



**2015-2019 Consolidated Plan  
for HUD Programs  
and 2015 Annual Plan**

*Approved by*

**City of New Britain  
Common Council**

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# 5-Year Consolidated Plan

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## **Executive Summary**

### **ES-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)**

#### **1. Introduction**

As required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Consolidated Plan is a planning document that must be prepared by cities every five years and contain a needs assessment and strategic plan to pursue the HUD goals of developing viable communities, providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and to expand economic opportunities principally for low-and moderate-income persons. The Consolidated Plan requires cities to assess their affordable housing and community development needs in consideration of market conditions and propose strategies to meet those needs.

This Consolidated Plan has been prepared using *The eCon Planning Suite*, that HUD designed to help cities and the public to assess their needs and make strategic investment decisions by providing better data and tools and by creating a seamless planning and grants management framework. The template provides a uniform web-based format to help cities ensure that their Consolidated Plan includes all required elements per HUD regulations. Many of the data tables within the template were pre-populated by HUD with housing and economic data. For some of these tables, the City has inserted replacement data and explanations. For other tables that were not pre-populated, the City has inserted data and noted the data source. The narrative sections were prepared in response to the HUD instructions/questions as shown as well as to more specific HUD instructions detailed in HUD guidebooks.

The Consolidated Plan is intended to help cities make data-driven, place-based investment decisions for use of HUD grant funds. In order to receive grant funds from HUD -- under the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program -- the City is required to prepare an Annual Action Plan that is aligned with the housing and community development priorities set forth in the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

#### **2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview**

The City's prior, 2010-2014, Consolidated Plan had identified a range of housing and community development needs, relating primarily to New Britain's old housing stock as well as the changing socio-economics of the City. Beyond these needs that still remain, the factors that influenced the identification of needs and priorities in this 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan are:

- Increased poverty levels. Data shows a significant increase in the number of City residents who have very low incomes or are living in poverty.
- Problems of homelessness. The HUD instructions for each of the sections and subsections require the City to examine the causes, needs, resources and remedies related to persons who are homeless and population groups at risk of homelessness. However, as the problems of homelessness have been escalating, HUD funding to the City under the Emergency Solutions Grant has been rescinded.

- Benefits of CT **fastrak**. Now completed, the New Britain-Hartford Busway and the highway network create opportunities for downtown and arterial development based on smart growth planning principles.

These factors were considered in assessing prior goals to formulate the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan. In predicting required outcomes for the next five years it must again be recognized that improvements must be accomplished in an environment of declining or stagnant financial resources and increased coordination and linkages among organizations and programs is needed to maximize the benefit of resources.

Goals for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan are:

- Provide affordable and appropriate rental housing opportunities by increasing the supply and availability of affordable rental housing in the city and affordable market housing in strategic locations.
- Support affordable homeownership opportunities through the rehabilitation of existing ownership housing, provision of down payment assistance and improving the availability of supportive social services to homeowners.
- Increase the level and delivery of support and mental health services to the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.
- Increase employment options for persons coming out of homelessness or at risk.
- Improve existing, and encourage development of, public facilities serving lower income populations.
- Encourage the continued improvement of the City's infrastructure, particularly with regard to street and sidewalk improvements and removal of architectural barriers activities.
- Support the continuance of public service programs.
- Support the continuance of employment training programs.
- Support new and expanded businesses to create job opportunities.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

Evaluation of past performance contributed to the determination of current plan goals and projects. The goals established in the previous five-year Consolidated Plan in categories of high importance continue as current goals: the provision of affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities, improvement of public facilities and infrastructure serving low-income populations, and support for enhanced and expanded economic development efforts. Accomplishments from the use of HUD funding towards these goals has not alleviated all the needs in the community. Accomplishing the affordable housing goals was interrupted by the elimination or redesign of City programs for rehabilitation activities and homeownership opportunities, and the City is working to resume them.

### **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

The lead entity responsible for administering the programs covered by the Consolidated Plan for the City of New Britain is the Department of Municipal Development (DMD). In January of 2015, Mayor Stewart issued informational materials prepared by the DMD and requested proposals for funding consideration for the 2015 Program Year. This information was directly sent to all City departments and non-profit agencies. As part of the notice of funding availability, information about the Goals of the HUD

programs and the five year plan development. The Commission on Community and Neighborhood Development (CCND) and the staff of the Department of Municipal Development prepared the Proposed Consolidated Plan in consideration of the results of previous questionnaires, review of proposals submitted for funding consideration and the needs described by organizations and citizens at the CCND Public Hearing in March. The Common Council HUD Grants Committee held a Public Hearing in April and approved the Plan in May.

During the planning process, DMD and Mayor's staff directly engaged housing and social service agencies, other City departments, and organizations that work with special needs and at-risk populations. The DMD staff are liaison for the Neighborhood Revitalization Zones and have assisted with organizing meetings during this process with three of the NRZs where concerns of the neighborhood residents are addressed.

Also during this process and beforehand, the Mayor and the DMD met with the State Department of Housing to convey the City's need for assistance to serve the growing overflow of homeless from the existing emergency shelters that are being used more and more by people from around the State. These interactions and discussions were vital in gathering pertinent and up to date data on the needs of New Britain's population; identifying the existing inventory of facilities and services that address the needs of the population; and the development of appropriate goals and objectives for New Britain's CDBG and HOME programs for the next five years.

## **5. Summary of public comments**

A draft Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development was made available for public review and comment. No written comments were submitted.

## **6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

## **7. Summary**

## The Process

### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

**1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source**

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	NEW BRITAIN	Department of Municipal Development
HOME Administrator	NEW BRITAIN	Department of Municipal Development
ESG Administrator		N/A

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative

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## **PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

**Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).**

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During the planning process, DMD and Mayor's staff directly engaged housing and social service agencies, other City departments, and organizations that work with special needs and at-risk populations during the Consolidated Plan development process.

- Meetings or consultations with management staff of the City Licenses, Permits and Inspections, Health Department, Persons with Disabilities, Public Nursing.
- Request for information from the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness.
- Consultation with the Connecticut AIDS Coalition.
- Consultation with the Balance of State Continuum of Care.
- Request for data from the Connecticut Data Collaborative.
- Membership on the Coordinated Access Network that developed the "Coordinating Services and Resources to Address Housing Needs" plan in 2014.
- Attendance at Continuum of Care meetings.
- Development of the Building Hope Together – New Britain's Permanent Work Plan to End Homelessness – continuing on the Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness and convening meetings of the members and committees comprised of all key service providers, funders and the business community.
- Meetings with the Housing Authority and its consultants and with the Community Housing Development Organization, Neighborhood Housing Services.
- Ongoing partnership with Veterans Inc. for development of transitional housing on Arch Street.



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**Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness**

See above.

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS**

N/A

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	NEW BRITAIN HOUSING AUTHORITY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care		

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))**

The Mayor and staff from her Office and the DMD Office have been meeting with representatives from the State Department of Housing to explain that the need for homeless assistance is increasing while the HUD Emergency Solutions Grant is being rescinded. The Department of Housing provided funds so that an overflow shelter could be available during the winter months, 2014-2015. The City anticipates access to State resources in the future. Staff from the Mayor's Office and the DMD Office have been meeting with the Coordinated Access Network which was organized with guidance from the State Department of Housing to bring together representatives of New Britain, Bristol and three surrounding towns to define plans and procedures for sheltering homeless persons. Not all of the towns attended the meetings, however.

## **PR-15 Citizen Participation**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

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### Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	CCND Public Hearing March 12, 2015, attended by approximately 200 people.	A draft Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development was made available for public review and comment. No written comments were submitted.	A draft Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development was made available for public review and comment. No written comments were submitted.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Common Council Public Hearing April 23, 2015, attended by approximately 200 people.	A draft Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development was made available for public review and comment. No written comments were submitted.	A draft Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development was made available for public review and comment. No written comments were submitted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	January 30, 2015 - Solicitation of Proposals and Notices of Public Hearings for development of the Five Year Plan and Annual Action Plan. 57 Proposals for funding consideration were submitted.	A draft Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development was made available for public review and comment. No written comments were submitted.	A draft Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development was made available for public review and comment. No written comments were submitted.	
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	February 27, 2015 - Notice of Public Hearing (CCND) Approximately 200 persons attended the Public Hearing.	38 persons spoke in favor of proposals. 1 person commented on the 5-Year Plan.	No written comments were received.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	April 11, 2015 - Notice of Public Hearing (Common Council) and Proposed Consolidated Plan Approximately 200 persons attended the Public Hearing.	38 persons spoke in favor of proposals. 1 person commented on the 5-Year Plan.	No written comments were received.	
6	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Solicitation of Proposals and Notices of Public Hearings for development of the Five Year Plan and Annual Action Plan. 57 Proposals for funding consideration were submitted.	A draft Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development was made available for public review and comment. No written comments were submitted.	A draft Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development was made available for public review and comment. No written comments were submitted.	<a href="http://www.newbritainct.gov/index.php/documents/file/794-2015-annual-action-plan.html">http://www.newbritainct.gov/index.php/documents/file/794-2015-annual-action-plan.html</a>

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## **Needs Assessment**

### **NA-05 Overview**

#### **Needs Assessment Overview**

## NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

### Summary of Housing Needs

Demographics	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Population	71,538	73,055	2%
Households	28,596	28,659	0%
Median Income	\$34,185.00	\$39,838.00	17%

**Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics**

**Data Source:** 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

### Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households *	6,995	5,515	4,965	3,055	8,125
Small Family Households *	2,415	2,055	2,135	1,420	4,405
Large Family Households *	500	495	360	250	550
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	1,035	865	590	595	1,165
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	1,145	1,035	625	185	625
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger *	1,505	1,100	915	495	560

\* the highest income category for these family types is >80% HAMFI

**Table 6 - Total Households Table**

**Data Source:** 2007-2011 CHAS



## Housing Needs Summary Tables

### 1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	85	50	50	4	189	0	0	10	0	10
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	65	70	160	20	315	0	20	0	15	35
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	255	180	55	20	510	20	65	50	45	180
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	3,520	575	55	0	4,150	710	835	355	35	1,935
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	715	1,990	635	40	3,380	200	650	745	535	2,130
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	305	0	0	0	305	20	0	0	0	20

**Table 7 – Housing Problems Table**

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

**2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)**

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	3,920	875	320	45	5,160	730	915	415	100	2,160
Having none of four housing problems	1,695	2,695	2,645	1,380	8,415	325	1,025	1,585	1,530	4,465
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	305	0	0	0	305	20	0	0	0	20

**Table 8 – Housing Problems 2**

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

**3. Cost Burden > 30%**

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS</b>								
Small Related	1,825	1,160	460	3,445	125	570	575	1,270
Large Related	365	180	25	570	15	145	95	255
Elderly	805	440	30	1,275	645	700	215	1,560
Other	1,620	890	210	2,720	135	135	255	525
Total need by income	4,615	2,670	725	8,010	920	1,550	1,140	3,610

**Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%**

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

#### 4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	1,505	95	45	1,645	125	455	115	695
Large Related	310	30	0	340	15	130	25	170
Elderly	535	70	0	605	445	195	95	735
Other	1,475	380	15	1,870	135	100	125	360
Total need by income	3,825	575	60	4,460	720	880	360	1,960

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

#### 5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	>80- 100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	260	205	95	50	610	20	60	50	30	160
Multiple, unrelated family households	50	45	40	0	135	0	25	0	30	55
Other, non-family households	10	0	75	0	85	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	320	250	210	50	830	20	85	50	60	215

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data 2007-2011 CHAS  
Source:

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30- 50% AMI	>50- 80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	1,475	775	625	2,875	30	325	290	645

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source  
Comments: CPD Maps Consolidated Plan and Continuum of Care Planning Tool

**Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.**

The Census (ACS 2010) reports that 22% of New Britain residents have incomes below the poverty level; but for unrelated individuals, 35% of the single males and 39% of the single females have incomes below the poverty level. These reports show that single persons – whether they are living alone or in a nonrelated household – are poorer than persons living in a related household.

The Census (ACS 2013) reports that there are 8,718 persons living alone in New Britain. These single-person households account for 32% of all the households in the City.

Of the 8,718 persons living alone in New Britain, 3,374 are aged over 65, and many of them may be living in subsidized housing; but it is likely that there are thousands of younger single people in the City living below the poverty level.

Living below poverty level means that an income is less than the HHS poverty threshold – in 2010 the threshold for a single person was \$10,830, and in 2015 it is \$11,770, or about \$950 a month. The average monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment in New Britain is now at \$810. Many single people in the City living below poverty level may be paying up to 85% of their income on rent. This leaves barely \$100 a month for food, health costs and other essential expenses, which is not enough to survive on. It is clear that these persons are in need of housing assistance or must somehow increase their incomes, and it is likely that persons living in this scenario are at risk of becoming homeless.

According to information obtained from the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness the (CCEH) in its report of unduplicated homeless for 2013-2014, 76% of the homeless people receiving shelter were single men and 14% were single women.

In addition to poverty leading to their homelessness, other causes of homelessness for single people are a recent divorce or generational displacement. A job loss or health problems bring greater potential for displacement to a single person who has no family member to rely on.

**Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.**

**(SEE SPECIAL NEEDS)**

**What are the most common housing problems?**

Many of the residents of New Britain have low incomes and are paying too high a share of their income for their housing costs. This could cause households to go without food or heat or other essential needs.

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### **Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?**

The most significant increase is in the number of owners paying greater than 50% of their income for their housing costs: within the past ten years, the percentage of owners in this category has nearly doubled. The HUD data also shows that 3,520 extremely low income renters, representing over 21% of the renters in the City, are paying greater than 50% of their incomes on housing costs. The median home sales price and value for in 2010 ranged from \$140,000 – \$167,600 which suggests that there is ample affordable housing located in New Britain. However, due to the income levels of New Britain households, cost burden remains a major housing hurdle for the City's residents.

### **Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance**

There are families with hundreds of school-age children who are living with friends or families in doubled-up situations. These households are at risk because there is no guarantee that the living arrangement will continue to be available to them. Due to extremely low incomes, many would need to be paying as much as 85% of their income on rent. For those families and individuals who do pay rent without any government subsidy, they need to get help from various agencies that provide food banks, meals, utility payments, rent rebates, clothing, and emergency assistance. They are one more problem away from homelessness.

Starting with Fiscal Year 2011, the City has been allocating HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funds for a Rapid Re-Housing Program. These funds may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help a homeless individual or family move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. The Friendship Service Center has been administering this program, using \$122,649 to date to house 14 households including 26 persons. The Rapid Re-Housing rental vouchers paid for all or part of the rent costs for up to two years. For some of the recipients, the two-year period has expired, and the rental assistance has been terminated. One of the recipients was able to secure a full-time job and is now able to afford the rent cost without assistance. For the three other terminated recipients who needed continued help, one received a Section 8 voucher, and two were placed into permanent supportive housing situations that became available. It is predicted that after Rapid Re-Housing, most households will face homelessness again, unless there are openings for them in the Section 8 TBRA or other programs. They cannot sustain their housing costs without assistance because they do not have full-time gainful employment and often do not have transportation to get to a job.

**If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:**

The City does not have an operational definition of the at-risk group.

**Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness**

Although homeowners are primarily affected by foreclosures, foreclosure of a rental property affects renters, who are more likely to be very low-income and thereby even more vulnerable to homelessness. Tenants are often not informed of their landlords' mortgage problems until told to vacate, leaving them with inadequate time to secure alternate housing. The 2009 passage of the federal Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act entitles renters to at least a 90-day notice; however, many are unaware of their rights and continue to be evicted under illegal circumstances. Others see building conditions deteriorate, as financially distressed landlords discontinue property repairs and utility payments, or are evicted from bank-controlled properties prior to resale. Many distressed households are unable to afford the relocation costs and have difficulty recovering their security deposits post-eviction. As a result, they may double up with family and friends or enter shelter.

## **Discussion**

## NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

### Introduction

A disproportionately greater need exists when the members of racial or ethnic group at a given income level experience housing problems at a greater rate (10 percentage points or more) than the income level as a whole. For example, assume that 60% of all low-income households with a jurisdiction have a housing problem and 70% of low-income Hispanic households have a housing problem. In this case, low-income Hispanic household have a disproportionately greater need.

Housing problems are defined as 1) housing lacking complete kitchen facilities, or 2) housing lacking complete plumbing facilities, or 3) more than one person per room, or 4) cost burden greater than 30%.

### 0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,200	1,270	360
White	2,460	555	175
Black / African American	580	45	60
Asian	90	0	20
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,030	660	95

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

### 30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,900	1,045	0
White	2,360	675	0
Black / African American	355	95	0
Asian	50	10	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,085	249	0

**Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

### 50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,065	3,370	0
White	1,075	2,065	0
Black / African American	195	410	0
Asian	40	55	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	695	790	0

**Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%



### 80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,000	2,125	0
White	515	1,370	0
Black / African American	190	90	0
Asian	10	70	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	35	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	245	590	0

**Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI**

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

### Discussion

The above data provided by HUD shows the number of persons with housing problems in separate tables divided by income levels. The instructions provided by HUD are to compare the number of persons by race in each income level against the total number of persons in that income level. There is no racial or ethnic group at any of the income levels experiencing housing problems at a greater rate than the income level as a whole.

While White persons represent 47.7 percent of the City's total population, these charts depict that there is a greater percentage of White households in the low- and very-low income range. White households comprise 47% of the total households at 0-30% of Median Income, with and without housing problems, but 61% of the total households at 30-50%, and 58% of the total persons at 50-80%.

## NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

### Introduction

Severe housing problems are defined as 1) housing lacking complete kitchen facilities, or 2) housing lacking complete plumbing facilities, or 3) more than **1.5** persons per room, or 4) cost burden **greater than 50%**.

### 0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	4,255	2,215	360
White	2,025	1,000	175
Black / African American	440	180	60
Asian	80	10	20
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,665	1,025	95

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

### 30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,195	3,745	0
White	650	2,390	0
Black / African American	75	375	0
Asian	10	55	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	460	870	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

#### 50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	765	4,675	0
White	305	2,835	0
Black / African American	95	510	0
Asian	20	75	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	335	1,145	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

#### 80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	75	3,050	0
White	35	1,850	0
Black / African American	30	250	0
Asian	0	75	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	35	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	10	825	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

\*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

## **Discussion**

There is no racial or ethnic group at any of the income levels experiencing severe housing problems at a greater rate than the income level as a whole.

## NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

### Introduction:

A disproportionately greater need exists when the members of a racial or ethnic group at a given income level experience housing problems at a greater rate (10 percentage points or more) than the income level as a whole.

### Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	15,310	6,690	5,775	360
White	10,205	3,815	2,885	175
Black / African American	1,135	820	565	60
Asian	340	110	95	20
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	35	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	3,505	1,780	2,195	95

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

### Discussion:

ANSWER TO THE FIRST FIELD

There is no racial or ethnic group at any of the income levels experiencing housing cost burdens at a greater rate than the income level as a whole.

ANSWER TO THE SECOND FIELD

N/A

ANSWER TO THE THIRD FIELD

N/A

**NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)**

**Are there any Income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?**

No

**If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?**

N/A

**Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?**

N/A

## Introduction

Program Type									
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	0	796	750	70	569	0	36	75

**Alternate Data Source Name:**  
Data from Housing Authority  
**Data Source Comments:**

## Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type						
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	
Average Annual Income	0	0	12,435	15,501	17,488	15,501	12,005
Average length of stay	0	0	7	6	0	6	0
Average Household size	0	0	1	2	0	2	3
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	14	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	296	184	70	114	0
# of Disabled Families	0	0	244	165	8	156	1
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	0	811	0	768	35
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Alternate Data Source Name:  
Data from Housing Authority

Data provided by the Housing Authority shows that zero (0) families requested accessibility features. At the present time, eCon Planning Suites is automatically generating data for this line item which is not an accurate representation for the City of New Britain.

Data Source Comments:



## Race of Residents

Race	Program Type						
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Special Purpose Voucher Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing    Family Unification Program    Disabled *
White	0	0	700	650	0	0	0    0    0
Black/African American	0	0	94	99	0	99	0    0    0
Asian	0	0	1	0	0	0	0    0    0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	1	0	1	0    0    0
Pacific Islander	0	0	1	0	0	0	0    0    0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0    0    0
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition							

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Alternate Data Source Name:  
PIC (PIH Information Center)  
Data Source Comments:

## Ethnicity of Residents

Ethnicity	Program Type						
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Special Purpose Voucher Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing    Family Unification Program    Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	538	577	0	0	0    0    0
Not Hispanic	0	0	258	173	0	0	0    0    0
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition							

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

**Alternate Data Source Name:**  
PIC (PIH Information Center)  
**Data Source Comments:**

**Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:**

According to the New Britain Housing Authority, there are 13 public housing families and 2 voucher holders requesting accessibility features.

**Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders**

The goals and objectives of the New Britain Housing Authority for 2014 through 2019 address the needs of public housing tenants: 1. *To provide a safe and secure environment in the public housing developments, both in the senior housing and family housing.* There have been significant increases in crime and drug activity in an around the public housing developments. Public Housing residents have been placed at risk, and their safety and security have been threatened specifically because of increases in gang activities and heroin usage. The NBHA's objectives are to obtain funding for security cameras and other essential security infrastructure for NBHA properties, and to assure that all future redevelopment initiatives address tenant security and safety as critical elements of project design and planning. 2. *To offer education and job opportunities to public housing tenants and voucher holders.* With the average income of public housing residents being \$12,435 annually, it is apparent that many of the tenants in the 348 family housing units live below the poverty level (\$15,930 for a family of 2). The NBHA will continue to work with local agencies, schools, colleges and technical schools to improve job potential of the residents. The new training facility being constructed adjacent to Mt. Pleasant will offer comprehensive education and training programs for residents lacking adequate job placement skills. 3. *To promote self-sufficiency and asset development for residents.* The NBHA will continue to employ Service Coordinators to assist in increasing services to public housing residents and voucher holders to help them obtain jobs and education, improve their personal finances, and plan for homeownership. It will work to improve computer centers so residents can be trained on the use of computers for job hunting or furthering their education. 4. *To address the continued need for quality housing.* The NBHA will seek funding for the redevelopment of the housing units and take administrative measures to improve coordination between foremen, property manager, housing asset manager, director of operations, and modernization clerk to guide progress of the sites in reaching their goals.

**How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large**

These needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders are comparable to the population at large, especially the lower-income residents.

**Discussion**

## NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

### Introduction:

See Attachment

**If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):**

*Chronic Homeless* - A chronically homeless person or family is one who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more, or has had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three years. In January 2014, a Point in Time Count reported that in New Britain, there were 34 chronically homeless adults and 2 homeless families. According to the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH), this represents a 62% increase since 2009. Whether this increase is attributable to continuous outreach efforts, improved data collection, or the City's provision of overflow beds during the cold weather when even the most persistently chronic homeless take shelter, it is apparent that the aggregate number of persons becoming chronically homeless well exceeds those exiting. Once chronically homeless, problems exacerbate, normalcy is obscured, and an exit from homelessness can be nearly impossible even for those who want to achieve it.

*Families with Children* - There were 16 families with 30 children counted as homeless in the 2014 PIT count; most were residing in the Prudence Crandall Center for Domestic Violence, either in emergency or transitional care (where persons can reside for up to two years). There are, however, hundreds of children at any time in New Britain City schools who are known to meet the Department of Education's criteria as homeless because their families have moved in with other family members or friends due to temporary or chronic economic problems.

*Veterans* - There were six homeless veterans – one in emergency shelters and five in transitional shelter, reported in the 2014 PIT count.

*Youth* - There were no unaccompanied youth reported in the 2014 PIT count.

The Point in Time count for 2015 was conducted in February, but reporting is not completed. It is expected that the reporting will reveal levels of chronically homeless, veterans and families with children comparable to last year. Preliminary reports show that this year there were at least two unaccompanied youth in the emergency shelter.

**Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)**

<b>Race:</b>	<b>Sheltered:</b>	<b>Unsheltered (optional)</b>
White	91	0
Black or African American	34	0
Asian	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	23	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
TOTAL	148	0
<b>Ethnicity:</b>	<b>Sheltered:</b>	<b>Unsheltered (optional)</b>
Hispanic	60	0
Not Hispanic	88	0
TOTAL		

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH)

**Data Source** 2014 PIT, persons sheltered in emergency and transitional shelters. The 34 Black or African American number**Comments:** includes 2 persons identified as "multiple races."

**Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.**

**Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.**

Of the 148 persons counted in emergency and transitional facilities in the 2014 PIT, by race: 91 were White, 23 were American Indian, 32 were Black and 2 were Multiple Races. By ethnicity, 60 were Hispanic and 88 were Non-Hispanic.

**Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.**

Once every two years during the Point in Time Count, volunteers organize to find unsheltered homeless. In the February 2015 PIT Count, there were 10 persons found who were staying out in frigid night temperatures in a car or some other unsuitable place, unwilling to be in a group shelter environment. There were another 162 persons housed that night in the emergency and transitional shelters that were filled to capacity.

The transient nature of some of the people facing homelessness, and the travelling that they may do, or must do to find living arrangements, causes the counting of homeless people to be difficult and oscillating. Some people may move from facility to facility, town to town or from other states, and some may be in the New Britain shelters for only a short time.

For all persons who receive shelter, HUD requires that identifying information be obtained and documented in HUD's Homeless Management Information System. The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness has compiled composite data on all the persons assisted in homeless facilities during the one-year period Oct. 1, 2013 through Sept. 31, 2014.

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**Discussion:**

## **NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)**

### **Introduction:**

#### **Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:**

See below

#### **What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?**

##### **Elderly**

According to the City's 2010-2020 Plan of Conservation and Development, population between the ages of 65 and 84 declined noticeably in the past 10 years, while the population 85 and older increased. There were gains in the number of people aged 45 to 59. The City will need to evaluate demands for senior services as this group reaches retirement age and beyond.

According to HUD Data from the 2010 Census, there are 4,080 elderly households who are extremely low income with incomes that are less than half of the Median Income for the area. These households constitute 33% of the extremely low income households in the City.

These 4,080 extremely low income elderly households constitute 52% of all the elderly households (7,865) in the City.

Of these 4,080 extremely low income elderly households, there are 605 renters and 640 owners who are spending over 50% of their incomes on housing costs.

For all the elderly households on fixed incomes, their housing cost burden coupled with rising medical costs, taxes and insurance, result in a struggle for survival.

##### **Frail Elderly**

Within several categories of disabilities, the inability for self-care and difficulty with independent living are most indicative of a frail condition. Within New Britain, 1,792 individuals over age 65 has such disabilities (according to the 2012 ACS). Elder day care services are available in the City and will be a growing need in the future. Elder care services also benefit the family care givers by allowing them to stay employed. Additional programs will be needed to provide assistance to homebound seniors and increase their access to comprehensive health services, to provide assistance to families and friends caring for frail elderly, and to offer assisted living residences in New Britain.

## **Disabled**

There are a total of 9,380 persons in the City with a disability (according to the 2012 ACS). Of these, there are 5,702 persons reported as having ambulatory difficulties. Many persons with physical disabilities are uninsured and cannot obtain the necessary care, and some facilities are still not fully accessible to the mobility impaired. These persons are limited in their housing choices due to the need for residences with accessible features.

The number of persons reported with cognitive disabilities is 4,477. These are persons with mental or development disabilities that continually and indefinitely prevent them from functioning – including the ability for self-care and employment. Lack of adequate income to sustain decent affordable housing is a leading cause of homelessness among the cognitively disabled population in New Britain. Services needed include intervention/treatment, programming at day, residential and in-home care facilities, transportation to access services, and crisis beds.

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## **Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:**

According to the Connecticut Department of Public Health HIV Surveillance Program, the number of HIV Infection Cases diagnosed each year is declining, from 45 in 2002, to 20 in 2007, to 14 in 2012 and 2013. The total number of persons diagnosed since 2002 is 238. The majority (69%) of these persons are male, and mostly (52%) Hispanic.

According to the National Aids Housing Coalition, due to the improvements in drug therapies and medical care, the number of fatalities from AIDS has decreased. Consequently, the age of people living with HIV/AIDS has increased – in New Britain 30% are aged 40-49, 34% are aged 50-59, and 13% are aged 60+. The Coalition also estimates that half of the people living with HIV/AIDS will need some form of housing assistance during the course of their illness, and it becomes increasingly difficult to find safe, affordable housing because of the stigma associated with the HIV/AIDS population.

The Human Resources Agency in New Britain provides supportive housing to people with HIV/AIDS. Every client receives comprehensive case management services along with rental subsidies so that they will maintain a stable environment. They are connected to entitlements, primary health care, medication adherence, substance abuse treatment, counseling, crisis intervention and other services.

## **Discussion:**



## **NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)**

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:**

**Parks and Recreational Facilities** – The land area presently dedicated to active and passive recreational use in New Britain's park system is generally considered sufficient for the needs of the City's population based on national standards. The most pressing needs in the City with regard to parks and recreation resources is therefore the need to upgrade existing parks, open space and recreational facilities and enhance their operations. This need is greatest at the neighborhood level, particularly within the NRZ areas. Often times, these parks are the only recreational outlet available for low-income families who cannot afford, or lack transportation to, recreational facilities beyond their neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Centers** – There are facilities in the City owned by nonprofit organizations, that qualify as Public Facilities in that they are open for use by the public and serve the identified needs of the persons who reside in the area. These facilities provide recreation or other services that are especially useful for the residents including child care, education and employment training. The operations of these facilities need to be maintained and available for expanded use if possible.

**Senior Centers** – The City's Senior Center is an important resource to serve the socialization and health needs of the elderly residents. As it is projected that the number of elderly residents will be increasing, it will be essential that the quality of the Senior Center facility and programming be continuously upgraded.

**Homeless Facilities** – The City has experienced escalated demands for homelessness assistance, and HUD and the State require that an adequate number of facilities be provided in the City, as the region's urban center, to accommodate the prescribed continuum of care services.

### **How were these needs determined?**

The needs were determined based on a review of the CDBG funding requests of recent years, information provided in current City-wide community documents, programs, and applications as well as statements at public hearings.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:**

Public Improvements include street improvements, sidewalks, water/sewer improvements, flood/drainage improvements, and parking facilities. Because of the age of the City's infrastructure, many of the sewer and drainage main lines in the City need to be replaced or relined. New Britain's roads and streets provide its residents with access to jobs, services, recreation, etc. and are a vital component of the City's infrastructure. There is a need to improve streets and sidewalks in support of other neighborhood revitalization activities to maintain property values and enhance neighborhoods, and in various commercial areas, that have suffered from deterioration and commercial disinvestment, to improve overall streetscape design, and revitalize the commercial district.

## How were these needs determined?

These needs for public improvements are supported in the Neighborhood Revitalization Zone plans, and are substantiated by the City's Public Works department

Needs were determined based on a review of the CDBG funding requests of recent years, information provided in current City-wide community documents, programs, and applications as well as statements at public hearings.

## Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The City's current Consolidated Plan documented the City's most pressing public service needs:

- Neighborhood Services and Programs – to address needs facing residents that relate to the decline in the role of neighborhood institutions such as churches as well as the family and network of neighbors helping neighbors, including in need and facilitate the dissemination of information on available programs and services to those residents who need assistance in accessing them.
- Child Care - quality, affordable child day care, including after school daycare, sick childcare, and infant care.
- Youth Services and Programs - to address the needs of its children and teens including: transportation to activities; employment opportunities for youths in the summer and transitioning from high school; more extra-curricular activities designed for middle school and junior high school- age children. medical, mental health and dental care for children and teens, and prevention and treatment programs geared toward teenage pregnancy.
- Public Safety/Crime Awareness – to provide more police officers specifically neighborhood-based.
- Transportation Services – public transportation to meet the needs of people without access to a private automobile. There is a need for increased capacity of transportation among local services providers.
- Substance abuse services - including outreach and prevention services/ educational programs, programming for children and adolescents and community residences for substance abusers who are HIV- positive, in-patient programming, and residential treatment programming for recovering individuals.
- Educational and employment training – to prepare individuals to assume work responsibilities and obtain necessary skills.
- Emergency assistance for low income households and households and individuals at-risk of homelessness including: food, clothing, financial assistance, housing cost assistance, and fuel/utility assistance.

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**How were these needs determined?**

The needs were determined based on a review of the CDBG funding requests of recent years, information provided in current City-wide community documents, programs, and applications as well as statements at public hearings.

## **Housing Market Analysis**

### **MA-05 Overview**

#### **Housing Market Analysis Overview:**

## MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

### Introduction

#### All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	9,839	30%
1-unit, attached structure	1,000	3%
2-4 units	12,309	38%
5-19 units	4,825	15%
20 or more units	4,268	13%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	26	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,267</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 26 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

#### Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	49	0%	736	5%
1 bedroom	376	3%	4,035	25%
2 bedrooms	3,874	31%	7,185	44%
3 or more bedrooms	8,120	65%	4,284	26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,419</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 27 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

**Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.**

Exhibit A (See Attachment) is a listing of housing projects/sites that are assisted with federal, state and local programs. Seven of these projects, consisting of 800 units, are owned and managed by the New Britain Housing Authority. The other sites are owned by different private businesses or nonprofit organizations that received various Federal or State grants or loans to construct, develop or rehabilitate the housing. Some of the projects/sites continue to receive annual contributions for the tenant rents or subsidies for operating costs. Totalling over nearly 4,000 units, the list does not include any of the 535 units of emergency, transitional, or permanent supportive housing, nor does it include various scattered site housing sites that were developed by the City, Neighborhood Housing Services and Habitat for Humanity and are governed by shorter term affordability requirements.

**Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.**

The City is not aware of any upcoming expirations of Section 8 Project Based contracts or any other Federal or State contract expirations. The number of Section 8 Tenant Based vouchers available to the City has not decreased, but the number of vouchers that can be used decreases each year, as the amount of funds authorized each year does not increase to cover increased rent costs.

**Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?**

The assisted housing in Exhibit A received funding from HUD under various different programs, and/or from various State programs from as long ago as 60 years ago, and therefore the regulations and affordability requirements vary for the different housing sites. Much of the housing is governed by the standard that a renter can pay no more rent than 30% of their income. Some of the other, less stringently regulated sites are not affordable to extremely low-income persons.

For the project-based public housing owned by the New Britain Housing Authority, there are currently 392 households on the waiting list for a unit. The waiting list for Section 8 vouchers is currently 124, and the NBHA may announce an open registration period soon to accept either 500 or 700 applicants for a place on the list. The last time there was an open registration, the NBHA received over 10,000 applications.

For the other project based housing sites owned there is an average two-year waiting period before a unit may be offered.

**Describe the need for specific types of housing:**

The New Britain Housing authority's wait list for units by bedroom size is:

1 bedroom, 297; 2 bedroom, 225; 3 bedroom, 121; 0 bedroom 16; and 4 bedroom, 3.

The highest demand for 1 bedroom units reflects the increases in single-person households, including in the 50-60 aged population. What was previously determined to be a high un-met need for 4 bedroom units is no longer the case, and fewer households qualify for these large units.

**Discussion**

## MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

### Introduction

### Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Median Home Value	97,600	174,000	78%
Median Contract Rent	494	721	46%

Table 28 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	3,800	23.4%
\$500-999	10,975	67.6%
\$1,000-1,499	1,278	7.9%
\$1,500-1,999	107	0.7%
\$2,000 or more	80	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table 29 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	2,170	No Data
50% HAMFI	6,575	900
80% HAMFI	12,925	3,585
100% HAMFI	No Data	6,135
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,670</b>	<b>10,620</b>

Table 30 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

### Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	704	883	1,101	1,371	1,593
High HOME Rent	749	939	1,170	1,449	1,596
Low HOME Rent	749	822	987	1,140	1,272

Table 31 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

### **Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?**

HUD-adjusted data is presented above on the number of units that are affordable to households at different income levels. In order to assess this data, more specific information is needed, including whether the affordability is due to Section 8 vouchers or other subsidies. The HUD data previously presented reports that there are 4,615 extremely low income households who are paying more than 30% of their income for rental housing costs. There is not sufficient housing for households who are extremely low income. The number of efficiency units in the City has stagnated since 1990 at around 700 units and is insufficient considering the number of extremely low income single persons for whom an efficiency unit would be more affordable.

### **How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?**

Between 2000 and 2010, the median home value (HUD data) rose 78% from \$97,600 to \$174,000. When the City's revaluation occurred, this resulted in higher assessed values and higher property taxes. Persons on fixed incomes, primarily the elderly cannot afford tax increases. This is a contributing cause to the increased numbers of very-low income homeowners experiencing excessive cost burdens.

More recent data (ACS) shows that the median home value has been decreasing, to \$159,800 in 2012, and to \$150,500 in 2013. However, the tax rate was raised because of the City's budget problems, and as of 2013, 38% of homeowners with a mortgage had housing costs over 35% of their income and 17% of homeowners without a mortgage had housing costs over 35% of their income. The inflationary cost of taxes and utilities and other maintenance expenses are passed on to renters. Also between 2000 and 2011, the median rent increased 46%, from \$494 to \$721. More recent data (ACS) shows that the median rent has been increasing, to \$831 in 2012 and to \$922 in 2013; and as of 2013, 40% of all renters were paying over 35% of their income on housing costs.

### **How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?**

The HUD Fair Market Rent standards that are used in connection with the Section 8 Voucher Program and the HUD rent limits for the HOME Program are based on the Hartford Metropolitan Area. They are higher than the median rent charged in New Britain. The city will use HOME funds for housing rehabilitation and/or new construction and enforce the HOME rent limits to ensure that the housing is affordable.

### **Discussion**



## MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

### Introduction

### Definitions

Data provided by HUD to identify substandard units is based on Census-based estimates of the number of units lacking plumbing facilities. The City defines substandard generally as units not meeting HUD Housing Quality Standards.

### Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	5,271	42%	8,087	50%
With two selected Conditions	175	1%	476	3%
With three selected Conditions	0	0%	40	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	6,973	56%	7,637	47%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,419</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 32 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	248	2%	88	1%
1980-1999	1,364	11%	1,749	11%
1950-1979	5,796	47%	6,129	38%
Before 1950	5,011	40%	8,274	51%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,419</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,240</b>	<b>101%</b>

Table 33 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

### Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	10,807	87%	14,403	89%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	320	3%	190	1%

Table 34 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Total Units) 2007-2011 CHAS (Units with Children present)

## Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

**Table 35 - Vacant Units**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**

Note to Vacant Units Data

**Data Source Comments:**

It is estimated that there 3,784 vacant housing units 3% of the homeowner units and 11 % of the rental units. A substantial number of these vacant units may have issues with their condition. The number of abandoned vacant units is unknown. Exhibit D (See Attachment) shows the level of foreclosures in the City according to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority.

## Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

In the Condition of Units chart above, the definition of a "condition" can include a unit that is in fine condition but houses a tenant who is paying more than 30% of his/her income. The definition, used by HUD and the Census, also evaluates condition based on whether there are complete kitchen and bathroom facilities. This information alone cannot be used to assess the amount of the city's housing stock that is suitable for rehabilitation. There is a need for rehabilitation of housing in the City based on:

- The majority, over 85% of the housing is over 35 years old;
- Although rent levels may be too high for many low-income tenants, they are reasonable compared to other towns and may not allow for landlords to accumulate reserve funds for necessary improvements;
- Elderly homeowners on a fixed income, faced with escalating tax and utility costs, defer maintenance and/or repairs.
- The need for ongoing rehabilitation is evident, visually, and is substantiated by the City's experience with managing rehabilitation programs and enforcing housing and fire codes.

## Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

## Discussion

# MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

## Introduction

## Totals Number of Units

	Program Type					
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers		
				Total	Project-based	Tenant-based
# of units vouchers available			1,607	1,702	70	656
# of accessible units			49			
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition						
Special Purpose Voucher						
					Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
						Disabled *

Alternate Data Source Name:  
Data from Housing Authority  
Data Source Comments:

Table 36 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

## Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

The NBHA supplies 456 units of housing for the elderly and disabled, as follows: Bond Street Apts, 64 units built in 1942; Knapp Village, 60 units built in 1960; Kennedy Apts, 70 units built in 1965; Ribicoff Apts, 104 units built in 1969; Graham Apts, 100 units built in 1974; and D'Amato Apts, 58 units built in 1981. The Bond Street Apts are planned for demolition due their age, condition and density levels. In order to replace these units, the NBHA partnered with Pennrose Properties for construction of the Jefferson Apts which was completed and fully occupied by 2014. At this site, there are 70 project based vouchers under a HAP Agreement. According to the NBHA, the elderly/ disabled units received an inspection score from HUD of 89. The NBHA has 348 units of family housing: Mt. Pleasant, 188 units built in 1942, and Oval Grove, 160 units built in 1956. Mt. Pleasant received an inspection score of 72, and Oval Grove received 85.

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## Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score

Table 37 - Public Housing Condition

**Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:**

**Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:**

The NBHA receives HUD Capital Improvements funds on an annual basis to use for improvements to the public housing units. The annual allocation is approximately \$1.4 million. In the past few years, major improvement projects included: gutters, doors and kitchen renovations at Mt. Pleasant; ADA conversion for 4 units and door replacements at Oval Grove; sidewalk and parking resurfacing, electrical upgrades and tank removal at Knapp Village; roof replacement at Kennedy; balcony repairs at Ribicoff; kitchen replacements at Graham; fire panel replacement, kitchen and carpet replacement at D'Amato; and installation of security cameras at all sites.

**Discussion:**

# MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

## Introduction

### Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds		Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	28	40	32	194	0
Households with Only Adults	61	0	23	157	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	18
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 38 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households**

Alternate Data Source Name:  
Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH)  
Data Source Comments:

**Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons**

While there are numerous causes of homelessness, including unemployment, eviction, domestic violence, transience, relocations and fire among others, once homeless, significant portions of New Britain's homeless population have service needs relating to mental illness, chemical and/or alcohol dependencies, domestic violence and/or AIDS. It is estimated that the majority of the homeless population requires social services (i.e. case management, outreach, awareness, detoxification, etc.) relating to alcohol and/or drug abuse. Additionally, homeless families have support service needs relating to domestic violence. Persons fleeing domestic violence require food, clothing, shelter and special counseling to help them confront or avoid their abusers. A smaller portion of the homeless requires service needs relating to AIDS/HIV. Finally, the homeless population requires assistance relating to employment and job training and services to meet their physical, emotional and psychological needs impacted by neglect (this more frequently relates to homeless youth). Youth services and educational programs are extremely important due to the high number of homeless families with children. Discussions with service providers indicate that many of these children are actually acting as the head of household. In addition, the Board of Education's Homelessness Liaison reports that approximately 300 students are currently residing in "doubling up" living situations.

Clearly, the typical homeless person has needs which surpass those relating to shelter – as a result, many homeless of New Britain have special needs. The sub-populations of the homeless within the City warrant a more careful look when considering the causes of homelessness, the current realm of services/agencies that serve the homeless populations, and the sub-groups within the homeless population.

Below is an inventory of those facilities and services that assist homeless individuals, homeless families with children and sub-populations within these groups. Services include outreach and assessment, emergency shelters and services, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, access to permanent housing and activities to prevent low-income individuals and families with children (especially those with incomes below 30% of the median) from becoming homeless.

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**List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.**

Homelessness in New Britain has been a challenge for many years. While the original efforts to provide nighttime shelter to homeless individuals began with a volunteer organization, the approach has evolved into a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary collaborative one. The services within the City have been developed and supported with the goal being to provide a continuum of care that encourages and challenges homeless persons to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Facilities and services that assist homeless individuals, homeless families with children and sub-populations within these groups include outreach and assessment, emergency shelters and services, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, access to permanent housing and activities to prevent low-income individuals and families with children from becoming homeless.

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## **MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)**

### **Introduction**

According to the Connecticut Department of Public Health HIV Surveillance Program, the number of HIV Infection Cases diagnosed each year is declining, from 45 in 2002, to 20 in 2007, to 14 in 2012 and 2013. The total number of persons diagnosed since 2002 is 238. The majority (69%) of these persons are male, and mostly (52%) Hispanic.

According to the National Aids Housing Coalition, due to the improvements in drug therapies and medical care, the number of fatalities from AIDS has decreased. Consequently, the age of people living with HIV/AIDS has increased – in New Britain 30% are aged 40-49, 34% are aged 50-59, and 13% are aged 60+. The Coalition also estimates that half of the people living with HIV/AIDS will need some form of housing assistance during the course of their illness, and it becomes increasingly difficult to find safe, affordable housing because of the stigma associated with the HIV/AIDS population.

The Human Resources Agency in New Britain provides supportive housing to people with HIV/AIDS. Every client receives comprehensive case management services along with rental subsidies so that they will maintain a stable environment. They are connected to entitlements, primary health care, medication adherence, substance abuse treatment, counseling, crisis intervention and other services.

**Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs.**

**Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing**

See Homeless Section

**Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)**

The City may continue to utilize HOME funds to support the housing and supportive services needs for persons with HIV/AIDS through allocations to the Human Resources Agency, and CDBG funds for public service programming that may provide supportive services to the elderly, the frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, public housing residents and other categories of special needs.



## **MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)**

### **Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment**

Within the City of New Britain there are barriers to affordable housing, which include not only the cost and availability of land but also cost incurred in order to bring a structure up to current standards and codes. Requirements of the City at times can also limit the incentives to develop, maintain, or improve affordable housing. Specifically building codes, fees, charges and other policies can affect the return on residential investment which in turn is passed on in the form of rent increases to tenants.

Another barrier to the purchasing and developing of affordable housing is the lack of local banking system that can assist in the redeveloping of community neighborhoods. With today's continuing mergers and acquisitions of national banks, community banking is limited and tends to slow community investment.

New Britain lacks vacant land for new development and most neighborhoods are highly concentrated. In recent years affordable housing production has been through rehabilitation and reuse of existing structures located throughout the City. Homeownership assistance has also been established, however mostly utilized for the purchase of existing homes and new construction of units is limited. One of the most difficult barriers to creating and improving affordable housing is due to the nature of the housing stock and costs involved with rehabilitation. The older stock found throughout the city causes great financial difficulties for rehabilitation. Bringing these structures up to State and Local code, in many cases, does not facilitate a financially feasible project. Many potential affordable housing improvements and creation is lost due to this high cost of compliance. New strategies of financing and assistance to current owners and developers should be investigated to attempt to overcome the financial challenges faced with rehabilitation to the older housing stock within the City.

# MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

## Introduction

## Economic Development Market Analysis

### Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	88	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	2,722	1,125	11	6	-5
Construction	965	544	4	3	-1
Education and Health Care Services	5,994	7,168	24	39	15
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	2,079	1,439	8	8	0
Information	596	228	2	1	-1
Manufacturing	4,117	3,726	16	20	4
Other Services	1,153	921	5	5	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	1,755	761	7	4	-3
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	3,635	1,439	14	8	-6
Transportation and Warehousing	847	683	3	4	1
Wholesale Trade	1,185	511	5	3	-2
Total	25,136	18,545	--	--	--

**Table 39 - Business Activity**

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

## Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	38,646
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	33,482
Unemployment Rate	13.36
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	30.27
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	9.91

Table 40 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	5,113
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,462
Service	4,488
Sales and office	8,263
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	2,583
Production, transportation and material moving	2,521

Table 41 - Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

## Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	24,163	76%
30-59 Minutes	6,619	21%
60 or More Minutes	942	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,724</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 42 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

## Education:

### Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	3,407	951	3,074
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	8,798	1,460	2,261
Some college or Associate's degree	7,505	999	1,267
Bachelor's degree or higher	6,175	249	776

Table 43 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	121	533	556	1,699	2,169
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,568	1,458	955	2,231	1,499
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,441	3,823	3,102	5,594	3,553
Some college, no degree	4,932	2,222	1,534	3,066	944
Associate's degree	287	946	767	1,243	338
Bachelor's degree	547	1,817	962	1,693	341
Graduate or professional degree	52	920	509	1,299	594

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	22,543
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	30,075
Some college or Associate's degree	34,368
Bachelor's degree	44,078
Graduate or professional degree	52,275

Table 45 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

### Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

According to the Business Activity table, the business sector in New Britain with the most workers and the most jobs is Education and Health Care Services. In this sector, the number of jobs exceeds the number of workers, reflecting an undersupply of labor. Other major sectors are Manufacturing and Retail. The top five employers in the City are the Hospital of Central Connecticut, the Hospital of Special Care, the City and Board of Education, the State of Connecticut, and Central Connecticut State University.

### Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Only 30% of New Britain residents work in the City now. However, there are more people commuting into New Britain for work than there are New Britain residents working here. (Connecticut Economic Resource Center, 2010 Town Profile) An estimated 65% of the people employed in the City reside in other cities and towns.

With manufacturing still a substantial sector that provides jobs with the highest overall salaries per employee, the City needs to retain and expand this sector. As the manufacturing operations have become more technical and computerized, there is often a shortage of workforce with the necessary work experience for these jobs. The tax rate on commercial and industrial properties compared to other towns or regions has been a contributing cause of companies relocating outside the City. The shortage of developable land or available modern facilities in New Britain is another disincentive attracting manufacturing businesses.

**Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.**

Construction of the New Britain-Hartford Busway – CT FastTrak - has been recently completed. It is anticipated that the Busway will be an important catalyst for many of the city's goals, including the redevelopment of downtown, diversification of housing stock and business and economic development. Also, through the State's Incentive Housing Zone Program, the City has been planning to develop workforce housing to take advantage of the potential for transit oriented development offered by the Busway. IHZ locations are proposed near to the new busway stations to create mixed use developments containing commercial uses and affordable and market-rate housing. This would diversify the housing stock to provide housing options for middle class workers who will not only bring greater incomes and tax revenues but also inject new vitality to the community. The State IHZ legislation includes financial incentives for this type of transit oriented development, but the funding has been stalled.

**How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?**

Education and Health Care Services is the only sector reported with an undersupply of workers. The majority of full-time jobs available in these sectors require college education in specialized fields. Between 15-20% of the New Britain labor force does not have a high school degree, and between 78-83% do not have a college degree.

There is also a shortage in New Britain of construction and skilled craftsmen such as needed for contract work in rehabilitating housing in the City.

**Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.**

As the state's regional Workforce Investment Board in North Central Connecticut, Capital Workforce Partners coordinates programs and initiatives to develop a skilled, educated and vital workforce for a competitive regional economy. The organization is guided by a Consortium of the region's chief and elected officials and by representatives from business, education and labor serving on its Board of Directors. Capital Workforce Partners promotes and invests in youth and future workforce development solutions; identifies and supports development of sustainable career paths for adult workers; and assists employers in targeted industries, helping them grow and remain competitive. CWP initiatives underway include:

### Health Care Training -

Connecticut faces an aging population that will result in an increased need for healthcare workers, particularly those skilled in gerontology and long-term care. From 2005 to 2011, the number of healthcare and social assistance workers in the region increased by over 11,000. Demands for skilled health care workers continue to outpace the growth of the workforce.

CWP examined the effectiveness of existing healthcare workers and determined that the workers generally possess deficiencies with basic literacy, job readiness and computer literacy, clinical and technology skills that contribute to unacceptable outcomes for clients and the workers. Healthcare reform brings a new set of challenges for healthcare employers which include the critical need for training in healthcare information technology and medical coding. CWP, in partnership with MACH (Metro Hartford Alliance for Careers) is countering these problems with REACH - Re-Employment Alliance for Careers in Healthcare. REACH will train 300 individuals for positions in Nursing and Information Technology in the healthcare sector. 85% of the participants will be long-term unemployed and 15% will be incumbent workers. RNs already employed at the region's healthcare facilities to be trained in critically needed specialties.

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### **Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?**

**If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.**

The City participated in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy as a member of the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency in 2011. The CEDS outlined a five-year strategy for regional planning and cooperation, responsible growth, workforce development, business attraction and retention, and physical infrastructure. There were two New Britain infrastructure projects identified in the CEDS – the Pinnacle Business Park and the Hospital of Central Connecticut Cancer Center – and the Hartford-New Britain Busway project. All of these initiatives are being implemented.

### **Discussion**

## MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

**Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (Include a definition of "concentration")**

The City is divided into 21 census tracts. Each census tract is then further divided into smaller sections called block groups. HUD provides data, on the income levels of residents, by block group, but no information about housing problems is available geographically.

**Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")**

A map showing the low/mod block groups is Exhibit B in the Consolidated Plan Attachment. There are 60 block groups in the City. Of these:

- 19 have over 50% minority and over 50% low/mod income
- 15 have over 50% white and over 50% low/mod income
- 8 have over 50% minority and less than 50% low/mod income
- 7 have over 50% white and less than 50% low/mod income
- 8 have over 50% minority and over 80% low/mod income
- 3 have over 50% white and over 80% low/mod income

A map showing the low/mod block groups is Exhibit C in the Consolidated Plan Attachment. The block groups with the greatest concentrations are:

See Attachment

# 4171-2	84% Minority	100% low/mod income - Arch/Pearl/Franklin
# 4161-1	82% Minority	95% low/mod income – Erwin/Wilcox/Oak/Allen
# 4161-2	86% Minority	93% low/mod income - North/Union/Beaver
# 4159-2	25% Minority	91% low/mod income - Curtis/Burritt
# 4155-3	70% Minority	90% low/mod income - Maple/Columbus/Whiting
# 4162-1	66% Minority	89% low/mod income - Ledgecrest
# 4163-3	43% Minority	85% low/mod income - Sunrise
# 4157-1	51% Minority	85% low/mod income - Arch/Winthrop



### **What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?**

In these neighborhoods with the highest concentrations of low/mod income residents the housing is mostly older, multi-family, the areas are within or on the edge of commercial/mixed uses, and it is likely that much of the housing is absentee owner. Block group 4162-1 is the Ledgecrest housing site, which is all rental units.

### **Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?**

Block Group 4171-2, with the highest concentration of low/mod residents is the block group with the smallest number of residents, at 410. Within these blocks are the Friendship Service Center's emergency and transitional housing and soup kitchen, the historic Armory, YWCA, the HIV/AIDs center and several elderly housing sites. The south end of Main Street is in this area, but it is best defined as the Arch Street neighborhood. On the periphery are churches, schools, the Courthouse, New Britain's Theater District downtown, the Hospital, and the Walnut Hill Historic District.

Block Group 4161-1 is the west side of the Oak Street neighborhood. The east side of Oak Street was targeted for significant investments in the past 15 years. A police substation was constructed, derelict properties were demolished, Urban Oaks Organic Farm brought natural beauty to the area, and Habitat for Humanity volunteers built new homes to provide homeownership opportunities. The City worked with HUD to demolish a high-crime housing project and replace it with a neighborhood park. In this east side of the Oak Street neighborhood, the low/mod income concentration has improved, from 78 % to 63% since 2000.

### **Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?**

There is recent renewed interest in the Arch Street Neighborhood, with some community members and leaders hoping to see it become a thriving residential/ commercial street with Hispanic businesses and services, as Broad Street was revitalized with primarily Polish owned and focused businesses. The street was rebuilt with period lighting and other features, but most of the buildings are in need of significant repairs. The city is sponsoring major renovation of one of these buildings that will be used as veterans transitional housing with support services.

The City and housing development agencies such Habitat for Humanity and Neighborhood Housing Services continue to look for viable rehabilitation projects in the Oak Street Neighborhood that could continue the improvements made in that vicinity.

## **Strategic Plan**

### **SP-05 Overview**

#### **Strategic Plan Overview**

## SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

### Geographic Area

Table 46 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	City of New Britain
	Area Type:	City
	Other Target Area Description:	City
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
2	Area Name:	NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONES
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	NRZs
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

## **General Allocation Priorities**

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

## SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

### Priority Needs

Table 47 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Affordable and Appropriate Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Other
	Geographic Areas Affected	City
	Associated Goals	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing
	Description	Affordable and appropriate housing for single persons.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.
2	Priority Need Name	High Cost Burden
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly veterans Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	City
	Associated Goals	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	Description	High cost burden for extremely low, low-income, and moderate-income renters and owners.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.
3	Priority Need Name	Support and Mental Health Services
	Priority Level	High

	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk
	<b>Description</b>	Support and mental health services for the homeless, and homeless prevention strategies and services for at-risk individuals and families.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.
4	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Employment Options and Skills Training
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Employment Options for Homeless and those at Risk
	<b>Description</b>	Employment options for persons coming out of homelessness or at risk.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.
5	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Housing and Property Improvements
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High

	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly veterans Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Description</b>	Housing and Property Improvements
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.
6	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Priority Level</b>	Low
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Improve Public Facilities
	<b>Description</b>	Continued operation and expansion of parks and recreational facilities, neighborhood centers, and senior centers.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.
7	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Improvements
	<b>Priority Level</b>	Low

	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Improvement of Infrastructure
	<b>Description</b>	Street and sidewalk improvements in support of neighborhood revitalization
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.
8	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Services
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Description</b>	Public services for low income and at-risk people.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.
9	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Job Training
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High



	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate veterans Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Continuance of Job Related Public Services
	<b>Description</b>	Continuance and expansion of existing training programs
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.
10	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Business Expansion
	<b>Priority Level</b>	Low
	<b>Population</b>	Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	City
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Description</b>	New and expanded businesses to create job opportunities
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.

### Narrative (Optional)

Needs designated as High are urgent needs, over and above normal City business.

## SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

### Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	The identified high cost burdens especially for extremely low income residents shows a need that could be helped by tenant based rental assistance using HOME funds. The City's allocation of HOME funds has been diminishing, and this type of assistance would serve only a handful of families. The City's HOME funds have a greater benefit in leveraging private investment in support of housing rehabilitation with long-term affordability requirements.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	The City has been utilizing HOME funds for supportive housing for persons with HIV/AIDS. This special needs population is a smaller universe of extremely low income persons, and the City's limited HOME funds can help meet the demand for housing for this vulnerable population. The HOME funds leverage Federal (HUD HOPWA) and State funds paid for an established program with case management and support services.
New Unit Production	New housing construction utilizing HOME funds enforces long-term unit affordability requirements which reduce high cost burdens for extremely low income residents. HOME funds may also be used for new construction of fair market housing as part of planned transit oriented developments.
Rehabilitation	Both CDBG and HOME funds are needed to rehabilitate the City's aging housing stock through loans and grants to homeowners such as the many low-income elderly owners, and to propertyowners who will be committed to long-term affordability requirements that reduce high cost burdens for renters.
Acquisition, including preservation	Both CDBG and HOME funds may be used for acquisition of properties, especially when necessary for the City to protect its investment of HUD funding on assisted housing that may be lost through foreclosure.

Table 48 – Influence of Market Conditions

# SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

## Introduction

## Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,459,410	101,000	0	1,560,410	The City anticipates receiving \$35,000 from revolving funds through the Neighborhood Preservation Program and \$66,000 through the Business Assistance Program which will be used to support new projects under these programs.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	452,830	137,976	0	590,806	0	The City anticipates receiving \$5,976 in program income through the HOME Rehabilitation Program and \$132,000 through the Home Ownership Program which will be used to support new projects under these programs.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 49 - Anticipated Resources

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

**Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)**

The City was notified that FY 2015 ESG funds are not allocated to the City, due to HUD's re-evaluation of the data. It is possible that the City's ESG funding eligibility will be reinstated in the future, if there were to be another re-evaluation or if the Federal annual funding levels are increased. The City will apply to the State of Connecticut for a share of the ESG funds that HUD allocates to the State.

**Continuum of Care**

Estimated Amount Year 1        \$2,200,000

Estimated Remainder            \$8,800,000

Funding for various supportive housing, transitional housing, permanent housing and shelter-plus-care programs provided to three nonprofit agencies in New Britain – the Friendship Service Center, Community Mental Health Affiliates, and the Prudence Crandall Center.

Source: Public – Federal

**General Funds**

Tax revenues provide funding for general City services. Many of the programs including senior services, social services, and health services described in this Consolidated Plan are supported by these funds.

Source public-local

**Housing Trust Fund**

**Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)**

The Friendship Center receives funds under the Grant and Per Diem Program. The VA reimburses them up to \$29.31 for each of up to five beds per night that are reserved for homeless veterans.

Veterans In., a nonprofit from Massachusetts is using funds from the U. S. Veterans Affairs awarded funds under the Capital Grant component of the VA Homeless Providers Program to develop veterans housing in New Britain. Veterans Inc. is the largest provider of services to veterans and their families in New England. The VA funds will be used for building renovations to result in 18 units of transitional housing for chronically homeless single men. The City is contributing CDBG and/or HOME funds for this project. Once completed and occupied, VA funds will be used to subsidize the rent cost.

Source: public-federal

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**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

N/A

#### **Discussion**

## SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of New Britain Mayor's Office	Government	Planning	Jurisdiction
New Britain Department of Municipal Development	Government	Economic Development Ownership Planning Rental	Jurisdiction
New Britain Parks & Recreation	Government	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
New Britain Public Works	Government	public facilities	Jurisdiction
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN	PHA	Homelessness Public Housing Rental	Jurisdiction
Friendship Services Center of New Britain	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs	Jurisdiction
PRUDENCE CRANDALL CENTER, INC.	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
Community Mental Health Agency	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs	Jurisdiction
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF NEW BRITAIN, INC.	CHDO	Ownership Rental	Jurisdiction
Veterans Inc	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Jurisdiction

Table 50 - Institutional Delivery Structure

### Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The institutional structure through which New Britain will carry out its housing and community development plan is made up of organizations from the public, non-profit and private sectors, and involves public/private partnerships among many housing and social service organizations.

#### Federal Agencies

The Federal government, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides a major funding source for housing development and rehabilitation, as well as community development activities through the direct allocation of CDBG funds to the City of New Britain.

#### State Agencies

Several State agencies are involved in the development and implementation of housing and community development activities in the City. The Connecticut Housing Finance Agency (CHFA) provides financing and loans for the development of affordable housing, as well as low-interest mortgages to first-time homebuyers. The State Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Housing also provides grants and loans for the economic development and construction, rehabilitation and improvement of affordable housing through a variety of programs. Other State agencies, such as the State Department of Children and Family Services, the State Department of Mental Health, and the State Department of Human Resources, together with non-profit agencies, support programs targeted specifically to the lowest income households

#### Local Agencies

The City of New Britain Municipal Development Department is involved with development and implementation of housing and community development activities in the City and has primary responsibility for implementing the priorities and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan. The New Britain Housing Authority is responsible for a large supply of public housing stock, the Section 8 existing rental and housing voucher assistance and Family Self-sufficiency programs. Other City agencies which play a role in implementing various community development activities and programs in New Britain include the Department of Community Services and the City Health Department. Finally, many of the public works projects that are funded through the CDBG program, such as park improvements, street and sidewalk repairs, etc. are implemented by City departments.

#### Non-Profit Organizations

Non-profit agencies play a primary role in the provision of affordable housing, supportive social services, and economic development activities. These organizations have constant contact with the public, which provides them with a unique understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the City's housing and human service delivery system.

#### Private Industry

The private sector participants in the development of affordable housing include contractors, builders, developers, foundations and financial institutions, that provide construction financing, low- interest rehabilitation loans, mortgage financing and loan servicing. Many private businesses are involved in organizations which support the efforts of human service agencies and work to increase economic opportunities in New Britain.

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**Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services**

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X		
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X	X	X
<b>Street Outreach Services</b>			
Law Enforcement	X		
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	
<b>Supportive Services</b>			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X		
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X		
Healthcare	X		X
HIV/AIDS	X		X
Life Skills	X		
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X		
<b>Other</b>			
Food	X	X	

**Table 51 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary**

**Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)**

**HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES**

Counseling/Advocacy – Counseling regarding housing issues is available through the City's Community Services Department and its Office of Human Rights and Opportunities Fair Housing Program, the Human Resources Agency's Eviction Prevention Program, and the Friendship Service Center's intake and service staff. The Prudence Crandall Center provides comprehensive counseling for victims of domestic violence, and the YWCA counsels victims of sexual assault. The HRA's Polish Outreach Program and the Spanish Speaking Center provide advocacy for persons with language problems.

Legal Assistance – The Connecticut Legal Services Office is located accessibly in downtown and counsels persons who are being evicted from their homes.

Rental Assistance – The Friendship Service Center’s Rapid Re-housing Program and its various Permanent Supportive Housing Programs provide long-term rental vouchers for qualifying homeless individuals and families using HUD ESG and CoC funds. The City’s Community Services Department accepts and processes applications for renter’s rebates for qualifying persons with disabilities. The Housing Authority administers the Section 8 voucher program.

Utilities Assistance - The Human Resources Agency operates the Fuel Assistance Program. The Friendship Service Center’s voucher programs also pay for utilities in qualifying cases.

**Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above**

As the Friendship Service Center has expanded to provide increased services, persons facing homelessness benefit from the concentration of services within this one organization and its ability to gain cooperation and assistance from other City organizations if necessary.

Each nonprofit service provider is faced with constant budget cuts and challenging financial decisions as Federal and State funding levels ebb and flow. This is also a challenge for the City staff where many positions have been eliminated due to budget shortfalls.

The loss of the HUD Emergency Solutions Grant will create another gap of funding for the shelters and the Rapid Re-Housing Program.

With all the accessible services within the City, persons in need come here for shelter and services; and finding them, they often stay. In the City’s overflow shelter, nearly half of the homeless are from another town or city. For a City that has been suffering from loss of industry, economic downturns, and a pervasive negative perception, the vagrant communing in Downtown further impedes economic development efforts. There is a frustration from residents that the surrounding towns do not have a service delivery system for their own residents, and this has resulted in opposition to new proposals for expanded services and facilities.

Despite all the services available within the City, there remain many New Britain residents who do not get the help they need. Many need to find housing or maintain their housing situation, but they do not have sufficient income. They do not yet qualify for any of the homeless services or homeless prevention services. They are told to apply for Section 8 assistance, which will take years to receive, or to find a friend or family member to live with. Some are relentless in their pleas that there must be some help available, and still they do not qualify for assistance. Some are not heard from again, and it is hoped but not known if they were able to find any solutions.

**Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs**

Most organizations that provide homeless or homeless prevention services are members of the Continuum of Care for New Britain. The CoC for New Britain is a sub-CoC in the Connecticut Balance of State (CT BOS) Continuum of Care (CoC), a united coalition of community and state systems, whose mission is to assist homeless and near-homeless residents to obtain housing, economic stability, and an

enhanced quality of life through comprehensive services. The CT BOS CoC is designed to address critical issues related to homelessness through a coordinated community-based process of identifying and addressing needs utilizing not only HUD dollars, but also mainstream resources and other sources of funding. The CT BOS is comprised of multiple sub-CoCs from different localities which guide the community's work around homeless housing and services. The sub-CoCs are the core organizing and implementation entities for local implementation of housing and service initiatives intended to help to end homelessness. The sub CoCs bring local providers and stakeholders together to collaboratively address homelessness and plan for housing and services in their region.

New Britain homeless service providers are also a part of a Coordinated Access Network that collaborates with surrounding towns and the State's 211 system to ensure access to shelter to all who need it.

In 2005, Mayor Timothy Stewart made a commitment to create a plan to end homelessness in New Britain in the next 10 years. In 2007, the Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness was established to develop a collective understanding of the current and emerging influences and outcomes of poverty and homelessness and to identify needs, gaps and opportunities in the City.

In 2014, Mayor Erin Stewart reviewed the 10 year plan and reworked it to better address the needs of our homeless population and the social service providers. The Building Hope Together task force is based on a vision for New Britain as a place of wide opportunity, with business that employ all who are able to work, and where all residents find economic opportunity and a place to call home. The BHT includes the primary homeless providers as well as members of organizations that encounter people faced with homelessness routinely now, as part of carrying out their regular functions -- City departments of Health, Municipal Development, Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services -- the Hospital of Central Connecticut; the New Britain Housing Authority, the Board of Education; Central Connecticut State University and its Community Central satellite; funders including the United Way, Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, and American Savings Foundation; collaborating business stakeholders including the Chamber of Commerce, McCue Mortgage, and Okay Industries; local area landlord consortium; Capital Workforce Partners, Neighborhood Housing Services, Connecticut Legal Services, the YMCA which has SRO units, the YWCA which employs the Homeless Employment Coordinator, and many religious congregations who bring volunteers to serve food and assist in various ways.

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## SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of New Britain	Affordable and Appropriate Housing High Cost Burden Housing and Property Improvements		Rental units constructed: 25 Household Housing Unit  Rental units rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
2	Affordable Homeownership Opportunities	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONES City of New Britain	High Cost Burden Housing and Property Improvements		Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit  Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 150 Household Housing Unit  Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 25 Households Assisted
3	Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk	2015	2019	Homeless	City of New Britain	Support and Mental Health Services		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 820 Persons Assisted
4	Employment Options for Homeless and those at Risk	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of New Britain	Employment Options and Skills Training		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Improve Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of New Britain	Public Facilities		Other: 5 Other
6	Improvement of Infrastructure	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of New Britain	Public Improvements		Other: 250 Other
7	Continuance of Public Services	2015	2019	Public Services	City of New Britain	Public Services		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted
8	Continuance of Job Related Public Services	2015	2019	Public Services	City of New Britain	Job Training		Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 350 Persons Assisted
9	Economic Development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of New Britain	Business Expansion		Jobs created/retained: 50 Jobs

Table 52 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing
	Goal Description	Provide affordable rental housing opportunities by increasing the supply and availability of affordable rental housing in the City and affordable market housing in strategic locations.
2	Goal Name	Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	Goal Description	Support affordable homeownership opportunities through the rehabilitation of existing ownership housing, provision of down payment assistance and improving the availability of supportive social services to homeowners.

3	Goal Name	Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk
	Goal Description	Increase the level and delivery of support and mental health services to the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless.
4	Goal Name	Employment Options for Homeless and those at Risk
	Goal Description	Increase employment options for persons coming out of homelessness or at risk.
5	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Improve existing, and encourage development of, neighborhood facilities serving low/mod-income populations.
6	Goal Name	Improvement of Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Encourage the continued improvement of the city's infrastructure, particularly with regard to street/sidewalk improvements, and removal of architectural barriers activities.
7	Goal Name	Continuance of Public Services
	Goal Description	Support the continuance of public service programs.
8	Goal Name	Continuance of Job Related Public Services
	Goal Description	Support the continuance of employment training programs
9	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Support new and expanded businesses to create job opportunities.

**Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)**

The City will provide affordable housing to approximately 113 families during the 5-year Con Plan period.

## **SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)**

### **Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)**

The NBHA does not have a 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement with HUD. Once it meets the required standard in terms of the number of units, it will sign a 504 Agreement. Accessible units in the NBHA's housing are: Oval Grove, 8 units; Knapp Village, 4 units; Ribicoff, 6 units; Graham, 4 units; and D'Amato, 6 units. There are also 21 visual and hearing impaired units. When possible, Capital Improvement funds are used for conversion of units to accessible standards.

### **Activities to Increase Resident Involvements**

Resident associations will continue to be organized at each of the New Britain housing projects. A resident Advisory Board, comprised of tenants from each housing site, is actively involved with developing and approving the Housing Authority's Annual and Five-Year Plan required by HUD. The NBHA has initiated a consultation process with residents and other stakeholders concerning the planned redevelopment project for disposition and demolition of the Bond Street elderly/disabled units and one building from the Mt. Pleasant family housing development. The NBHA enforces a Community Service Policy that requires residents to perform eight hours of community service a month. Through community service, the NBHA hopes that its residents will be able to improve not only their lives, but also improve the surrounding community in the process.

