Street improvement projects occurred on Prior Street and Summit Street. The City also budgeted funds for streets and infrastructure along Parks Avenue. These projects benefit the residential neighborhoods in their immediate vicinities, including the following block groups.

Leveraging

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

The City of Joliet does not have any leveraging requirements under the CDBG program. The City does own a number of lots throughout the City. When feasible, the City makes these lots available to developers such as Habitat for Humanity for in-fill housing.

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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	0	0
Number of special-needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through rental assistance	0	118
Number of households supported through the production of new units	0	0
Number of households supported through the rehab of existing units	0	0
Number of households supported through the acquisition of existing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

HOME-funded activities are included as part of the Will County HOME Consortium. The tables above only include affordable housing projects that satisfy the HOME definition of affordable housing. As such, the CDBG-funded minor housing repair program listed above does not qualify and is not included.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The City continues to pursue opportunities to support local non-profit builders and build their capacity

to take on HOME-funded projects. However, the City must feel confident in the non-profit's capacity before partnering on any development projects.

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

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

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The tables above only include housing projects that satisfy the HOME program requirements. All of the City's HOME funded projects are reported through the County of Will HOME Consortium CAPER. The City of Joliet uses CDBG funding for a minor home repair program but the program does not meet the standards of the HOME program. The City's program assisted two (2) senior households.

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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
- Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons
- 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
- 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 City of Joliet has a representative on the Will, Kendall, Grundy Counties Continuum of Care (CoC) Executive Board. All of the City's efforts to address the needs of homeless and near homeless population are carried out in coordination with the CoC.

Additionally, the CoC has a collaborative effort to provide street outreach (including a Vet specific team, Consumer involvement, DV services, shelter intake). The collaborative provides outreach every Thursday. PATH, Youth-specific providers, and Consumer Advocates are engaged in outreach daily. The Plan to End Homeless committee has marketing plan for the CES for police, libraries, hospitals, food pantries, health care centers, and churches in order to inform.

The CoC implemented outreach initiatives to connect with the unsheltered and hardest to house. By recording these initiatives in HMIS, the data was more accurate and of a better quality. Reaching these populations enabled the CoC to provide housing/services and to reduce episodic shelter use.

The City further supported the homeless needs in Program Year 2022 by funding non-congregate emergency shelter through CDBG-CV allocation.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Housing Authority of Joliet (HAJ) is the public housing agency that serves the City of Joliet, as well as Will County, Illinois. The City partners closely with the Housing Authority on many projects, including the development of City-funded projects, such as Liberty Meadows, and PHA-funded projects, such as Water's Edge. Housing Authority affordable housing program Unit count as follows: 535 PH units; 512 for elderly/disabled and 23 for Families. Additionally, the HAJ administers 3,270 housing choice vouchers.

Additionally, the City supported the developer of Evergreen Terraces application for Low-Income Tax credits to redevelop the property. Furthermore, the City is actively persuring additional grants from HUD to assist with developing a plan to support future affordable housing development.

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

In the program year, the Housing Authority of Joliet held regular Resident Advisory Board Meetings. The Resident Advisory Board was comprised of members from each of the Public Housing Communities, representatives from the Housing Choice Voucher Program, and representatives of the Housing Authority staff. Topics addressed at these meetings ranged from broad policy topics, such as the Revitalization Plan, to quality of life issues, such as posting instructions on how to use the washer and dryer in the building. The Housing Authority of Joliet also encouraged the Public Housing Communities to develop and operate neighborhood crime watch groups to ensure the safety of residents.

The Housing Authority of Joliet administers a Family Self-Sufficiency Program designed to assist families receiving subsidies under the HCV Program. Some of the goals that program participants have identified are: completion of high school; job training; childcare assistance; transportation assistance; and homeownership

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Housing Authority of Joliet was not classified as "troubled" by HUD and was performing satisfactorily according to HUD guidelines and standards. Therefore, no assistance was needed to improve operations of this Public Housing Authority.

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

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

The City's housing strategy in recent years is to provide affordable housing options in all areas of the City, including those that have a limited number of affordable housing options. This was implemented through its down payment assistance program and through the tenant-based rental assistance program.

The City continues to support groups such as Cornerstone, a provider of group housing for persons with disabilities, to ensure that affordable housing in standard condition is available for this special needs population.

The City began a new rental inspection program for single family households. The purpose of the program is to ensure that single family rental properties are maintained in standard condition.