### **Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?**

No

## **SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)**

### **Barriers to Affordable Housing**

Within the City of New Britain there are barriers to affordable housing, which include not only the cost and availability of land but also cost incurred in order to bring a structure up to current standards and codes. Requirements of the City at times can also limit the incentives to develop, maintain, or improve affordable housing. Specifically building codes, fees, charges and other policies can affect the return on residential investment which in turn is passed on in the form of rent increases to tenants.

Another barrier to the purchasing and developing of affordable housing is the lack of local banking system that can assist in the redeveloping of community neighborhoods. With today's continuing mergers and acquisitions of national banks, community banking is limited and tends to slow community investment.

New Britain lacks vacant land for new development and most neighborhoods are highly concentrated. In recent years affordable housing production has been through rehabilitation and reuse of existing structures located throughout the City. Homeownership assistance has also been established, however mostly utilized for the purchase of existing homes and new construction of units is limited. One of the most difficult barriers to creating and improving affordable housing is due to the nature of the housing stock and costs involved with rehabilitation. The older stock found throughout the city causes great financial difficulties for rehabilitation. Bringing these structures up to State and Local code, in many cases, does not facilitate a financially feasible project. Many potential affordable housing improvements and creation is lost due to this high cost of compliance. New strategies of financing and assistance to current owners and developers should be investigated to attempt to overcome the financial challenges faced with rehabilitation to the older housing stock within the City.

### **Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing**

The programs operated by the New Britain DMD and nonprofit housing agencies with HUD funding were conditioned upon the fact that the housing produced or renovated must be affordable. It is essential that these housing programs be continued as they are so fundamental to the basic HUD goal of affordable housing.

Bringing the City's old housing stock up to State and Local code, while adhering to the Federal requirements, often costs much more than the buildings will be worth after renovations. Many potential affordable housing improvements projects are not feasible because of this high cost of compliance.

New strategies of financing and assistance to current owners and developers should be investigated to attempt to overcome these financial challenges.



### Regional Planning for Affordable Housing

The City recognizes that affordable housing is a regional issue influenced by the development patterns and economics at a regional scale. The City advocated for an approach and strategy that transcended municipal boundaries through the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency, of which New Britain was a member. New Britain is now a member of the Capital Region Council of Governments and will continue emphasizing the need for surrounding towns to develop affordable housing.

### Incentive Housing Zones

In accordance with the State of Connecticut's Housing for Economic Growth program, established under Public Act 07-04, the City has studied the appropriate location and objectives for Incentive Housing Zones (IHZs) as a part of its comprehensive planning process. The Housing for Economic Growth program was designed to help municipalities identify appropriate locations for residential and/or mixed-use development that includes some affordable housing units, in accordance with smart growth principles, and offer incentives for such development.

The City is participating in the IHZ program to develop housing consistent with transit oriented development principles in areas of the City adjacent to the new busway stations. While at least 20% of the housing developed in an IHZ area will be designated affordable for households earning less than 80% of median family income, the City's intent is to concentrate on developing housing that meets the economic and locational needs of middle-income workers, such as access to transportation and employment. The New Britain-Hartford Busway will connect New Britain residents to significant regional employment centers.

The IHZs in New Britain will be designed to encourage mixed-use development, combining medium to high density housing with appropriate commercial uses, in order to further capitalize on the Busway project. The creation of mixed-use development will enable the City to meet housing and economic development goals, while simultaneously making developments within IHZs more marketable. This combination of mixed-use development containing commercial uses, affordable and market-rate housing for middle-income workers in a transit-oriented setting is true "responsible growth." The IHZs in New Britain will lead to redevelopment and reinvestment in areas that need it. Zoning changes in these areas will be necessary to accomplish these objectives.

## **SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)**

### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The Friendship Service Center is a grantee in the PATH Program – Projects for Assistance to Transition from Homelessness. It receives funds through the State from the U. S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. These funds pay for staff who are trained by the Program to provide outreach and engagement to meet homeless people where they are—geographically, philosophically, and emotionally – in order to reduce barriers to care and link people with appropriate housing and services. PATH acknowledges that access to affordable housing is essential to prevent and end homelessness and locating housing resources is a daunting task, especially with the stereotypes and generalizations that result in discrimination against people experiencing homelessness and mental illness. It provides information, resources and tools to help providers obtain housing for the people with whom they work. It provides technical assistance and training in other areas of food and nutrition, health assessment, income and medicare, and veteran issues. The PATH Program staff can serve persons who are homeless or live in a shelter and who have severe mental illness and/or co-occurring disorder. While a majority of the persons taking refuge in the cold weather shelter meet this criteria, others who do not are also in need of assessment and case management services.

The City is a part of a Coordinated Access Network (CAN) that covers the region including Berlin, Bristol, Plainville, Southington, and New Britain. The CAN convened, as it was required by HUD regulation and the State of Connecticut's implementation, to develop a plan to coordinate services and resources on a regional basis. According to the CAN Plan, any individuals or families with housing needs should be instructed to call the State's 211 help line. When deemed appropriate based on the initially assessed need of the caller, 211 will make a referral to a CAN agency, which will make an appointment for an indepth assessment and/or case management services. However, if the call is for immediate shelter, 211 will provide instructions on how to find an emergency shelter for the night. The CAN's preference would be to safely house individuals and families, in the interim, in a hotel; but no funding is available for this expense. The CAN also identified a need for additional funding for transportation expenses, additional shelter beds and for additional staff to effectively manage the persons on the waitlist for shelter.

The City's objective is to advocate for funding for the continuation of the PATH Program and for staff within the CAN agencies to expand programs of outreach and assessment targeted for homeless families, individuals and persons with special needs, and especially the unsheltered homeless.

### **Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Nearly 40 percent of the homeless in the City are chronically homeless, 45 percent (not necessarily mutually exclusive) with substance abuse problems, and 44 percent with mental illness, and many of these people avoid shelters and facilities, only until extreme winter weather. Others are newly homeless, perhaps facing a temporary hardship. But clearly, the typical homeless person has needs which surpass those relating to shelter; and as a result, many homeless of New Britain have special needs. The subpopulations of the homeless within the City warrant a more careful look when determining their needs.

The costs of operating emergency shelter facilities and the accompanying services required for the subpopulations is increasing with inflation and the greater numbers in need of shelter and services. The emergency shelters in the City – the Friendship Service Center, the Salvation Army, and Prudence Crandall Center – do not receive any direct funding from HUD. The City has in the past provided funds to the shelters from the HUD Emergency Solutions Grant. As of 2015, the City will no longer receive an allocation of HUD ESG funds to support the shelter operations. When two years ago it was agreed that there needed to be an overflow cold weather shelter, the City provided HUD Community Development Block Grant funds to pay for the staffing costs, but this grant is being decreased every year.

While HUD has shifted emphasis away from emergency and transitional shelters in support of direct permanent supportive housing for all in need, it has been found that when transitional housing, where people may stay for up to two years, is accompanied by supportive social services and programs, assistance may be brought to families and special needs populations who have become entrapped in the cycle of homelessness. Existing support services offered by these transitional facilities should be continued, and expanded wherever possible to accommodate homeless families and special needs populations. Such support services may include counseling, referral services, case management services, financial counseling, educational instruction, job skills development, etc.

The City's objective is to advocate for continued funding to the emergency shelter agencies and to pursue funds from the State of Connecticut's allocation of HUD ESG funds. The City will also work through the Mayor's Building Hope Together Task Force to find and equip an appropriate space to function as overflow cold weather shelter that will provide suitable accommodations for the homeless during the winter months in a facility that can be used for other services during the rest of the year. The City will continue to support non-profit agencies in providing transitional housing and companion support services to assist homeless families and persons with special needs to break the cycle of homelessness.

**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.**

For the past several years, the City has been allocating HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funds for a Rapid Re-Housing Program that has been managed by Friendship Service Center. The funds are used to pay for rent in private housing leased by the Friendship Service Center for persons meeting HUD's definition of homeless. Case management and support services are provided, along with the long-term subsidies for up to two years to ensure that the persons have attained stability. With the rescission of ESG funding this year, the City can no longer support this program. The City encourages the program's continuation with funding from the State's ESG funds or other sources if possible.

In order to successfully break the cycle of homelessness, it is important to provide a smooth transition from emergency shelters and transitional housing to permanent housing. This transition can be made easier for homeless populations through the provision of permanent supportive housing. The City will make an effort to support those entities that provide permanent supportive housing for homeless families, and will support expansion of the supply of permanent supportive housing wherever feasible.

In addition, the City will support the development of permanent affordable housing for use by homeless families and individuals who are able to make the transition to permanent housing.

The special needs populations in the City, including HIV/AIDS victims, severe mentally ill, and dually diagnosed are served by existing programs, but those with special needs are likely to require some form of permanent supportive housing. Since these special needs populations are at a greater risk of becoming homeless, existing programs and services designed to assist these populations require City support. These services may include health services, family counseling, substance abuse counseling, parenting skills, and other appropriate services which would assist them in overcoming or better dealing with their special needs. Therefore, wherever feasible, the City will assist local service providers in expanding their existing programming designed to provide permanent supportive housing and/or permanent housing for these individuals.

The City is supporting a supportive housing project for homeless Veterans, and a portion of those units will also be committed to the chronically homeless Veteran population.

HUD Homeless Assistance funds are given annually for Permanent Supportive Housing. The selection of projects and the submission of the application to HUD is performed by the Balance of State Continuum of Care. The majority of the funds are given to the Friendship Service Center, the Community Mental Health Agency, and Prudence Crandall, to pay for the renewal of rental vouchers for persons under various supportive housing programs.

**Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs**

The Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCoC) in which all New Britain homeless agencies belong, coordinates with State agencies and departments to ensure that people being exited from institutions are not discharged into homelessness. It works with the Reaching Home Runaway & Homeless Youth Workgroup and the State Interagency Council on Housing and reviews the Department of Children and Families' policies on Foster Care discharge. It works with the State Interagency Council on Housing and the State Department of Public Health to continue coordinating discharge planning from health care settings. It coordinates with the State Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services on discharge planning for mental health institutions. The BOSCoC has a policy that all member homeless providers must be trained on the State mandated policies, and they must not accept people from other systems of care unless all other options have been exhausted and there is no alternative other than the streets.

The City will support the continued efforts in expanding and coordinating services that ensure that clients remain successfully housed and provided with the appropriate and necessary services to keep them moving along the homelessness to permanent housing continuum. Many of the public service programs that are funded by the CDBG Program will aid in the prevention of homelessness by providing essential services to persons and families who are marginally subsisting.

The Mayor's Building Hope Together Task Force brings together many agencies that provide housing, health, social services, employment, education, and youth services to especially low-income people. As each service agency provides their particular service, they are knowing that other problems in their clients' lives could bring on homelessness. Their involvement with the Task Force allows them to become linked with other community resources and services, but also gives them the opportunity and the responsibility to participate in collaborative planning and strategizing to ensure that the City and its agencies are taking every step possible to curtail the greatest problem of homelessness.

## **SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)**

### **Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards**

#### **How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?**

The addition of the Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program as a collaborative partner will expand the city's existing lead hazard remediation programs effectiveness. CCHHP will assist New Britain property owners to finance the removal of lead based hazards through providing inspections, scopes of work, bidding, selection of contractors, on site monitoring of abatement activities, and clearance testing and letter of compliance. Additionally, CCHHP has updated their mission in recent years from solely addressing lead based hazards to integrating Healthy Homes methods with all lead based hazard remediation projects. Healthy Homes methods as a major piece of any lead hazard remediation project will provide needed resources and specific hazard reduction knowledge in the upkeep and repair of housing located in the Neighborhood Revitalization Zones.

The inclusion of children with blood lead levels of 5ug/dl as a level of concern identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is driving early intervention for at risk children in NRZ's which consist of many low socio economic families who reside in older homes. The strategy needed to respond to the increased pool of at risk children will require all collaborative partners to stretch their manpower, time, and economic resources in the effort to effectively respond to these new blood lead concentration guidelines. The City of New Britain Health Department utilizes both sanitarians and public health nurses to make contact with the families with children under the age of six who have had a blood lead test resulting in concentrations of at least 5ug/dl. While this blood lead concentration is not considered poisoning under the State of Connecticut Public Health Code, it requires that a formal response be made to ensure the management and reduction of childhood blood lead. This intervention involves tracking the child's blood lead levels and follow up screenings and disseminating educational material. If a home visit by a sanitarian is warranted to examine the condition of a housing unit remediation of poor housing conditions can be ordered prior to triggering a whole building abatement thereby reducing the cost to property owners. The expansion of CCHHP's role in inspecting additional target housing units with children under six will trigger statutory response ordering property owners to abate surfaces with toxic levels of lead based paint in poor condition and on friction and impact surfaces. The additional units which will be abated and deemed as lead safe will greatly improve the overall health outcomes for the children which reside in these target housing units.

#### **How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?**

The City of New Britain has determined that a number of housing units currently occupied by low, very low and extremely low-income residents may contain lead-based paint hazards especially within the City's rental stock of older poorly maintained properties.

The City will be an active partner with Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program whose commitment is to protect children from lead poisoning and making homes in CT green, safe and healthy. A Memorandum of Understanding will establish the coordination between the CCHHP and the City of New Britain's Neighborhood Preservation Program. The goal is to maximize benefits to the children and their families and to improve the housing stock in the City of New Britain. New Britain's Health Department and Department of Municipal Development will identify properties and property owners that are potentially eligible for CCHHP program. These programs will provide incentives to property owners to remove lead hazards, improve weatherization, and address health, safe and building code issues at the property.

## **SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)**

### **Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families**

The purpose of an anti-poverty strategy is to highlight those programs, goals and policies which are specifically focused upon addressing the causes and problems associated with poverty and the ways in which these efforts might be better coordinated with other public and private agencies to ultimately reduce the number of households within the City that fall below the poverty line.

For decades, the discussion has been that the timing was bad, when the migration of persons from Puerto Rico came to New Britain for jobs, while at just that time the jobs were being migrated out of state and to other countries. The plentiful manufacturing jobs that had been waiting before for other waves of immigrants have been gone now for decades. Immigrants still arriving from Poland do not have a job guaranteed, as was the case for years before.

As of 2010, the number of people living in poverty in New Britain was 15,565, 22% of the total resident population. The poverty threshold then was \$10,830 for a single person, up to \$22,050 for a family of four, to \$37,010 for a family of eight. As of 2015, the threshold is \$11,770 for a single person, up to \$24,250 for a family of four, and \$40,890 for a family of eight.

Some of these 15,565 people, many of them, are children, or they are elderly or disabled and not counted in the labor force. The majority are Hispanic. Of the 6,856 poverty level people qualified as labor force, most of them are employed. There were over 4,600 employed people reported as below poverty. The jobs may be only part-time, but even a full-time job at minimum wage may be a cause of poverty. The leaders of the City realize this, and in 2014, they voted to raise the minimum wage for City workers.

The City has used HUD funds for a variety of programs to improve the economic position of New Britain families, including:

- After School Programs – at the Boys’ and Girls’ Club, the YWCA and at the Parks & Rec school sites, enable parents of school children to maintain full-time employment.
- Greater New Britain Teen Pregnancy Prevention- focuses on the lives of multi-generational families to break the cycle of welfare reliance.
- CW Resources - provides services in line with its mission to train and employ persons with disabilities, and many of its employment programs harness the efforts of the disabled employees to provide services needed in the community.

### **How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan**

The lack of adequate earnings is best confronted by improving the economic health of the City through aggressive economic development actions. The City plans to rebuild downtown to attract businesses that will hire more workers. The City plans to promote the benefits of the CT FasTrak busway that will take other New Britain residents for jobs out of town, and to see that the transit oriented design housing options are built around the bus stations. The City will continue working with Capital Workforce Partners and the manufacturing base and health facilities to develop effective training programs to



match the employers' requirements, and also to increase the supply of contractors who can qualify for Section 3 employment opportunities. In the immediate future, the Costco retail store will be opening soon and is expected to generate 220 jobs with preference to City workers. For New Britain, there should be a strata of opportunities to match the diversity of our people who can live well and remain thriving in the community.

## **SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230**

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

Agreements with City Departments and Subrecipient Contracts with non-profit agencies contain requirements for project management and compliance with HUD and OMB laws and regulations. The DMD monitors subrecipients through review of budgets, audits, requests for payments, Quarterly Financial Reports and Quarterly Program Benefit Reports and performs periodic on-site monitoring reviews. The DMD enforces long-term requirements such as affordability of units through deed restriction. DMD staff also perform construction inspection and contract compliance functions.

All activities submitted for funding consideration are reviewed for consistency with HUD requirements and the City's goals and objectives set forth in its Consolidated Plan. Once the activities are funded, if they are not meeting their goals and objectives, actions are taken to remedy the causes or the funds are reprogrammed to other eligible activities.

The priorities set forth in the five-year Consolidated Plan guide the selection and ranking of activities identified in the Annual Plan. Performance in meeting the goals is evaluated during preparation of the Annual Consolidated Plans and the Consolidated Annual Performance Reports. When accomplishments are higher or lower than the annualized goals, the five-year goals are adjusted or the activities are examined to identify problems and determine ways to improve performance.



# **2015**

## ***Annual Action Plan***

### **Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs**

**City of New Britain**

**May 2015**

# **Signed Documents:**

- **CDBG SF-424**
- **HOME SF-424**
- **Certifications**
- **Resolution**

# Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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## 18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	1,459,410.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
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* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	101,000.00
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## CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** — The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

**Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** — It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

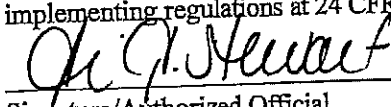
**Anti-Lobbying** — To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** — The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** — The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

**Section 3** — It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

  
Signature/Authorized Official

05/28/15  
Date

Erin E. Stewart, Mayor

Title

## Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** — It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** — Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

**Following a Plan** — It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** — It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2015 , \_\_\_\_\_ (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** — It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

**Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws** – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** – Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

**Compliance with Laws** – It will comply with applicable laws.

	05/28/15
_____ Signature/Authorized Official	_____ Date

Erin E. Stewart, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

### Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** – If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** – it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

**Appropriate Financial Assistance** – before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

  
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Signature/Authorized Official      05/28/15  
Date

Erin E. Stewart, Mayor

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Title

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## **APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:**

#### **A. Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.



# CITY OF NEW BRITAIN

## NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT

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### REPORT OF: HUD GRANTS COMMITTEE

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain:  
the undersigned beg leave to report the following:

ITEM #: 33116 -1

RE:

The HUD Grants Committee of the Common Council at a regular meeting held on Wednesday evening, May 13, 2015, at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers, to which was referred the matter of resolution #33116 - 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs and 2015 Annual Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs, voted to accept as amended and recommend that the following resolution be referred back to the Common Council with a neutral recommendation.

Alderwoman Suzanne Bielinski  
President Pro Tempore

I hereby certify that the foregoing is  
A true copy of record in this office.

*Rudolph M. Alderman, Jr.*  
Town & City Clerk - NEW BRITAIN

5-29-15  
Date



## REPORT OF

### HUD GRANTS COMMITTEE

: 2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HUD  
PROGRAMS AND 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
R HUD PROGRAMS

Ald. Carlozzi, Trueworthy, DeFronzo, and  
Sanchez recused themselves due to a  
possible conflict of interest.

Ald. Bielinski moved to accept,  
seconded by Ald. Giantonio. So  
stated.

*mlb*  
City Clerk

APPROVED

*Gi. J. Stewart*  
Mayor

*May 29*, 2015

# RESOLUTION

Item #33116 -2

RE: CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HUD PROGRAMS

To Her Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of New Britain:  
the undersigned beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

**WHEREAS**, as required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Consolidated Plan is a planning and application document that must be prepared by cities every five years and contain a needs assessment and strategic plan to pursue the HUD goals of developing viable communities, providing decent housing and suitable living environments, and to expand economic opportunities principally for low-and moderate-income persons; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to receive Fiscal Year 2015 funds from HUD under the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program, the City of New Britain is required to prepare an Annual Plan that is consistent with the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing of the Common Council HUD Grants Committee was held on April 23, 2015, in order to obtain the views of citizens on housing and community development needs and priorities and to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the Proposed 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council HUD Grants Committee has reviewed requests for funding consideration under the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program; and

**WHEREAS**, also during Fiscal Year 2015, the City anticipates receiving CDBG-generated income of \$35,000 through the Neighborhood Preservation Program and \$66,000 through the Business Assistance Program, and HOME program income of \$5,976 through the HOME Rehabilitation Program and \$132,000 through the Homeownership Program which will be used to support new projects under these programs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of New Britain Grants Committee hereby adopts the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs and the 2015 Annual Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs and the 2015 Annual Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs, including certifications and descriptions as required by HUD, said submission to serve as the City's application for CDBG and HOME Program funds and to execute any agreements, revisions, rescissions or amendments thereto, as necessary for the City's receipt of CDBG and HOME funds.

  
Alderman Jamie Giantonio

## 2015 Annual Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs

Community Development Block Grant Program			
No.	Applicant	Project Title	Allocation
1	NB Parks & Recreation Dept.	Senior Center Greenhouse Project	\$ 80,000
6	YMCA	Handicap Accessible Elevator Rehab	\$ 130,000
7	Boys & Girls Club	Physical Improvements	\$ 87,000
9	NB Dept. of Municipal Development	Clean & Lien Program	\$ 30,000
10	NB Dept. of Municipal Development	Property Rehabilitation Program	\$ 187,117
11	Community Mental Health Affiliates	Permanent Transitional Shelter Renovation	\$ 150,000
14	Coram Deo	Windows & Doors Renovation Project	\$ 16,000
16	Rebuilding Together New Britain	Rebuilding Together	\$ 70,000
17	Trinity-on-Main	Modify Balcony Railings to Code	\$ 11,000
18	Trinity-on-Main	Energy Retrofit of Exterior Doors-Annex Bldg.	\$ 22,000
19	NB Dept. of Municipal Development	NRZ Capacity Building	\$ 125,000
		General Management & Administration	\$ 291,882
PS-3	NB Senior Center	Community Support Worker	\$ 10,500
PS-4	RSVP	Senior Transportation Program	\$ 5,000
PS-5	CW Resources	Homeowner Property Maintenance	\$ 9,000
PS-6	HRA	Las Perlas Hispanas Senior Center	\$ 5,000
PS-8	Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care	Sensitize and Empower	\$ 2,211
PS-9	NB Health Dept.	Healthy Connections Program	\$ 8,000
PS-12	Boys & Girls Club	Educational & Cultural Enhancement	\$ 18,000
PS-13	Boys & Girls Club	Camp Schade	\$ 20,000
PS-14	NB Parks & Recreation Dept.	Every Kid Counts After-School Program	\$ 29,000
PS-15	Gr. NB Teen Pregnancy Prevention	Education and Career Component	\$ 10,000
PS-16	YWCA	STRIVE	\$ 7,000
PS-17	PAL	Football & Cheerleading	\$ 15,000
PS-18	PAL	Summer Youth Program	\$ 15,000
PS-19	Warm the Children	Warm the Children	\$ 14,000
PS-21	New Britain Youth Football & Cheer	Youth Football & Cheerleading Program	\$ 15,000
PS-24	ParaDYM, Inc.	ParaDYM, Inc. Academy Project	\$ 10,000
PS-25	OIC	Fitness in Training	\$ 8,500
PS-26	YWCA	Sexual Assault Crisis Service	\$ 9,000
PS-27	NB Parks & Recreation Dept.	Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity	\$ 20,000
PS-31	HRA	Polish Outreach	\$ 12,500
PS-32	Siena Learning Center	Siena Learning Center	\$ 6,700
PS-34	Prudence Crandall Center	New Britain Intervention	\$ 10,000
		<b>CDBG Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,459,410</b>

HOME Program			
HOME-1	NB Dept. of Municipal Development	HOME Property Rehabilitation Program	\$ 100,000
HOME-2	NB Dept. of Municipal Development	New Construction	\$ 100,000
HOME-3	NB Dept. of Municipal Development	HOME Home Ownership Program	\$ 100,623
HOME-4	HRA	Supportive Housing for People with HIV/AIDS	\$ 39,000
	Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) Reserve		\$ 67,924
	HOME Administration		\$ 45,283
		<b>HOME Total</b>	<b>\$ 452,830</b>

I hereby certify that the foregoing is  
A true copy of record in this office.

5/27/2015

*Andrew Pelham, Esq.*

No. 33116-2 Rec'd 05/27/2015  
(Above For Town Clerk's Use Only)

### RESOLUTION

Re: 2016-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR  
HUD PROGRAMS AND 2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
FOR HUD PROGRAMS

Ald. Carlozzi, Truworthy, DeFronzo,  
and Sanchez recused themselves due to  
a possible conflict of interest.

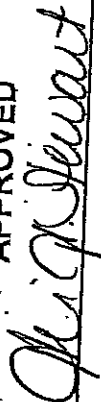
Ald. Bielinski moved to accept and adopt,  
seconded by Ald. Giantonio.

Ald. Bielinski moved to amend by presenting  
a strike all amendment of the CDBG funding  
allocations, seconded by Ald. Giantonio.  
Amendment carried.

RESOLUTION AS AMENDED ACCEPTED AND ADOPTED.

  
City Clerk

APPROVED

  
Mayor  
May 29, 2015

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,459,410	101,000	0	1,560,410	The City anticipates receiving \$35,000 from revolving funds through the Neighborhood Preservation Program and \$66,000 through the Business Assistance Program which will be used to support new projects under these programs.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	452,830	137,976	0	590,806	0	The City anticipates receiving \$5,976 in program income through the HOME Rehabilitation Program and \$132,000 through the Home Ownership Program which will be used to support new projects under these programs.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 53 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

**Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)**

The City was notified that FY 2015 ESG funds are not allocated to the City, due to HUD's re-evaluation of the data. It is possible that the City's ESG funding eligibility will be reinstated in the future, if there were to be another re-evaluation or if the Federal annual funding levels are increased. The City will apply to the State of Connecticut for a share of the ESG funds that HUD allocates to the State.

**Continuum of Care**

Estimated Amount Year 1        \$2,200,000

Estimated Remainder            \$8,800,000

Funding for various supportive housing, transitional housing, permanent housing and shelter-plus-care programs provided to three nonprofit agencies in New Britain – the Friendship Service Center, Community Mental Health Affiliates, and the Prudence Crandall Center.

Source: Public – Federal

**General Funds**

Tax revenues provide funding for general City services. Many of the programs including senior services, social services, and health services described in this Consolidated Plan are supported by these funds.

Source public-local

**Housing Trust Fund**

**Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)**

The Friendship Center receives funds under the Grant and Per Diem Program. The VA reimburses them up to \$29.31 for each of up to five beds per night that are reserved for homeless veterans.

Veterans In., a nonprofit from Massachusetts is using funds from the U. S. Veterans Affairs awarded funds under the Capital Grant component of the VA Homeless Providers Program to develop veterans housing in New Britain. Veterans Inc. is the largest provider of services to veterans and their families in New England. The VA funds will be used for building renovations to result in 18 units of transitional housing for chronically homeless single men. The City is contributing CDBG and/or HOME funds for this project. Once completed and occupied, VA funds will be used to subsidize the rent cost.

Source: public-federal

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**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

N/A

**Discussion**



## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of New Britain	Affordable and Appropriate Housing High Cost Burden Housing and Property Improvements	CDBG: \$187,117 HOME: \$53,962	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 18 Household Housing Unit
2	Affordable Homeownership Opportunities	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	City of New Britain	High Cost Burden Housing and Property Improvements	CDBG: \$516,882 HOME: \$359,868	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 8 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 67 Households Assisted Other: 6 Other
3	Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk	2015	2019	Homeless	City of New Britain	Support and Mental Health Services	CDBG: \$176,000 HOME: \$39,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 362 Persons Assisted HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 12 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Improve Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of New Britain	High Cost Burden Public Facilities	CDBG: \$330,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12216 Persons Assisted
5	Continuance of Public Services	2015	2019	Public Services	City of New Britain	Public Services	CDBG: \$249,411	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6081 Persons Assisted

Table 54 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Continuance of Public Services
	Goal Description	

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

Attached are the projects approved by the New Britain Common Council.

#### Projects

#	Project Name
1	FY15 Senior Center Rehabilitation
2	FY15 YMCA Rehabilitation
3	FY15 Boys & Girls Club Physical Improvements
4	FY15 Clean and Lien Program
5	FY15 NPP Property Rehabilitation Program
6	FY15 CMHA - Renovation Project
7	FY15 Coram Deo Shelter Renovations
8	FY15 Rebuilding Together New Britain, Inc.
9	FY15 Trinity on Main - Renovations Building and Fire Codes
10	FY15 Trinity on Main - Renovations
11	FY15 NRZ Capacity Building Program
12	FY15 CDBG Program Income
13	FY15 CDBG Admin.
14	FY15 New Britain Senior Center - Community Support Worker
15	FY15 RSVP Senior Transportation Services
16	FY15 CW Resources - Elderly and/or Disabled Low-Income Homeowner Property Maintenance
17	FY15 HRA - Las Perlas Hispanas Community Case Management
18	FY15 Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care, Inc. - Sensitize and Empower for Life
19	FY15 New Britain Health Dept. - Healthy Connections
20	FY15 Boys & Girls Club - Education and Cultural Enhancement
21	FY15 Boys & Girls Club - Camp Schade
22	FY15 New Britain Parks & Rec - Every Kid Counts After School Program
23	FY15 Greater New Britain Teen Pregnancy Prevention - Education and Career Components
24	FY15 YWCA STRIVE Youth Development Program
25	FY15 New Britain "PAL" Football and Cheerleading Program
26	FY15 New Britain "PAL" Summer Program
27	FY15 Lions Club of New Britain - Warm the Children
28	FY15 New Britain Youth Football & Cheerleading Program
29	FY15 ParaDYM Academy Project
30	FY15 OIC - Fitness in Training (FIT)
31	FY15 YWCA - Sexual Assault Crisis Service
32	FY15 Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Awareness Program
33	FY15 Human Resources Agency - Polish Outreach Community Case Management
34	FY15 Siena Learning Center Public Service

#	Project Name
35	FY15 Prudence Crandall Center's Emergency Shelter Program
36	FY15 HOME Property Rehabilitation Program
37	FY15 New Construction Program
38	FY15 Home Ownership Program
39	FY15 Human Resources Agency - Supportive Housing for People with HIV/AIDS
40	FY15 Community Housing Development Agency
41	FY15 HOME Admin.

**Table 55 – Project Information**

**Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Senior Center Rehabilitation
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$80,000
	<b>Description</b>	Work will include, but not be limited to, construction of a handicap accessible greenhouse attached to the back of the existing Senior Center building. This greenhouse will benefit many different city residents such as senior citizens, veterans, persons with disabilities, and youth.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	690 low/mod-income people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	55 Pearl Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	It is anticipated that a multi-generational partnership "Partners in Planting (PIP)" will be formed to maximize the growing potential of the greenhouse. The food grown will also be available for free to low/mod-income people.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 YMCA Rehabilitation
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$130,000
	<b>Description</b>	Work will include, but not be limited, to rehabilitation and modernization of the elevator.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	11,105 low/mod persons with disabilities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	50 High Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Work will include rehabilitation of the elevator including installation of handicap features.

3	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Boys & Girls Club Physical Improvements
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$87,000
	<b>Description</b>	Renovations include, but are not limited to, the construction of a multi purpose playing field.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	420 members of the club.
	<b>Location Description</b>	150 Washington Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The project will include, but not be limited to, tree clearing and debris removal, misc. demolition, site grading, importing and spreading of topsoil, and hydroseeding of lawn.
4	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Clean and Lien Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONES City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$30,000
	<b>Description</b>	The project allows the city to secure and clean foreclosed, abandoned, and neglected buildings. This program reduces the deterioration of the neighborhoods and keeps the property values from plummeting.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	35 housing units in low/mod-income areas.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Low/mod-income areas.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will be used for cleanup work including, but not limited to, removal of trash/debris, cutting of grass, trim bushes, clean sidewalks and walkways, fall/spring cleanup, boarding of doors and windows, etc.
5	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 NPP Property Rehabilitation Program

	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Housing High Cost Burden Housing and Property Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$187,117
	<b>Description</b>	The project provides technical and financial assistance to property-owners for residential rehabilitation. The program utilizes CDBG funds to provide forbearance and low-interest loans to low/moderate-income homeowners in making needed repairs to meet health, safety, fire, and building code requirements.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	18 low/mod-income housing units.
	<b>Location Description</b>	27 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will be used for the rehabilitation of homes to bring them up to code, correct any substandard conditions, and general property improvements the owner may wish to make in excess of these items.
6	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 CMHA - Renovation Project
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Support and Mental Health Services Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funds will be used for, but not be limited to, renovation of 26 Russell Street to create a permanent transitional shelter to operate during winter months to serve New Britain residents who are homeless and without alternative shelter options.
	<b>Target Date</b>	11/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	125 homeless people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	29 Russell Street, New Britain, CT 06052

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Renovation work is anticipated to include, but not be limited to, installation of showers, laundry facilities, deconstruction of walls to create open space, new flooring on 2nd & 3rd Floors, new windowson 2nd & 3rd Floors , installation of secure entrances, fire safety improvements, HVAC installation on 2nd & 3rd Floors, elevator installation, and purchase and installation of an emergency generator.
7	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Coram Deo Shelter Renovations
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Support and Mental Health Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$16,000
	<b>Description</b>	Work to include, but not be limited to, replacement of windows and doors at 49 Walsh Street.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/30/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	112 low/mod income people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	49 Walsh Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Work to include, but not be limited to: replacement of windows and doors.
8	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Rebuilding Together New Britain, Inc.
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	High Cost Burden
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$70,000
	<b>Description</b>	Staff costs to coordinate program for repair of homes of low-income homeowners, concentrating on warmth, safety and security issues, using volunteer labor and donated materials.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	23 low/mod-income homeowners.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will be used for staff costs for the program.
9	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Trinity on Main - Renovations Building and Fire Codes



	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$11,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funds will be used to make the railing around the rotunda balcony code compliant.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 Public Facility Slum/Blight Spot.
	<b>Location Description</b>	69 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will be used for, but not be limited to, installation of railing around the rotunda balcony in order to make it code compliant.
10	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Trinity on Main - Renovations
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$22,000
	<b>Description</b>	Work to include, but not be limited to, replacement of doors.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 Public Facility Slum/Blight Spot.
	<b>Location Description</b>	19 Chestnut Street. New Britain, CT 06051
11	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Work to include, but not be limited to, replacement of doors.
	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 NRZ Capacity Building Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONES City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing Affordable Homeownership Opportunities Improve Public Facilities

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Housing Housing and Property Improvements Public Facilities Public Improvements Business Expansion
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$125,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funds will be used for continued assistance to the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Zones.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	4 Organizations
	<b>Location Description</b>	27 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will be used for, but will not be limited to, assistance in creation, design and approval of NRZs; determination of neighborhood needs; setting goals and objectives and helping the NRZs achieve them; help create and evaluate programs and activities of each NRZ's strategic plan.
12	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 CDBG Program Income
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing Affordable Homeownership Opportunities Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk Improve Public Facilities Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Housing High Cost Burden Support and Mental Health Services Employment Options and Skills Training Housing and Property Improvements Public Facilities Public Improvements Public Services Job Training Business Expansion
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$101,000
	<b>Description</b>	Program Income funds to be reprogrammed.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	TBD
	<b>Location Description</b>	TBD
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	TBD
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 CDBG Admin.
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing Affordable Homeownership Opportunities Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk Improve Public Facilities Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Housing High Cost Burden Support and Mental Health Services Employment Options and Skills Training Housing and Property Improvements Public Facilities Public Improvements Public Services Job Training Business Expansion
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$291,882
	<b>Description</b>	CDBG Admin.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 municipality
	<b>Location Description</b>	27 West Main St., New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Admin.
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 New Britain Senior Center - Community Support Worker
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,500

	<b>Description</b>	The Community Support Worker assists seniors in accessing a variety of support programs so that they can be viable and independent in the community.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,005 low/mod-income elderly people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	55 Pearl Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Community Support Worker will assist seniors to access the following programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Tax Credit Program</li> <li>• Renters Rebate Elderly and Disabled Program</li> <li>• Energy Assistance Program</li> <li>• Medicare and Medicare D Drug Prescription Program</li> <li>• Special Programs including flu clinics, safe driving courses, income tax assistance, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 RSVP Senior Transportation Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000
	<b>Description</b>	Providing safe, reliable, low cost/no cost rides to seniors outside of the city limits.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	61 elderly people
	<b>Location Description</b>	830 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT 06052
<b>16</b>	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CDBG funds help support the staff costs to operate the volunteer services and also reimburse the volunteers for travel costs.
	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 CW Resources - Elderly and/or Disabled Low-Income Homeowner Property Maintenance
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services

	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$9,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program provides low/mod-income elderly and/or disabled homeowners with property maintenance services (leaf raking and removal, snow removal, lawn cutting, and post storm clean-up) and assists in the prevention of blight.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	36 low/mod-income elderly.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The program provides spring clean up, fall clean up, regular lawn cuts, snow removal from sidewalks and driveways, and ancillary services such as property clean up after heavy storms and large scale trash removal/dump runs.
17	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 HRA - Las Perlas Hispanas Community Case Management
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,000
	<b>Description</b>	Las Perlas Hispanas Senior Center will provide health, nutrition, congregate meals, home care, and other support services for the elderly Hispanic community in New Britain.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	170 elderly people
	<b>Location Description</b>	18 Armistice Street, New Britain, CT 06053
18	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The program will provide translation services, nutrition counseling, legal assistance workshops and community case management.
	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Citizens for Quality Sickle Cell Care, Inc. - Sensitize and Empower for Life
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services

	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$2,211
	<b>Description</b>	The program will provide case management services and trait counseling for individuals and their families with SCD/Trait. The program will also include a peer education component.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	15 low/mod-income people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	370 Osgood Avenue - Unit 105, New Britain, CT 06053
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>The program will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to provide ongoing support through case management</li> <li>• Identify new individuals and families living with SCD in New Britain</li> <li>• Increase effective social service partnerships to enhance referral capabilities</li> <li>• Continue to provide educational opportunities to providers and those living with SCD</li> <li>• Revise training materials as needed to effectively educate on cultural sensitivity and competencies</li> <li>• Collaborate with providers to participate in training sessions encompassing all areas of SCD awareness</li> </ul>
19	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 New Britain Health Dept. - Healthy Connections
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$8,000
	<b>Description</b>	The New Britain Health Dept. will collaborate with the Board of Education to provide assistance to children in overcoming barriers to enroll in school and promote public health practices that will increase their attendance.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	890 children

	<b>Location Description</b>	80 Prospect Street, New Britain, CT 06051 272 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051 183 Steele Street, New Britain, CT 06052
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The program will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• refer and track students needing health documentation</li> <li>• monitor and record number of students asked to leave due to non-compliant health issues</li> <li>• monthly meetings with the Consolidated School District staff and public health staff to ensure communication and goal initiatives</li> </ul>
20	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Boys & Girls Club - Education and Cultural Enhancement
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$18,000
	<b>Description</b>	A year round out of school time program for club members providing supplemental educational and enrichment activities. This program focuses on communication, reading, writing, and arithmetic skills along with enrichment in a knowledgeable and supportive environment.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	350 low/mod-income youth.
	<b>Location Description</b>	150 Washington Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Educational and Cultural Enhancement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The program consists of several components which includes educational supplemental services, arts and cultural activities.</li> <li>• The majority of the activities will be conducted out of the Learning Center and new Computer Lab. The Educational Cultural Program Director will run the activities with the assistance of staff and volunteers.</li> </ul> Samples of the program include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Readers and Writers Club (Media Club).</li> <li>• Tutoring and homework help. (Power Hour)</li> <li>• Creative educational activities.</li> <li>• Creative art and cultural activities.</li> <li>• Computer Instruction.</li> </ul>

21	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Boys & Girls Club - Camp Schade
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	The summer program provides field trips to the camp 2 or 3 days a week throughout the summer in rural Burlington, CT for New Britain's youth. The program is open to all interested children ages 6-12. Activities include, but are not limited to: swimming, nature study, cook-outs, special events, and many other sporting and educational activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	225 low/mod-income youth.
	<b>Location Description</b>	140 Covey Road, Burlington, CT 06013
22	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>The program will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide eight weeks of field trips for city youth from low to moderate income households.</li> <li>• Provide transportation to and from camp site.</li> </ul> <p>Pre-program responsibilities for Camp Director will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment</li> <li>• Publicity</li> <li>• Program planning</li> <li>• Staff recruitment &amp; training</li> <li>• Transportation coordination</li> </ul> <p>The program will include eight weeks of field trips throughout the summer.</p> <p>Members will be pre-registered for field trips.</p> <p>Members will eat at the Boys and Girls Club. Meals will be provided through the city summer feeding program.</p> <p>Activities will include but not limited to, hiking, arts &amp; crafts, swimming, nature study, field sports, and weekly special events.</p>
	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 New Britain Parks & Rec - Every Kid Counts After School Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services



<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$29,000
<b>Description</b>	The comprehensive after-school program administered at Lincoln School provides educational, recreational, and cultural arts activities for youths in grades 3-5.
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	45 low/mod-income youth.
<b>Location Description</b>	145 Steele Street, New Britain, CT 06052

23	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>The after school program will be staffed with one supervisor, one assistant supervisor and three group leaders at the site (five staff total). The staff will work together to provide a high quality academic and enriching environment.</p> <p>The Every Kid Counts After School Program will have the following components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic Enrichment - Students will receive a half hour of homework help, daily. Group leaders will work to address the individual needs of the students. After school staff will keep in contact with the principal and teachers to identify the students who are in need of additional academic support and assistance.</li> <li>2. Wellness - The wellness component will consist of a variety of activities that will incorporate health, nutrition, and physical activities into the after school program. Students will participate in a variety of wellness-based programming each day with a theme of "Feel Good Friday" held each Friday.</li> <li>3. Family Involvement - Communication and building trusting relationships with the families is a high priority. Therefore, the family involvement component of the after school program will consist of a variety of parent and child shared activities and adult development activities. On a weekly basis, families will be invited to come into the after school program to engage in reading or free play in the gym. Other more formal events may include Scrabble Night and Family Board Game Night.</li> </ol> <p>Quarterly project-based learning events will augment the three components. Students will work on project-based activities that fulfill the three main components of the program. Every seven weeks the program will put on an event for families, parents, school, and staff. The events will be facilitated by program staff and coordinated by students who will have different responsibilities with each event. Past events have included an intra-school basketball extravaganza, a poetry slam/art showcase, and a career night.</p>
	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Greater New Britain Teen Pregnancy Prevention - Education and Career Components
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program's goals are to help prevent teen pregnancy and other negative risk-taking behaviors by providing a comprehensive, holistic, intensive, long-term primary prevention program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	60 low/mod-income youth.
	<b>Location Description</b>	43 Viets Street, New Britain, CT 06053
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>Activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide daily educational assistance and monitor youths' school performance on a weekly basis;</li> <li>• Assure that each youth completes at least two hours of academics per week;</li> <li>• Assure that all youth are exposed to higher education by visiting Connecticut public and private universities;</li> <li>• Create and teach age-appropriate Job Clubs emphasizing work preparedness skills;</li> <li>• Design, develop and implement youth fundraising projects that teach basic business skills while generating revenue for their recreational field trips;</li> <li>• Assure each youth opens a savings account and makes regular deposits of her/his Job Club stipends;</li> <li>• Investigate various career/occupational options by conducting job site tours and presenting role model speakers;</li> <li>• Assist age-eligible youth to enter the labor market;</li> <li>• Explore a wide-range of issue related to violence and victimization and develop prevention strategies that promote peace.</li> </ul>
24	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 YWCA STRIVE Youth Development Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$7,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program is the only middle-school program to target New Britain girls. Services are available from October through May and activities support and promote decreased teen pregnancy and improved academic performance.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	60 low/mod-income middle-school girls.
	<b>Location Description</b>	757 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053 183 Steele Street, New Britain, CT 06052 19 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>25</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 New Britain "PAL" Football and Cheerleading Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program for youth ages 5-14 to develop physically through team practices and games/competitions, emotionally through growth and positive self-image, and socially through the development of friendships and interaction with positive adult role models.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	290 low/mod-income youth.
	<b>Location Description</b>	544 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053
<b>26</b>	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Program will include:  Participation in organized and supervised athletic, recreational and educational programs, formation of mentoring, academic assistance, drug education and other community based programs. It will also develop closer understanding and relationships between the children and police officers, which are seen in non-traditional roles.
	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 New Britain "PAL" Summer Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	The summer program includes life skills instruction, physical activities, arts and crafts, guest speakers, and field trips.

	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	80 low/mod-income youth.
	<b>Location Description</b>	544 Osgood Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Summer Youth Program will include "life skills" instruction, physical activities, arts and crafts education, guest speakers and field trips to locations that many of the beneficiaries would not be able to experience if not for the Summer Youth program.
27	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Lions Club of New Britain - Warm the Children
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$14,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program provides new warm winter clothing for children from low/mod-income families. Each child between the ages of 3-10 is eligible for \$50 of clothing. The program is run completely by volunteers so there is \$0 administrative overhead costs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	800 low/mod-income youth.
	<b>Location Description</b>	One Court Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The program provides new warm winter clothing for children from low/mod-income families. Each child between the ages of 3-10 is eligible for \$50 of clothing.
28	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 New Britain Youth Football & Cheerleading Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$15,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program's objectives are to build character, sportsmanlike conduct, community involvement and developing academically ready student athletes in New Britain. The program provides after-school and weekend sports activities for New Britain children from kindergarten through eighth grade.