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

As part of the Consolidated Plan process, the City has identified a lack of capacity among subrecipients to carry out CDBG-funded activities as an obstacle to meeting underserved needs. To address this obstacle, the City will work to expand its own internal capacity to provide technical assistance to new and existing organizations.

During this CAPER period, the City reached out to a number of organizations in regard to participating in the City's CDBG program. As a result, the City is working with a number of new agencies, including the Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club, Will-Grundy Medical, and the Forest Park Community Center.

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

During the CAPER period, the City of Joliet did not undertake any CDBG-funded activities to reduce the number of lead-based paint hazards in residential properties. The only housing program funded was limited to minor repairs that did not have sufficient capacity to remove lead-paint hazards. The risk of lead-based paint hazards is very high in the City of Joliet due to the number of housing units constructed prior to 1978. It is presumed that all housing units constructed before 1978 contain lead-based paint. According to the 2010-2014 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates, 26,100 (51.19%) housing units in the City of Joliet were constructed prior to 1980.

As part of the Will, Kendall, Grundy Counties HOME Consortium, the City of Joliet provided purchasers of pre-1978 built houses with the lead paint pamphlet, "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home." The City also required contractors to follow HUD's lead-based paint regulations for construction and rehabilitation projects funded through the CDBG and HOME programs. Work write-ups for projects CAPER 17 OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 06/30/2018) included a section on lead-based paint testing and abatement when necessary under the current regulations.

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

The City's anti-poverty strategy has two main components. First, the City will continue to support efforts to create economic opportunities through business attraction, retention, and supporting workforce development. These efforts will be funded with non-CDBG funds. The City will use CDBG funds to provide assist non-profits that help poverty-stricken families gain self-sufficiency skills. This includes provision of funding to Holsten Community Capital to provide social service programs at Riverwalk Apartments and the funding of capital improvement projects for non-profits, such as the Spanish Community Center, to maintain their facilities in order to continue the delivery of needed services.

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

The City focused on two initiatives during the program year. First, the City provided technical assistance to new and existing organizations in an effort to increase their capacity to deliver federally funded programs. Second, the City instituted a ranking methodology when reviewing CDBG applications. Both the technical assistance provided, and the ranking methodology, provided partners with a transparent application process.

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

During this CAPER period, the City continued its participation and coordination with public, housing, and social service agencies. The Neighborhood Services Division was responsible for coordinating activities among the public and private organizations.

Community Development staff serve in leadership positions on the County Continuum of Care. The Will, Kendall, Grundy Counties Continuum of Care was the network for all social service providers in the region. They included the housing authority, health department, and other agencies.

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 and the County of Will through the Will County Consortium adopted an updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The City will continue to implement the recommendations and suggested actions outlined in the last approved update.

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

The City of Joliet has adopted the HOME monitoring standards of Will County. These standards were adopted on January 19, 2016. Performance monitoring is an important component in the long-term success of the City's Programs. During the program year, the Community Development Department was responsible for ensuring that the recipients of Federal funds met the purposes of the appropriate legislation and regulations, and that funds were disbursed in a timely manner.

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The City of Joliet placed the CAPER document on public display beginning on December 8, 2023 through December 22, 2023. A copy of the Public Notice is attached. ___ comments were received.

The CAPER was on display at the following locations in the City of Joliet:

City of Joliet website: <https://www.joliet.gov/government/departments/community-development/hudnotices>

City of Joliet – City Hall
Information Services
150 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432

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 third year of the CAPER under the FY 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City of Joliet has not made any changes to the Amended Consolidated Plan and its program objectives during this reporting period.

Based on the current rate of expenditures and the progress of the current slate of projects, the City feel confident it will meet the timeliness ratio going forward.

The City is also subject to the primary benefit test that requires at least 70% of CDBG funds are used to benefit low and moderate income persons. The City has met this standard. Please see the attached

CDBG Financial Summary Report (PR26) for more information

The City of Joliet did not make any prior year adjustments, lump sum agreements, nor relocation payments. The City did not make any loans and it did not write off any loans during this CAPER period. None of the CDBG Funds were allocated to activities that did not meet a National Objective.

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

The City does not have any open BEDI awards.

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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.

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

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

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CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours					
Total Section 3 Worker Hours					
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours					

Table 8 – Total Labor Hours

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

Other.					
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Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

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