	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	130 low/mod-income youth.
	<b>Location Description</b>	35 Wildwood Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>The program functions as a "feeder system" for the New Britain High School athletic program. This feeder system enables New Britain High School baseball, football, and cheerleading coaches and players to get involved in teaching the children in the program. The program currently partners with the TRIO program through CCSU and has 31 children enrolled in TRIO's after school enrichment program.</p> <p>The youth from the program are also encouraged to participate in the community activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YMCA Healthy Kids Day</li> <li>• Food and Toy drives for the New Britain Friendship Adopt a Family program</li> <li>• Breast Cancer Wa1k in the Park "Jr Canes Team"</li> <li>• Earth Day Neighborhood Clean Up with the City of New Britain</li> <li>• Collaboration with TRIO program through CCSU educational talent search department after school academic enrichment program</li> </ul>
29	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 ParaDYM Academy Project
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program will provide media literacy training, academic assistance in the form of tutoring through peer created video tutorials, and career competencies in the media arts and related STEM media fields under the tutelage of CCSU students and industry professionals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	5/31/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	135 low/mod-income youth.
	<b>Location Description</b>	185 Main Street - Suite 405, New Britain, CT 06051 110 Mill St, New Britain, CT 06051

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funding will be used for academic support and workforce development by providing media literacy training, academic assistance in the form of tutoring through peer created video tutorials, and career competencies in the media arts and related STEM media fields.
30	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 OIC - Fitness in Training (FIT)
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$8,500
	<b>Description</b>	A fitness and health program designed to promote individualized fitness programs for youth already participating in OICNB after-school programs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	140 youth
	<b>Location Description</b>	114 North Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Youth Development Counselors will work with a fitness instructor to provide individualized fitness programs for the youth participating in OICNB programs.
31	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 YWCA - Sexual Assault Crisis Service
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$9,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program provides free, confidential crisis intervention services for New Britain victims of sexual assault and their families. Services are available 24-hours a day, 365 days a year and include but are not limited to: victim advocacy at hospitals, police stations and in the court system, and short-term supportive counseling.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	140 low/mod-income people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	19 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>The Program will provide the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In person crisis intervention and follow up: Advocates are available 24 hours a day to meet with victims at the hospital or police station. Services are also available to family members or partners and friends (secondary survivors) as requested. Advocates provide follow up with victims and families as needed or requested.</li> <li>2. Medical advocacy: Advocates will stay with the victim/survivor during medical examination and/or evidence collection in order to provide support and answer questions regarding the process. Advocates can also accompany victims to any follow up medical appointments related to the assault.</li> <li>3. Legal advocacy: Advocates offer support during any police and/or court proceedings. Such support consists of providing information on the process, options, accompaniment, notification, etc.</li> </ol>
32	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Awareness Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program goal is to prevent and reduce unfair and discriminatory housing practices to ensure compliance with the Fair Housing Act.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,125 low/mod-income people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	27 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051



	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>The program will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A revised rental vacancy guide.</li> <li>• Disseminate information on tenant and property owner rights and responsibilities.</li> <li>• Promote and support the housing laws, refer people who believe they have been victims of housing discrimination to the appropriate enforcement agencies and provide them with procedural assistance.</li> <li>• Publicize the work of the program in an effort to reach out to clients who will benefit from the program.</li> <li>• Continue to advocate, mediate and assist non-English speaking residents with inquiries concerning their rights and responsibilities under the housing laws, ensuring that they have access to housing programs and services.</li> </ul>
33	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Human Resources Agency - Polish Outreach Community Case Management
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$12,500
	<b>Description</b>	The Polish Outreach Program provides outreach, needs assessment and case management, resulting in an increase in the number of low- and moderate-income Polish residents participating in and benefitting from existing programs. Translation services are also key to participant success. This program approaches families as a whole unit, facilitating access to services for adults, parents and children. Through culturally appropriate integrated service delivery, this project maximizes the direct benefit to participants.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	250 low/mod-income people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	55 Broad Street, New Britain, CT 06051

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>The program will provide one point of access to services.</p> <p>The objectives of this project are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase access to quality public and private services by providing a system of translation services; benefits screening and application assistance and connecting residents to available support services.</li> <li>2. Provide empowerment and self-sufficiency opportunities for low-income residents to reduce generational poverty by developing an individualized action plan for residents; case management follow-up and monitoring; and tracking success.</li> </ol>
34	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Siena Learning Center Public Service
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$6,700
	<b>Description</b>	The Siena Learning Center will update their current communication equipment to better serve its non-English speaking clients.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2015
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	104 low/mod-income people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	29 Edson Street, New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds would pay for a multi-function printer, an office computer and printer, a phone system, and phone/internet services.
35	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Prudence Crandall Center's Emergency Shelter Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Support and Mental Health Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	The program provides support services to victims of domestic violence and their children including, but not limited to, a 24-hour hotline, individual and group counseling, advocacy, information and referrals.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	125 low/mod-income people.

	<b>Location Description</b>	Suppressed
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual counseling to help victims and their children understand the impact of domestic violence in their lives and avoid re-victimization in the future;</li> <li>• Support groups for adults and children;</li> <li>• Safety planning, involving highly-detailed personalized plans to improve safety while at home, school, work, or in the community;</li> <li>• Advocacy for benefits, housing, legal services, and other vital needs;</li> <li>• On-site health services, including mental health, substance abuse, and dental services;</li> <li>• Teen and children's services, including educational recreational programming;</li> <li>• Advocacy for educational and mental health needs;</li> <li>• Access to financial literacy, budgeting, parenting, and job search/job skill assistance; and</li> <li>• Information and referrals for other community services.</li> </ul> <p>The Child Advocate provides services to address the emotional, social, and educational needs of children and teens in our shelter, helping them rebuild trust, learn to appropriately express emotions, and identify constructive ways to respond to the challenges they face.</p>
36	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 HOME Property Rehabilitation Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Housing High Cost Burden Housing and Property Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$105,976
	<b>Description</b>	Funds will provide financial assistance for residential rehabilitation. 2015 funds include projected program income in the amount of \$5,976.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	10 low/mod-income housing units.

	<b>Location Description</b>	City Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>Funds will be used for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correction of code violations which create substandard conditions in residential structures;</li> <li>2. Correction of incipient code violations or preventative maintenance efforts which should be undertaken to avoid substandard conditions;</li> <li>3. General property improvements which the owner may wish to make in excess of items 1 and 2 above. Note: This would not be undertaken until all items identified in items 1 and 2 are corrected.</li> <li>4. Structural modifications to a structure that are required to alleviate overcrowding as provided for by the Minimum Housing Code, or to provide adequate bedroom space as required by HUD Housing Quality Standards.</li> <li>5. Acquire blighted properties, correct all code violations, reduce density and put the properties back on the tax rolls.</li> <li>6. Acquire properties that are in foreclosure to protect and secure HUD funds in the property.</li> </ol>
<b>37</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 New Construction Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	High Cost Burden
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	Construction of new single-family, two-family and/or row style ranch homes on city-owned parcels that are for sale to low/moderate income first-time homebuyers. Funds will also be used to acquire sites or properties on which buildings will be constructed for use or resale as housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2 low/mod-income housing units.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City Wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Construction of new single-family, two-family and/or row style ranch homes on city-owned parcels that are for sale to low/moderate income first-time homebuyers. Funds will also be used to acquire sites or properties on which buildings will be constructed for use or resale as housing.

38	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Home Ownership Program
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	High Cost Burden
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$232,623
	<b>Description</b>	The program provides assistance to eligible households for the purchase of homes in New Britain. The program is intended to work in conjunction with approved community-based home ownership training. The City will provide HOME funds for down payment assistance and closing costs. 2015 funds include projected program income in the amount of \$132,000.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	8 low/mod-income housing units.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City Wide
39	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The goal of the HOP Program is to provide safe, decent and affordable housing through down-payment assistance to first-time homebuyers. This will have a long-term beneficial impact for all neighborhoods within the City of New Britain by increasing homeownership opportunities and stabilizing at risk neighborhoods.
	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Human Resources Agency - Supportive Housing for People with HIV/AIDS
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Support and Mental Health Services
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$39,000
	<b>Description</b>	Scattered site housing for persons with HIV/AIDS to supplement HOPWA funding. Rental assistance will be in the form of rental subsidy paid directly to landlords.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	12 low/mod-income people.
	<b>Location Description</b>	83 Whiting Street, New Britain, CT 06053

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funds will be used to administer twelve (12) rental subsidies for apartments located within the City of New Britain. The tenants will hold their own lease and HRA will administer the rental subsidy on their behalf.
40	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 Community Housing Development Agency
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	High Cost Burden Housing and Property Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$67,924
	<b>Description</b>	CHDO Set Aside Funds
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2 low/mod income households
	<b>Location Description</b>	TBD
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CHDO activities
41	<b>Project Name</b>	FY15 HOME Admin.
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of New Britain
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Rental Housing Affordable Homeownership Opportunities Support Services to the Homeless and Those At-Risk Improve Public Facilities Continuance of Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable and Appropriate Housing High Cost Burden Support and Mental Health Services Employment Options and Skills Training Housing and Property Improvements Public Facilities Public Improvements Public Services Job Training Business Expansion
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$45,283
	<b>Description</b>	HOME Admin.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2016

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	27 West Main St., New Britain, CT 06051
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration of the HOME Program.

## AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

### Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Grant funded projects are generally located within areas of the City with higher than average lower income and minority populations. Funds are directed to those activities which will have the greatest impact for the greatest number of low- and moderate-income persons in the City. Therefore, funds are focused within the four Neighborhood Revitalization Zones in New Britain -- the Arch Street NRZ, the Broad Street NRZ, the North-Oak NRZ, and the East Side NRZ. All four of these NRZs are comprised of primarily low- and moderate-income persons.

### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONES	10
City of New Britain	90

Table 56 - Geographic Distribution

### Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Public Services activities funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program in New Britain are operated out of centrally located facilities available for all income-eligible residents. Other activities selected for funding during 2015, which will be carried out in the Neighborhood Revitalization Zones are the NRZ Capacity Building activity and Clean & Lien activity. The CDBG and HOME funds allocated for housing activities are qualified on a resident-income basis; the activities are available on a citywide basis.

### Discussion



## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	46
Special-Needs	12
Total	58

Table 57 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	12
The Production of New Units	6
Rehab of Existing Units	35
Acquisition of Existing Units	5
Total	58

Table 58 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

#### Discussion

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

#### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

1. *To provide a safe and secure environment in the public housing developments, both in the senior housing and family housing.* The NBHA's objectives are to obtain funding for security cameras and other essential security infrastructure for NBHA properties, and to assure that all future redevelopment initiatives address tenant security and safety as critical elements of project design and planning. For 2015, Capital Improvement funds will install security cameras and lighting at Mt. Pleasant. 2. *To offer education and job opportunities to public housing tenants and voucher holders.* The NBHA will continue to work with local agencies, schools, colleges and technical schools to improve job potential of the residents. The new training facility has been constructed adjacent to Mt. Pleasant and will open this year to offer comprehensive education and training programs for residents lacking adequate job placement skills. 3. *To promote self-sufficiency and asset development for residents.* The NBHA will continue to employ Service Coordinators to assist in increasing services to public housing residents and voucher holders to help them obtain jobs and education, improve their personal finances, and plan for homeownership. It will work to improve computer centers so residents can be trained on the use of computers for job hunting or furthering their education. 4. *To address the continued need for quality housing.* The NBHA will seek funding for the redevelopment of the housing units and take administrative measures to improve coordination between foremen, property manager, housing asset manager, director of operations, and modernization clerk to guide progress of the sites in reaching their goals. The major improvements planned for 2015 include: Kitchen replacement at Mt. Pleasant, Painting at Oval Grove, and Electrical Work at Ribicoff Apartments.

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

The Housing Authority has been actively pursuing HUD resources that will focus on the economic advancement of its residents. It secured Family Self-Sufficiency funds for both the Section 8 renters and public housing residents. The FSS program provides individual case management, helps participants further their education and find jobs, provides support services such as child care and transportation, and offers monetary incentives that promote financial independence. The Housing Authority coordinates, promotes and provides other programs to enhance the economic and social self-sufficiency of residents. These include after school homework program, scholarship and computer programs and elderly services. The New Britain Housing Authority enforces a Community Service Policy that requires residents to perform eight hours of community service a month. Through community service, the Authority hopes that its residents will be able to improve not only their lives, but also improve the surrounding community in the process. Resident Associations will continue to be organized at each of the New Britain housing projects. A Resident Advisory Board, comprised of tenants from each housing site, is actively involved with developing and approving the Housing Authority's Annual and Five-Year Plan required by HUD. According to the Housing Authority, representation from Public Housing residents will be assured during the planning for revitalization activities. The City continues to operate a homeownership program which is available to public housing renters.

**If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

According to the Housing Authority as of August 2012, the scores for the physical condition of the housing units have gone up and they are no longer designated as a troubled agency.

#### **Discussion**

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

The City of New Britain provides support to services and facilities for the homeless through the allocation of HUD funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program and the HOME Program.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

Emergency Solutions Grant funds that may be remaining from 2014 – the last year for the City’s receipt of these funds – or possibly ESG funds that may be obtained through the State Department of Housing will be used to continue the rapid re-housing activities to reach out to homeless persons through announcements of the availability of rental assistance to the member organizations of the CoC and directly to clients. Recipients of assistance will be assessed, using the Homeless Management Information System framework, and support services through case management will be provided.

Once every two years during the Point in Time Count, volunteers organize to find unsheltered homeless. In the February 2015 PIT Count, there were 10 persons found who were staying out in frigid night temperatures in a car or some other unsuitable place, unwilling to be in a group shelter environment. There were another 162 persons housed that night in the emergency and transitional shelters that were filled to capacity. There will be no outreach activities during this year’s PIT Count.

Annual Homeless-Connect events provide employment workshops, housing information, healthcare, counseling, foot care, haircuts, and referrals to other support services.

The Friendship Service Center is a grantee in the PATH Program – Projects for Assistance to Transition from Homelessness – to pay for staff who are trained by the Program to provide outreach and engagement to meet homeless people where they are—geographically, philosophically, and emotionally – in order to reduce barriers to care and link people with appropriate housing and services.

The City is a part of a Coordinated Access Network (CAN) that covers the region including Berlin, Bristol, Plainville, Southington, and New Britain. The CAN convened, as it was required by HUD regulation and the State of Connecticut’s implementation, to develop a plan to coordinate services and resources on a regional basis. According to the CAN Plan, any individuals or families with housing needs should be instructed to call the State’s 211 help line. When deemed appropriate based on the initially assessed need of the caller, 211 will make a referral to a CAN agency, which will make an appointment for an in-depth assessment and/or case management services.

The City’s objective is to advocate for funding for the continuation of the PATH Program and for staff within the CAN agencies to expand programs of outreach and assessment targeted for homeless families, individuals and persons with special needs, and especially the unsheltered homeless.

## **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

With the rescission of Emergency Solutions Grant funds from HUD, the City and/or City homeless organizations, will apply to receive an allocation of the ESG funds given to the State. The City will consider using CDBG funds in support of emergency or transitional shelter or services. The Veterans Inc. transitional housing facility will be completed this year with assistance from the City's HOME funds.

HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance funds are used for Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing. The majority of the funded projects are ongoing, and the funding is being used annually as renewal funding to continue the projects administered by the Friendship Service Center and Prudence Crandall Center.

**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**

Under the HOME Program, funds have been allocated for the Supportive Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS program which prevents homelessness for this very vulnerable population. HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance funds are used for Permanent Supportive Housing. The majority of the funded projects are ongoing, and the funding is being used annually as renewal funding to continue the projects administered by the Friendship Service Center, Prudence Crandall Center and Community Mental Health Affiliates.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: 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); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs**

The New Britain Consolidated School District assists with emergency needs to help stabilize families with children who are facing homelessness. The many non-profit agencies that are members of the Continuum of Care bring various Federal, State and private sources of support for homeless services and homeless prevention.

Many of the public service programs that will be funded by the CDBG Program will aid in the prevention of homelessness by providing essential services to persons and families who are marginally subsisting.

## **Discussion**

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

In developing the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the City was required by the National Affordable Housing Act to address how the cost of housing and the incentives to develop affordable housing are affected by public policies. The Consolidated Plan identified barriers to affordable housing as being the cost and availability of land, costs of meeting current standards and codes at all governmental levels, and the lack of community banks. Also, the age of New Britain's housing stock complicates code compliance and inflates rehabilitation costs. Codes, fees, charges and other policies affect the return on residential investment, which in turn is passed on in the form of rent increases to tenants.

### **Actions it planned 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**

To address these barriers, the Consolidated Plan's strategy was to: resume and continue operating the HUD-funded housing rehabilitation programs, since all housing produced or renovated under these programs must be affordable; investigate new strategies of financing and assistance to current owners and developers; and advocate now through the Capital Region Council of Governments to emphasize the need for surrounding towns to develop affordable housing; develop affordable housing through the State of Connecticut's Incentive Housing Zones program which will encourage mixed-use development to capitalize on the transit oriented design concepts that will be conducive to the new busway and related infrastructure improvements; continue to provide housing counseling, especially to minorities and social service recipients, to insure equal access to housing.

During this coming year, the City anticipates using HUD CDBG and HOME funds for rehabilitation of housing units to provide affordable rental and owner housing. It will collaborate with the regional LAMPP Program to implement new strategies for outreach and financing mechanisms for lead-related work and provide adequate financial incentive to counter the added regulatory burden and overcome the financial challenges faced with rehabilitation to the older housing stock within the City. The New Britain Incentive Housing Zone Project Plan was submitted to the State in 2011 and the City will submit final documents for approval this year to support the development of quality housing opportunities within the vicinity of new bus stop locations to serve a diverse and balanced socio-economic range of households.

There were two major housing development completed recently – the Corbin Heights and the Jefferson Heights – that have brought an influx of low and moderate income housing and senior affordable housing. The City supported these development with modified tax structure and fee waivers. Three City-owned project sites will be completed and occupied in the coming year as affordable housing: 261 Washington Street, already renovated with CDBG and HOME funds; The Armory building, partially occupied, on Arch Street, owned now and managed by the City; The Berkowitz building, on Main Street, in need of substantial renovation.

### **Discussion:**

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

The City of New Britain's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan identified many needs of the City, its residents and its neighborhoods, which were based on reviews and analyses of statistical data, community input and needs assessments, and evaluation of existing programs. It detailed the prevalence of cost burden and substandard housing that erodes the quality of life of New Britain residents. It identified the need to continue support of homelessness prevention and assisted housing.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The Plan concluded that meeting all the needs of New Britain's residents is beyond the limited financial means of the City and its partner organizations. Revenue shortages of the City and the escalating needs of the residents present constant challenges. The City will continue to support the important public service programs through the allocation and utilization of 2015 HUD funds, but will be defunding others due to budget restraints. The Mayor is encouraging City departments and organizations to search out other funding sources and will be seeking help from the State and charitable foundations and volunteers to collaboratively address the needs of the homeless.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

- The City will utilize CDBG and HOME funds to continue to address the substandard housing and cost burden problems through collaborations with Neighborhood Housing Services, Habitat for Humanity and the Rebuilding Together program, continuation of the Home Ownership Program, and reinstating the Neighborhood Preservation Program for rehabilitation loans to homeowners. The Clean and Lien Program funded by CDBG will continue to be a key tool for enforcing stronger anti-blight ordinance.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City will be an active partner with Connecticut Children's Healthy Homes Program whose commitment is to protect children from lead poisoning and making homes in CT green, safe and healthy. A Memorandum of Understanding will establish the coordination between the CCHHP and the City of New Britain's Neighborhood Preservation Program. The goal is to maximize benefits to the children and their families and to improve the housing stock in the City of New Britain. New Britain's Health Department and Department of Municipal Development will identify properties and property owners that are potentially eligible for CCHHP program. These programs will provide incentives to property owners to remove lead hazards, improve weatherization, and address health, safe and building code issues at the property.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

Many of the activities to be funded by the 2015 HUD grants will address crucial needs of low income or poverty-level families. The activities provide an array of services for persons struggling with the threat or reality of homelessness and aim to remedy the problems that affect employability -- such problems as generational poverty and teenage pregnancy, family and health issues, language barriers and disenfranchisement.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The institutional structure through which New Britain carries out its housing and community development plan is made up of organizations from the public, non-profit and private sectors, and involves public/private partnerships among many housing and social service organizations. The City provides support, not only through CDBG funds for operational costs, but also through the commitment of city staff who meet with the Neighborhood Revitalization Zones, provide them with information as required, respond to their concerns, follow-up on requests and advocate for their plans.

### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

The City will use 2015 HUD grants to support programs operated by private, nonprofit agencies. The City will continue its participation with New Britain's Continuum of Care which is comprised of many of the agencies that serve or impact the homeless and poorest residents of the City, and will continue to convene meetings of the Mayor's Building Hope Together initiative to end homelessness which greatly benefit from the contributions of key members of the business community.

### **Discussion:**



## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	97.20%

## **HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)**

### **Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City of New Britain will not be using other forms of investment than described in 24 CFR 92.205(b).

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City of New Britain's Home Ownership Program (HOP) provides funds for down-payment assistance and closing costs.

HOME Funds must be used to assist income –eligible homebuyers, gross income must not exceed 80% of the area median income, as adjusted by household size.

Homebuyer is required to receive and complete homebuyer counseling from a HUD approved agency prior to purchase.

The buyer must agree to the following provisions related to the purchase of the property, all of which will be enforced through loan documents secured by the assisted property and publicly recorded:

- Affordability period in accordance with HUD's affordability period based on investment amount of HOME funds per unit.
- Property Value, the purchase price must not exceed the HUD HOME Homeownership Sales Price Limits. These limits are determined by HUD and published annually.
- Purchase Price will be limited to no more than the appraised value of the home.
- Principal Residency and occupancy requirement: the property must be the borrower's principal residence. The City may request verification of this residency requirement.

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3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The Resale option will be used when assistance is provided to non- profit agencies and CHDO's for new construction or substantial rehabilitation projects, to ensure that the unit remains affordable over the entire period of affordability. HOME assistance will be provided as a development subsidy and a direct subsidy to the homeowner. The Developer Subsidy is defined as the assistance provided to fund the costs in excess of the market value of the assisted property. Additional assistance provided to make the assisted home affordable to a purchaser is Direct Subsidy.

The use of HOME funds for the construction/rehabilitation of homes requires that:

- Homes constructed/rehabilitated by the Agency must be occupied by a low-income household for the entire affordability period.
- An appraisal of the property must be provided prior to the purchase by the initial homebuyer.
- If the property is sold by the initial homebuyer during the period of affordability, the subsequent homebuyer must be low- income, as defined by HOME, and will occupy the property as their principal residence and the initial buyer must receive a fair return on their investment.

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4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

At this time the City of New Britain will not be refinancing existing debt.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**  
**Reference 91.220(I)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.
3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).
4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.
5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

**Discussion:**

## Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

<b>1</b>	<b>Data Source Name</b> PIC (PIH Information Center)
	<b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b> New Britain Housing Authority
	<b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b> PIC (PIH Information Center)
	<b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b>
	<b>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</b>
	<b>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</b>
	<b>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</b>
	<b>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Data Source Name</b> Data from Housing Authority
	<b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b> Office of the Executive Director Housing Authority of the City of New Britain
	<b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b> The data provided replaces HUD data in Tables 22, 23, 24, 25, and 36 to provide more accurate and current information.
	<b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b> HUD data for Needs assessment did not show Project Based Vouchers or Disabled Special Purpose Vouchers, and it showed all public housing recipients to be requesting accessibility features. HUD data for Market Analysis did not show Project Based Vouchers or Disabled Special Needs Vouchers and did not show any accessible units.
	<b>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</b> The data provided reflects the Housing Authority's information as of January 2015.

	<p><b>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</b></p> <p>The data provided is from administrative records of the Housing Authority.</p> <p><b>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</b></p> <p>n/a</p> <p><b>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</b></p> <p>n/a</p>
3	<p><b>Data Source Name</b></p> <p>Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH)</p> <p><b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b></p> <p>The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) issued the data based on information received from agencies providing housing for the homeless in New Britain.</p> <p><b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b></p> <p>The data represents the numbers reported, and then verified, of persons found unsheltered or living in emergency or transitional shelters during the January 2014 Point in Time Count.</p> <p><b>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</b></p> <p>The Point in Time (PIT) Count is performed annually across the country to determine the number of homeless persons. The PIT Count is coordinated so that transient persons are counted only once, where they were located that night.</p> <p><b>Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.</b></p> <p>January 29, 2014</p> <p><b>Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.</b></p> <p>Agency staff and other volunteers look to find homeless persons in locations such as abandoned buildings or parked cars or in specific areas known to police and emergency personnel. An intake form must be completed for each person found, as well as for all persons staying in shelters. The forms are forwarded to CCEH and HUD for verification and adjustment.</p> <p><b>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</b></p> <p>See Tables</p> <p><b>Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.</b></p> <p>See Tables</p>
4	<p><b>Data Source Name</b></p> <p>Note to Vacant Units Data</p> <p><b>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</b></p> <p>Office of Executive Director Housing Authority of the City of New Britain</p>

<p><b>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</b></p> <p>The data provided replaces HUD data tables 22, 23, 24, 25, and 36 to provide more accurate and current information.</p>
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<p><b>Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
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### NEEDS ASSESSMENT - Cont.

#### NA-10 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT - CONT.

##### What are the most common housing problems? - Cont.

The data provided by HUD shows the number of households who are paying more than the 30% of their income for housing costs and then within that group the number of households who are paying more than 50% of their income for housing costs. When compared to data from 10 years before, the percentages of housing cost burden have risen substantially:

	Renters	Owners
Total Households (per 2010 ACS)	16,745	11,486
Number of households Paying <b>greater than 30%</b> Housing Cost (2010 HUD data)	8,010	3,610
Percentage	47.9%	31.5%
<i>Percentage in 2000</i>	<i>34.5%</i>	<i>24.7%</i>
Number of households Paying <b>greater than 50%</b> Housing Cost (2010 HUD data)	4,460	1,960
Percentage	26.7%	17.1%
<i>Percentage in 2000</i>	<i>17.3%</i>	<i>9.4%</i>



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### NA-40 HOMELESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT - CONT.

#### Describe the nature and extent of unsheltered and sheltered homelessness - Cont.

Unduplicated New Britain Clients, FY 2014

These tables reflect everyone served in a New Britain Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, or Permanent Supportive Housing during FY 2014.

	ES	TH	ES+TH	PSH	Total
Total Clients	411	26	437	328	765
Whose Last Permanent Residence was New Britain	214	10	224	219	443
Veterans, Female	1	2	3	1	4
Veterans Male	12	11	23	7	30
62+ Years	7	1	8	35	43
Chronic Adults	95	N/A	95	N/A	95
Disabled	204	16	220	213	433

HOUSEHOLD STATUS	ES	TH	ES+TH	PSH	Total
Single Men	312	18	330	106	436
Single Women	56	7	63	86	146
Single Transgender	0	1	1	0	1
Total Singles	368	26	394	192	586
Chronic Singles	93	N/A	93	N/A	93
Disabled Singles	198	16	214	164	378
# of Adult-Child Households	15	0	15	47	62
Men in Adult-Child Households	5	0	5	10	15
Women in Adult-Child Households	13	0	13	41	54
Children in Adult-Child Households	24	0	24	85	109
Total in Adult-Child Households	42	0	42	136	178
Chronic Adults in Families	2	N/A	2	N/A	2
Disabled Persons in Families	6	0	6	49	55
Unaccompanied Children	1	0	1	0	1
Children < 5 Years	6	0	6	37	43

Source: CT HMIS

Note: 14 of the Emergency Shelter clients were subsequently provided with transitional housing. They were counted only as Emergency Shelter clients.

**NA-45 NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT - CONT.**

**Discussion - Cont.**

**Veterans**

There are 3,322 veterans residing in the City (according to the 2013 ACS). This is a significant decrease from the numbers of veterans reported as of the 2000 Census, which was 5,224. This decline is likely attributable to the loss of many elderly World War II veterans. According to reports from the homeless service providers, there are 34 veterans receiving homelessness assistance in New Britain. Homeless veterans face multiple barriers to accessing and retaining employment, such as substance abuse, mental illness and post-traumatic stress disorder, which are contributing causes to their homelessness.

**Substance Abuse**

While specific data is not available, a large number of the City's population may be affected by substance abuse, whether in terms of direct abuse or by relationship to the abuser. In addition to the personal effects on the user, substance abuse results in rising crime on the streets, is a drain on the health and human services system, and leads to absenteeism and decreased productivity in the workplace or unemployability. To address the problems of substance abuse, actions needed are prevention, education, intervention, treatment and aftercare.

**Domestic Violence**

The Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain is one of 15 participating programs in the State providing services to victims of domestic violence. On a designated survey date in September 2013, there were 303 victims being housed in emergency and transitional facilities. New Britain residents in domestic violence situations may be brought to other towns in the State for refuge, while Prudence Crandall Center often provides shelter for residents of other towns. According to the network of providers, on that date there were also 103 unmet requests for services of which 95% were for housing.

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### NA-50 NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS - CONT.

#### Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services - Cont.

- Health Services – to fill gaps in the health care system, particularly for those of low and marginal incomes, with little or no insurance, the developmentally disabled, the HIV-positive population and recent immigrants, including screening, dental care, prevention/education, intervention/treatment programming, transportation to health care, follow-up and case management for low-income people who use emergency rooms for primary care, lack of awareness of what services are available, insurance/payment/reimbursement complications. and gaps in Medicaid.
- Elderly Services – to meet the need of existing elderly, primarily very low income, resident, and to anticipate the demands of a growing elderly population.

It was reported that there were not sufficient services to meet the needs of the City's families in the most distressed areas of the City – in those neighborhoods which are characterized by low incomes, unemployment, etc.

Since the current Consolidated Plan was prepared, the CT FastTrack has been completed which offers faster and frequent transportation for bus riders along the transit line to Hartford, and it also includes express, circulator and connecting feeder bus service. The Affordable Care Act has been implemented which has filled the health services gap for some residents who were previously uninsured. Other than the effects of these accomplishments, the public service of the City residents remain, and have intensified. As of the most recent Census numbers, 22% of New Britain residents live below the national poverty level. This is significantly worse than 16.4 % poverty rate reported in the 2000 Census, and 12.8% reported in the 1990 Census.

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## MARKET ANALYSIS - Cont.

### MA-10 HOUSING MARKET ANALYSIS: NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS - CONT.

Exhibit A

Governmentally Assisted Housing						
Funder	Project Name	Street Address	Total	Family	Elderly	Handicapped
HUD	233 Allen Street	233 Allen Street	10	10	0	10
HUD	Abraham Ribicoff Apartments	67 Martin Luther King Drive	104	0	104	16
CHFA	Armory Court Apartments	10 & 24 Grand Street	26	26	0	0
HUD	Arthur D'Amato Apartments	40 Chestnut Street	58	0	58	6
CHFA	Beaver Street Cooperative	46 Beaver Street	19	19	0	2
HUD	Benjamin Knapp Village	Halsey, Pike, Upton and Rocky Hill Avenue	60	0	60	4
CHFA/HUD	Burritt House	67 West Main Street	65	0	65	6
CHFA/HUD	Burritt School Apartments	75 North Street	110	0	110	0
HUD	Charles Graham Apartments	107 Martin Luther King Drive	100	0	100	14
CHFA	Corbin Heights & Extension	2300 Corbin Avenue	291	291	0	0
CHFA	Don Braulio Oquendo Co-op	11 Erwin Place	6	6	0	0
CHFA/HUD	Franklin Square Manor	20 Whiting Street	55	0	55	6
DECD	Friendship Service Center	241-249 Arch Street	3	3	0	0
CHFA/DECD	Hart Street Gardens	439, 445 & 447 Arch Street	20	20	0	0
HUD	Hospital for Special Care (Marian Glen)	1224 Corbin Avenue	9	9	0	9
HUD	John F. Kennedy Apartments	300 East Main Street	70	0	70	0
DECD	Lawlor Street Homeowner	117 Sexton Street	2	2	0	0
HUD	Marian Heights	314 Osgood Avenue	42	0	42	4
DECD	Military Housing		16	16	0	0
HUD	Mount Pleasant	Armistice Street, Bond Street	252	188	64	0
HUD	Nathan Hale Apartments	55 Tremont Street	100	0	100	10
CHFA	Normandy Heights	395 Brittany Farms Road	150	150	0	6
HUD	North Street Townhouses	205-235 North Street	40	40	0	0
HUD	Oval Grove	Dobek Road, Malikowski Circle	160	160	0	4
HUD	Park Gardens (Interfaith Housing)	700 Ellis Street	84	84	0	0
CHFA	Pinnacle Heights Ext	Slater Road & Jerome Drive	62	62	0	10
DSS	RAP/SEC 8		382	382	0	0
CHFA	Sandy Brook (Essex Place)	1317 East Street	151	151	0	7
CHFA/HUD	School I Apartments	50 Bassett Street	127	0	127	7
CHFA/HUD	School II Apartments	161 South Main Street	99	0	99	9
HUD/Sec.8	HUD Section 8 Certificates/Vouchers		851	851	0	
CHFA	Security Manor	470 Burritt Street	50	0	50	0
DECD	Skretny Block	157 Broad Street	5	5	0	2
DECD	Spring Street I and II	55-85 Spring Street	11	11	0	2
CHFA	St. Mary's Residence	41 Beaver Street	51	0	51	3
HUD	Stonegate Apartments	151 Long Swamp Road	60	60	0	0
DECD/CHFA/HUD	Talcott Gardens	135 West Street (94 Talcott Street on HUD li	84	84	0	8
DECD	Walnut/South High Streets	43 Walnut Street; 53-59 South High Street	16	16	0	1
CHFA	Washington School Apts.-Sub Rehab	370 High Street	50	0	50	0
CHFA	Willow Brook Estates	472 South Main Street	10	10	0	0
DECD/CHFA/HUD	Rose Hill	590 Burritt Street	10	10	0	2
TOTAL			3,871	2,666	1,205	103

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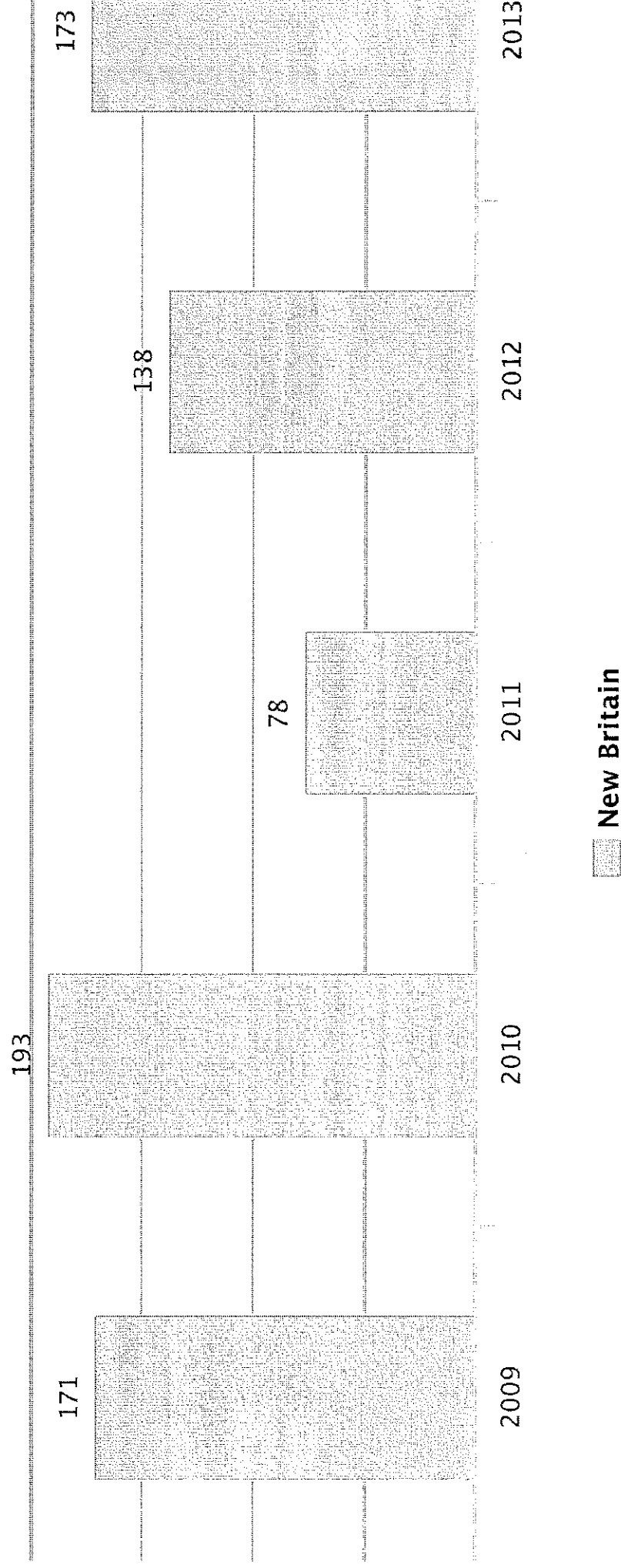
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**MA-20 CONDITION OF HOUSING - CONT.**

# Foreclosures

08,2009,2010,2011,2012,2013,2014 | Foreclosure: Total foreclosures | Measure Type: Number | Variable: Foreclosure



Source: Source Conn

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### MA-30 HOMELESS FACILITIES AND SERVICES - CONT.

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons.

#### HOMELESS SERVICES WITHIN NEW BRITAIN

SERVICE PROVIDER	SERVICE(S)
Catholic Family Services 90 Franklin Square	Services provided under the Corrections Program to New Britain residents released from prison: Mental Health Counseling Housing Referrals, Anger Management Treatment Services, Substance Abuse Counseling
Central Connecticut Red Cross Middletown	Emergency Shelter Arrangements, Transportation, & Referral, to persons homeless as a result of fire
Central Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. 950 Slater Road	Community Living Arrangements for Persons with Disabilities (Ten homes, housing approximately 45 persons)
City of New Britain Human Rights & Opportunities Com. 27 West Main Street	Housing referral & misc. assistance to the general public Listings of Available Apartment Buildings
State of Connecticut Department of Social Services 30 Christian Lane	Counseling & Financial Assistance Relocation Assistance
Community Mental Health Affiliates 5 Hart Street	Emergency housing of mentally ill homeless persons, Supervised apartment-living program, Case Management, Psychological services
Farrell Treatment Center 586 Main Street	12-bed, 30-day Intensive Treatment Program, 12-bed, 60 day Program, Emergency Shelter, Substance Abuse Rehabilitation, Outpatient counseling & assistance in locating long-term housing
Friendship Service Center of New Britain, Inc. 85 Arch Street 241-249 Arch Street	Emergency shelter (36 beds, including 15 rooms for families), Transitional housing (15 beds), Permanent Supportive Housing, Community Kitchen, Drop-in Center, Emergency Needs Program, Case Management, Counseling, Information & Referral, Clothing, Shower Facilities, Storage of Valuables, Employment Opportunities & Job Search Assistance, Housing Search Assistance
Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. 180 Clinton Street	Housing Search Assistance Advocacy, Support for clients with AIDS, Case Management, Aid in Applying for Public Assistance, Information & Referral, Provision of Food & Clothing, Homelessness Prevention Activities, Mediation service for families at-risk of homelessness due to eviction

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Prudence Crandall Center P. O. Box 895	Emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children (20 beds), 8 transitional housing units; 10 permanent supportive housing units at the Rose Hill facility on Burritt Street; Day- time Facilities, 24-Hour Crisis Intervention & Hotline, Transportation, Support Groups, Case Management, Counseling, Information & Referral, Advocacy in areas of legal, housing & employment
Salvation Army 78 Franklin Square	30-bed Emergency Shelter for Men, Provision of Clothing, Health Care, Mental Health Counseling, Job Referral, Alcohol/Drug Rehabilitation, Food Bank Site
Spanish Speaking Center of New Britain, Inc. 29 Cedar Street	Food Bank Site Information & Referral
YMCA 50 High Street	88 Single Room Occupancy Units for Single Men
YWCA 22 Glen Street	Housing and Employment Liaison to the Mayor's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness;
Consolidated School District	Road to Recovery Program, assisting with emergency needs to help stabilize families with children who are facing homelessness.

**List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth.**

Table 39 reports on Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households as follows:

Emergency Beds	-- for Households with Children	28
	-- for Adults only	61

These beds are located at the Friendship Center's 241-249 Arch Street facility, at the Prudence Crandall Center, and at the Salvation Army on Franklin Sq.

Emergency Seasonal Beds --	40
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For the 2014-2015 winter season, these beds are located on Russell Street in the Community Mental Health Affiliates facility. On some nights, over 50 persons have sought shelter, and additional cots were provided.



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Transitional Beds	-- for Households with Children	35
	-- for Adults Only	23

15 of these beds are provided by the Friendship Service Center in their 241-247 Arch Street facility and 19 at the Prudence Crandall Center; and an additional 24 persons are housed by means of 12 long-term vouchers under the Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Permanent Supportive Hsng	-- for Households with Children	194
	-- for Adults Only	157

These units are scattered throughout the City, managed by CMHA, FSC, PCC and the Human Resources Agency, for persons with HIV/Aids. 18 are units located at the FSC 85 Arch Street building, and 10 are at the PCC Rose Hill Facility.

Permanent Supportive Housing for Veterans	18
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These units are under development by Veterans Inc. at 232 Arch Street.

At the Friendship Service Center (FSC), case management is provided for each resident in the emergency shelter. A Case Action Plan is developed within two weeks after arrival. Medical screening and referrals to mental health and physical health providers is provided by the Community Health Center, onsite one day per week. Adult residents are offered the opportunity to complete their education through local agencies. In addition, the FSC assists with books, supplies and transportation for those who work to further their education. Residents with substance abuse problems are referred to treatment. The outreach workers also refer soup kitchen patrons who have histories of substance abuse to local treatment facilities.

In the FSC Transitional Housing, the concept of habilitation (teaching skills that have not been present before) rather than rehabilitation is a focus to achieve successful independent living. Case management services are provided for all participants including direct case management, housing search and counseling services, life skills training, outreach services and transportation. The case management is provided on site and is driven by a person-centered individualized service plan emphasizing hope, self-advocacy, peer support, recovery by choice and self-sufficiency. Case managers work in partnership with each resident to create and follow through to address issues related to disabilities, education, training, job search, obtaining Social Security and other benefits, and any other needs of the resident. The goals are for residents to exit to permanent housing, increase their income and obtain mainstream benefits.

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These case management services and goals are also in place for the permanent supportive housing programs. At the Arch Street facility, where participants are selected using a Housing-First approach priority. Once housed, the residents have access to mainstream resources, medical and psychiatric support and other necessary services either on site or nearby by bus. Seven of the 21 beds are dedicated for chronically homeless people, and 10 additional beds will be dedicated to chronically homeless people through attrition. For the 35 scattered site certificates, the recipients of permanent housing, generally for up to five years, also receive case management services. The targeted population includes homeless individuals and families whose member has a disability from a physical condition, mental illness, domestic violence, and/or substance abuse, as well as veterans, with 17 beds dedicated to chronically homeless people. Fifteen additional beds will be dedicated to chronically homeless people through attrition.

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### MA-45 NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSETS - CONT.

**Describe any current workforce training initiatives, and how these efforts will support the City's Consolidated Plan - Cont.**

#### Construction Training -

Capital Workforce Partners completed a broad view of the construction activity that was, or would be, happening within the North Central Region of Connecticut to understand the demand and opportunity over the next three to five years. The study found that between 2011 and 2015, there is approximately \$775 million in planned construction per year. This is predicted to result in 6,000 jobs annually, generating earnings of approximately \$530 million per year. The Jobs Funnel program is a pre-employment preparation and job training "stepping stone" for Connecticut residents who are seeking employment in construction and construction-related trades. The name "Jobs Funnel," is taken from a process individuals go through – funneling into the system to gain specific work competencies and trade-related certifications. They then funnel out to build self-sustaining and rewarding careers. A Jobs Funnel office is located in New Britain.

The New Britain YouthBuild project will provide construction training to 70 New Britain youth without a high school diploma or GED. Participants will be trained using the nationally acclaimed Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) model where they will learn basic academic skills in the context of the skills necessary to be successful in construction industry. Upon completion of the program, YouthBuild participants will have accomplished the following: earn industry recognized credentials; earn a GED or equivalent; achieve literacy and numeracy gains; advance to post-secondary education, a registered apprenticeship or employment; retain education or employment for a minimum of 6 months; the recidivism rate for court-involved youth will be less than half the national average. At the end of the New Britain YouthBuild project, the youth will have constructed five (5) single family affordable houses located in the following neighborhoods: Willow Street, Fairview Street and Newington Avenue.

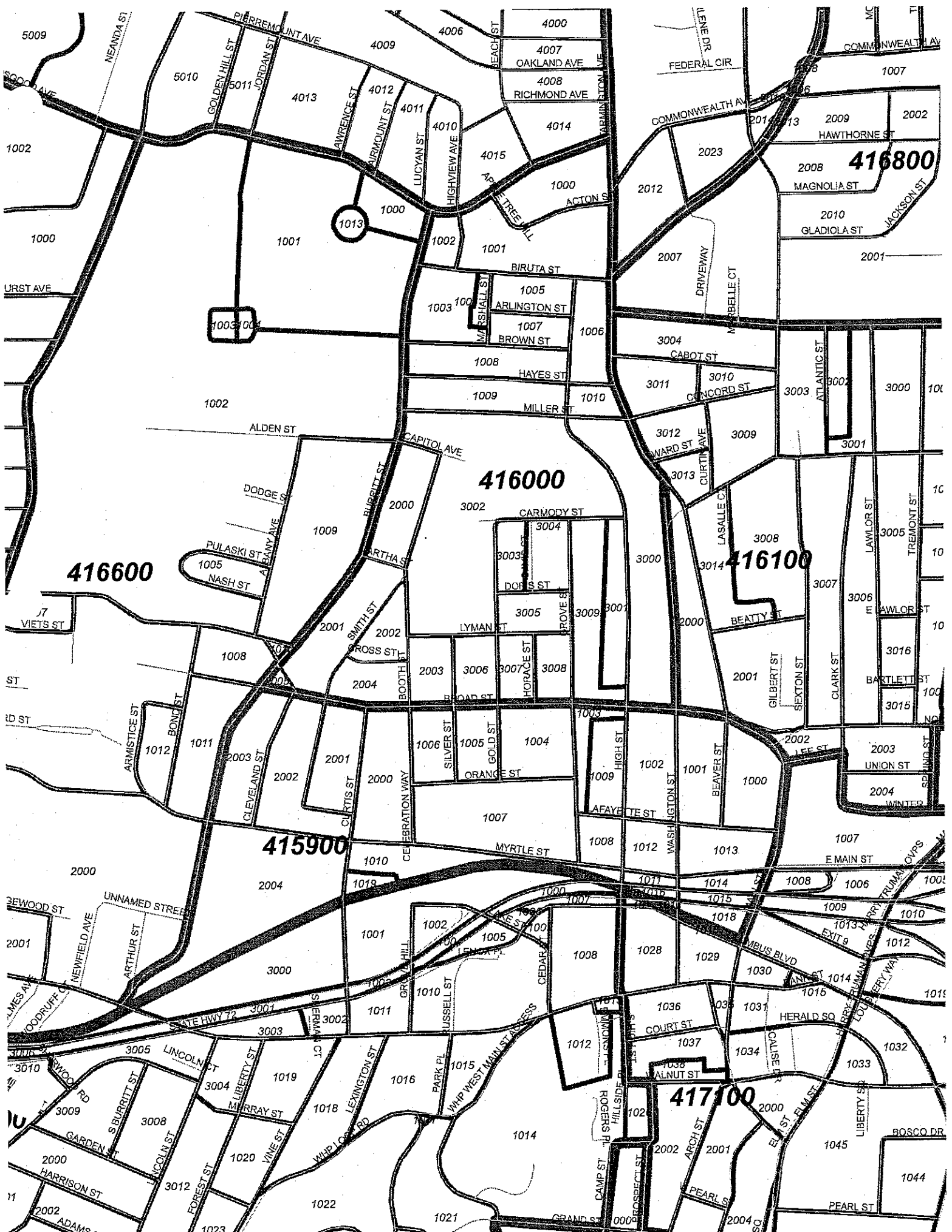
#### Advanced Manufacturing -

The highly-skilled, management-level manufacturing staff that many companies need is particularly scarce. Due to the nature of the work and the precision required, all workers new to the manufacturing industry require a certain amount of training and apprenticeship time in order to become fully-operational staff members. Four of the State's community colleges have adopted an Advanced Manufacturing Certificate designed to train job seekers looking for manufacturing skills to meet the demands of the industry.

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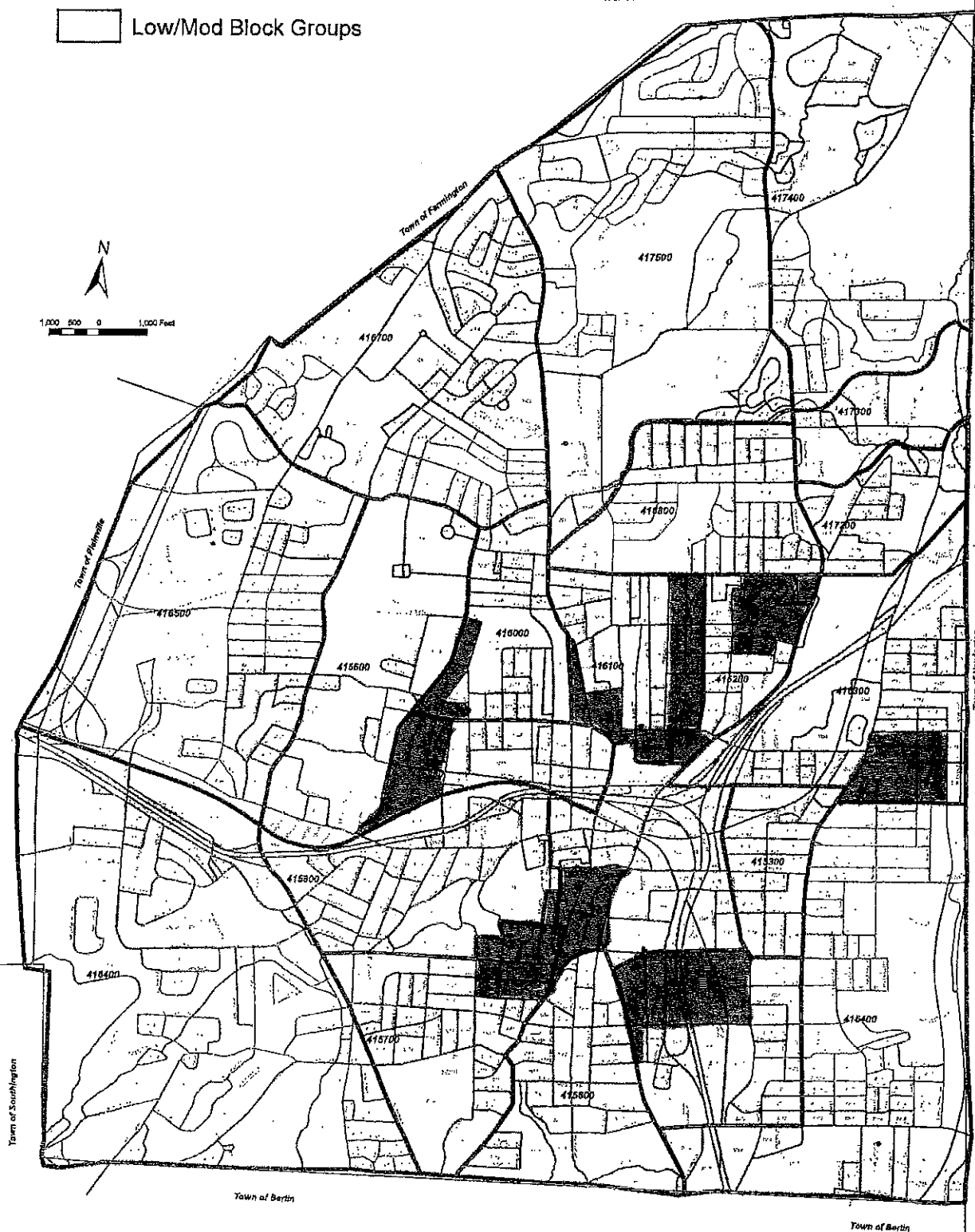
**MA-50 NEEDS AND MARKET ANALYSIS DISCUSSION - CONT.**

**Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated?**



## Exhibit C

### Legend

☐ Low/Mod Block Groups

### Block Groups with Highest Low/Mod Concentrations



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### **STRATEGIC PLAN - Cont.**

#### **SP-35 ANTICIPATED RESOURCES - CONT.**

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied. - Cont.**

##### **Low Income Housing Tax Credits**

This resource is available to assist qualifying privately developed housing. The Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program gives developers a financing tool to provide affordable rental housing for people of limited income. Developers who receive tax credits typically sell them to private investors who benefit from a reduction in tax liability. The proceeds from the sale generate equity from development, reducing the need for debt financing, and enabling the owner to charge affordable rents. The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority administers the allocation for Connecticut. Tax credits are allocated on a competitive basis through one or more funding rounds each year. Most recently, an LIHTC application was approved for the Corbin Heights & Pinnacle Heights Extension Project, which is operated by a designee of CHFA. Also, the New Britain Housing Authority is receiving a 9% LIHTC for the Jefferson Heights new construction project.

##### **Public Housing Capital Fund**

Expected Yr 1	\$1,100,000
Expected Remainder	\$4,400,000

The New Britain Housing Authority receives HUD funds on an annual basis through the Capital Fund Program for improvements to its federally funded housing complexes.

Source: Public federal

##### **Redevelopment Fund**

##### **Section 108 CDBG Loan Guarantee**

The City may pursue advances of CDBG funds using the Section 108 mechanism to implement downtown revitalization or other economic development projects that are planned.

Source: public-federal

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### **Shelter Plus Care**

The Shelter Plus Care Grant provides assistance through four components: (1) Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TRA); (2) Sponsor-based Rental Assistance (SRA); (3) Project-based Rental Assistance (PRA); (4) and Single Room Occupancy for Homeless Individuals (SRO). These funds are received through the Continuum of Care application by the Community Mental Health Affiliates.

Source: public-federal

### **SRO – Moderate Rehabilitation**

Rehabilitation of buildings for use as Single Room Occupancy units is an eligible activity under the Continuum of Care funding, but none has been used for this purpose in New Britain.

Source: public-federal

### **Supportive Housing Program**

Supportive Housing funds are received under the Continuum of Care funding and distributed through the Friendship Service Center and the Prudence Crandall Center.

Source: public-federal

### **Section 202 Program**

The Section 202 Program provides capital advances to finance the construction or rehabilitation of structures to be used for supportive housing for the elderly, and provides project rental assistance to cover the difference between operating cost per unit and the amount the tenant pays. The last Section 202 grants awarded in the City were in 2006 and 2007 to the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception for conversion of their mother house building. This project was completed in 2010 and resulted in 42 elderly housing units for low-income seniors.

Source public-federal

### **Housing Counseling Assistance Grant**

Expected Yr 1	\$ 50,000
Expected Remainder	\$200,000

Neighborhood Housing Services previously received funding from HUD under this program for housing counseling services including homeownership counseling, post purchase counseling, credit counseling and Landlording 101. Additional funds were passed through to NHS from the Neighborworks organization which it is affiliated with.

Source public-federal



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### **HUD-HOPWA: Housing for Persons with AIDS**

Expected Yr 1	\$160,000
Expected Remainder	\$640,000

The New Britain Human Resources Agency anticipates receiving HOPWA funding through the City of Hartford for supportive housing rental assistance for persons with HIV/AIDS who are provided with support services at the Wellness Resource Center.

Source public-federal

### **HUD - Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program**

The City previously applied for, received, and utilized HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control funding. Applications for continuation funding have not been awarded in the past few years. The Regional LAMP Program -- the Lead Action for Medicaid Primary Prevention Program—is receiving these funds and utilizes a portion for New Britain projects. The State of Connecticut is also a recipient of these funds and distributes a portion to the LAMP Program.

Source public-federal

### **SHOP**

Expected Yr 1	\$ 42,750
Expected Remainder	\$171,000

The Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) authorizes HUD to make competitive grants to national and regional nonprofit organizations that have experience in providing or facilitating self-help housing opportunities. Homebuyers must contribute a significant amount of sweat equity toward the construction of their homes. SHOP also requires community participation through volunteers who assist the homebuyers on the construction of the homes. Habitat for Humanity uses SHOP funds as a resource in its construction of new housing in New Britain.

Source public-federal

### **Section 8 Program**

Expected Yr 1	\$ 6,500,000
Expected Remainder	\$26,000,000

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The New Britain Housing Authority anticipates receiving annual funding for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance in the amount of \$6,441,378, of which approximately \$555,000 is used for operating costs. This funding is authorized to provide 801 Section 8 vouchers. The Housing Authority was awarded an additional 50 Section 8 vouchers through the Family Unification Program. This Program provides Section 8 rental assistance for eligible families so that the children will not be separated from their parents. Of the total 851 authorized vouchers, only 751 vouchers were being funded because the HUD funding levels had not been increasing correspondingly to increases in cost of housing.

The Housing Authority is allowed to convert and use of up to 20% of its Housing Choice Voucher Program units to Project Based Vouchers to support proposed redevelopment initiatives and special needs housing being undertaken. Seventy Project Based Vouchers were used for Jefferson Heights, which is a 70 unit senior housing building recently developed in partnership with Pennrose Properties, Inc.

### **Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Family Self-Sufficiency**

Expected Yr 1	\$ 69,000
Expected Remainder	\$276,000

Family Self-Sufficiency is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help Section 8 voucher families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. The New Britain Housing Authority established an FSS program coordinating committee and developed an FSS action plan. The Housing Authority has been receiving funding for an FSS coordinator since 2009.

Source public-federal

### **Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency**

Expected Yr 1	\$ 69,000
Expected Remainder	\$276,000

The New Britain Housing Authority has been receiving funding for a Public Housing coordinator since 2011. The coordinator assists the residents of Mt. Pleasant and Oval Grove housing sites.

Source public-federal

### **Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency**

The Housing Authority may apply for a ROSS grant to be used for Case Management at Mt. Pleasant and Oval Grove. The program is designed to assess the needs of residents and connect them with education, job training and placement programs and/or computer and financial literacy services available in their community to promote self-sufficiency.

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### **Capital Fund Education and Training Community Facilities Program**

This program provides capital funding to public housing agencies for the construction, rehabilitation or purchase of facilities to provide early childhood education, adult education and job training programs for public housing residents in order to help residents achieve better educational and economic outcomes resulting in long-term economic self-sufficiency. The New Britain Housing Authority received \$4 million from this Program and obtained State allocations to build a new 18,000 sq. ft. Mt. Pleasant Community Center which will provide adult education, job training and placement for residents of Mt. Pleasant and Oval Grove housing sites. Capital Workforce Partners will design and carry out the training.

Source public-federal

### **Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

The NSP program was designed to stabilize communities hardest hit by foreclosures. The program grants were intended to be used for the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties. The allocation amount awarded to the City of New Britain in the amount of \$1,781,850, was passed through the State Department of Economic and Community Development and expended as of April 2011. Program Income funds were received in the amount of \$412,545, of which \$227,513 is available to the City for eligible NSP projects.

Source public-federal

### **Single Family Property Disposition**

The Single Family Property Disposition Program is for the marketing and sale of one- to four-unit properties acquired by HUD after foreclosure of an FHA-insured mortgage. Within the general program there are special disposition programs through which a portion of the property inventory is sold. These programs are referred to collectively as the Good Neighbor Initiative and include the Good Neighbor Next Door Sales Program and the Dollar Home Sales to Local Governments Program and the Discount Sales to Nonprofits and Local Governments Program

Source public-federal

### **U. S. Department of Health & Human Services**

Expected Yr 1	\$ 52,280
Expected Remainder	\$209,120

Pass-through funds are received by the City of New Britain through the State Department of Public Health under the Childhood Lead-Poisoning Program. Activities funded include: referrals to medical providers for blood lead screening of children who are at risk for lead, environmental health case management services and education for parents of these children. The grant amount for the current year is \$52,280.

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HHS also provides funds for many of the agencies that operate public service programs in the City.

Source public-federal

### **U. S. Department of Labor**

There are various programs from the DOL that provide assistance to support employment training programs that are needed in the City. Most of these programs are for Workforce Investment Boards, such as the Capital Workforce Partners in Hartford.

The DOL YouthBuild Program provides funding to operate a comprehensive training program for unemployed young adults to earn a high school degree, learn a construction trade, and apply that knowledge in the construction or renovation of housing that will be made available to low income residents. The City was a YouthBuild Program recipient, when the Program was administered through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A New Britain partnership application under the DOL YouthBuild Program was approved in early 2014. The program is being managed by Capital Workforce Partners, and it will be housed at the Housing Authority's new training facility.

Source public-federal

### **DOT -Transportation**

The New Britain – Hartford Busway has been constructed to provide more efficient traffic flows between New Britain and Hartford. The City Public Works Department has been awarded funds under various DOT Programs for streetscape, pedestrian, and infrastructure improvements in the core area of downtown which will create a livable environment in downtown that promotes and supports bus ridership.

Source: public-federal, public-state

### **Brownfields**

The City is a previous recipient of a U. S. EPA Brownfields City-wide Assessment grant and a Brownfields Cleanup grant for the remediation of petroleum contamination at 207 Oak Street, which is adjacent to the organic farm project that was initiated with CDBG funds. The City may apply for future EPA funds. The City has received three grants from the State Department of Economic and Community Development totaling \$3,417,000 for assessments, remediation, demolition and reuse of former redevelopment sites plagued with infill issues from the industrial heydays.

Source public-federal, public-state

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### U. S. Department of Commerce

The City received \$1.25 million through the U. S. Economic Development Administration to support development of the former Pinnacle Heights project site. This grant was matched by \$2.6 million from City bond funds. The construction of an industrial subdivision was substantially completed in April 2013. The City is planning to submit a new application for EDA assistance in the upcoming downtown redevelopment efforts.

Source public-federal

### U. S. Department of the Interior

#### **Historic Tax Credits**

The National Park Service provides tax credits for renovations of historic buildings. Most recently an application was approved by the National Park Service for the provision of a 20% tax credit under the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program to the owners of the New Britain National Bank on 55 West Main Street. Renovations of the building were completed in 2011, converting the building into elderly housing, with available first-floor commercial space, at a total cost of \$11 million.

Source public-federal

### Hartford Economic Development Corporation

State funds are provided to the Hartford Economic Development Corporation and made available to businesses in New Britain. These revolving loan funds are designated to encourage growth and stimulate small and mid-sized industries and businesses resulting in the creation and retention of jobs in the region.

Source public-state

### **Connecticut Housing Finance Administration**

The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority provides a variety of affordable housing programs including fixed-rate 30-year mortgages through participating lenders, as well as a variety of financing programs for multi-family rental developments. CHFA contracts with the New Britain Neighborhood Housing Services to provide education and counseling for homebuyers. Combining efforts with the Department of Housing, CHFA provides grants and loans to help fund improvements in the State-Sponsored Housing Portfolio. The Friendship Service Center may be applying to CHFA for additional homeless facilities.

Source public-state

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### **Department of Housing**

The City may apply under the 2015 funding round for funds for development of affordable housing to begin implementing the TOD strategies that were a focus of recent Downtown Development Plans in anticipation of the CTFastrak Busway and the terminal stations that will soon be operational.

Source public-state

### **Department of Social Services**

The State Department of Social Services provides funds to the Friendship Center and Prudence Crandall Center for emergency shelter operating costs, to the Human Resources Agency for a variety of programs including eviction mediation and fuel assistance for the elderly and handicapped, and too many of the agencies in the City operating CDBG-funded public services programs.

Source public-state

### **Neighborhood Housing Services**

NHS has private funds in its revolving loan fund for the rehabilitation of private property within target areas.

Source private

### **Federal Home Loan Bank**

The Federal Home Loan Bank system provides a centralized credit reserve mechanism to supplement the resources of local home lending institutions. The Affordable Housing Program allows the Federal Home Loan Bank to subsidize interest rates on advances to their members for the purpose of providing long-term mortgages and loans for housing for low- and moderate-income families.

Source public-federal

### **Private Foundations**

The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, the United Way, the American Savings Bank, Community Chest and the Banknorth Foundations provide funding for a variety of programs in the City.

Source private

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### SP-40 INSTITUTIONAL DELIVERY STRUCTURE - CONT.

#### Assess strengths and gaps in the institutional delivery system - Cont.

##### The Neighborhood Revitalization Zones

There are four Neighborhood Revitalization Zones in the City, organized in accordance with State Public Act 95-340 as a collaborative process for neighborhood stakeholders to work with all levels of government to revitalize neighborhoods which have become substandard, unsafe and blighted. The City provides support, not only through CDBG funds for operational costs, but also through the commitment of City staff who meet with the NRZ groups, provide them with information as required, respond to their concerns, follow-up on requests and advocate for their plans. The Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works and Department of Municipal Development are primary resources in the City for the NRZ groups. The group currently most active is the East Side NRZ which is the newest NRZ in the City. While the other three NRZs have already met many of their short-term goals for their neighborhood's revitalization, the City is available to provide continued support as requested and to help mobilize the members as the groups experience changes in leadership and momentum.

##### Strengths and Gaps in Institutional Structure

While there are many active nonprofit organizations in the City providing essential social services, there is only that qualifies as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). CHDOs are nonprofit developers, sponsors and/or owners of housing and the City must set aside a minimum of 15 percent of the annual HOME grant allocation to CHDOs. To qualify, the organization must have a history of service to specific neighborhoods and a demonstrated capacity to develop affordable housing, and the boards of the organizations must meet HUD parameters for representation by low-income area residents. The Neighborhood Housing Services is the one qualifying CHDO in New Britain. The City will continue to outreach to organizations that can become CHDOs to work with the City in implementing the HOME program.

Due to reductions in Federal and State funding, most all of the nonprofit organizations in the City are struggling to stay alive to continue their missions and provide services to the community. Collaboration amongst agencies around broad and/or specific topics and solutions is ongoing; it is encouraged and often required to combine services and share resources, with intended cost savings. As some smaller agencies may not survive, services may be regionalized and changed, reduced or eliminated causing the potential gaps in the service delivery system, while the community needs persist. Due to reductions in the CDBG and HOME allocations there is less funding from HUD to pay for City staff to comply with all the HUD program requirements, and noncompliance could result in loss of the funds.

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**Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs - Cont.**

The Permanent Work Plan to End Homelessness has three focused goals – residence retention; employment; and mental health & wellness – around which strategies, actions, implementers, and outcomes are being defined.

**Residence Retention:** To Provide supportive housing, expand access to affordable housing and prevent evictions.

Actions planned include preparing for the availability of annual CHFA funds for a project based application by identifying potential sites and reaching common ground with community leaders and stakeholders about the need and values of PSH and affordable housing. Also, the City and agencies will seek funds for prevention programs and to educate the community about the rights and responsibilities of both landlords and tenants.

**Employment:** To Bridge the skill gap between local jobs and workers by building relationships with local employers and utilizing employer to employer outreach.

Actions planned include: promoting career advancement for those in entry level positions by conducting mentoring on-site to build sound relationships with employers; promoting job creation by utilizing step up and work opportunity tax credit programs; encouraging business owners to hire homeless; providing programs which will provide transportation to work and trainings and job interviews, thereby moving impediments to finding and sustaining employment for longer periods.

**Mental Health and Wellness:** To assess individual need, provide access to care, and link community partners.

Actions planned include:

- assessing individual needs and monitor local assistance accessibility.
- ensuring wrap around services are utilized as needed by reaching out to the partners and implementers in town. i.e. BHT liaison; FSC; CMHA; Sidekicks Program; Foodshare; Community Central and NB Community Services Dept.
- partner with Police and share resources to assess and provide services dealing with mental health and homeless.
- implement the NBPD crisis intervention team.
- provide the community with training and education to have the tools necessary to deal with the issues of homelessness



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### ***2015 Annual Action Plan Additional Narrative***

#### **AP-90 PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS - CONT.**

**A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows - Cont.**

Consistent with 24 CFR Part 92.254(a)(4), the following minimum period of affordability shall be enforced:

<u>HOME amount per unit</u>	<u>Minimum Period of Affordability</u>
Under \$15,000	5 years
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10 years
Over \$40,000	15 years

The City will use the recapture method for ensuring affordability of HOP assisted properties. The following provisions will be in the agreement for homebuyer assistance:

**Recapture Provisions.** The Borrower agrees to repay all or a portion (referred to as "Recapture") of the HOME Assistance if the Borrower sells or otherwise transfers the Property within the Affordability Period as set forth in the *Loan Terms, Affordability Requirements and Period of Affordability*. The City of New Britain may recapture the entire amount of the HOME Assistance from the Borrower as set forth in the *Schedule III - Recapture Requirements* if sufficient funds are available when the net proceeds ("Net Proceeds") are calculated. The method for calculating the Net Proceeds is set forth in *Schedule III - Recapture Requirements*.

#### ***SCHEDULE III - RECAPTURE REQUIREMENTS***

The Borrower hereby agrees to the following requirements:

- a. **Repayment During the Affordability Period:** If at any time prior to the end of the Affordability Period the borrower sells or otherwise transfers, as set forth in the *Loan Terms, Affordability Requirements and Period of Affordability*, the Borrower agrees to repay the City of New Britain the amount of HOME Assistance that will be derived, referred to as the "Recapture Amount", using the Net Proceeds Calculation described below.

**b. Period of Affordability**

During the Affordability Period, the Borrower must sell the Property in an arms-length transaction to any willing buyer and the amount of proceeds ("Amount of Proceeds") from the sale of the Property must be used to pay-off the loan amount set forth in the Promissory Note attached and made a part of this Agreement. In calculating the Net Proceeds, these requirements will apply:

- The Amount of the Proceeds resulting from the Net Proceeds Calculation represents Borrower equity and will be used to repay the loan.
- If the Amount of Proceeds from the sale of Property is less than the HOME Mortgage, the Borrower will only be obligated to pay the entire Amount of Proceeds.
- If the Amount of Proceeds from the sale of the Property is zero, the City will release the Borrower from the obligation to repay the Promissory Note.
- If the Property is foreclosed during the Affordability Period, the HOME Assistance to the Borrower will be recaptured by the City of New Britain pursuant using the Net Proceeds Calculation.

**c. Net Proceeds Calculation:** The Recapture Amount to be paid by the Borrower to the City is limited to the Net Proceeds. The Net Proceeds will be calculated as follows:

The sales price of the Property minus any superior non-HOME Assistance debt minus closing costs equals the Net Proceeds.

If the Amount of Proceeds from the sale of Property is less than the HOME Mortgage, the Borrower will only be obligated to pay the entire Amount of Net Proceeds. If the Amount of Net Proceeds from the sale of the Property is zero, the City will release the Borrower from the obligation to repay this Promissory Note.

***EVENTS OF DEFAULT***

An "Event of Default" for the purposes of this Agreement shall be when the borrower is in non-compliance at any time during the period of affordability and fails to comply with the terms of the Agreement signed with the City, including maintaining the property as the homeowner primary residence. The City may require the full amount of the loan to be repaid immediately and/or will exercise any remedies at 24 CFR 85.43 and may institute any action, suit or other proceeding in law, in equity or otherwise, which it shall deem necessary or proper for the protection of its interests.

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**A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows - Cont.**

The Resale Provisions will be enforced through a Restrictive Covenant which is to be signed by the homebuyer at closing. The Restrictive Covenant will specify:

- a) The length of the affordability period is consistent with 24 CFR Part 92.254(a)(4)
- b) That the home remain the homebuyer's principal residence throughout the affordability period; and
- c) The conditions and obligations of the homebuyer should the homebuyer wish to sell before the end of the affordability period, including;
  - The homeowner must contact the City of New Britain in writing if intending to sell the home prior to the end of the affordability period;
  - The subsequent purchaser must be low-income as defined by HOME, and occupy the home as his/her primary residence for the remaining years of the affordability period. (However, if the subsequent purchaser receives direct assistance through a HOME-funded program, the affordability period will be extended according to the total amount of HOME assistance provided)

**Affordability to a Range of Buyers.** The City will ensure continued affordability to a range of buyers, particularly those whose total household incomes range from 60 percent to no greater than 80 percent MFI.

**Fair Return on Investment.** The City of New Britain will administer its resale provisions by ensuring that the homeowner receives a fair return on his/her investment and that the home will continue to be affordable to a specific range of incomes. Fair Return on Investment means the total homeowner investment which includes the total cash contribution, plus the approved capital improvements credits, and home value as described below:

1. **Cash Contribution:** The amount of the down payment (if applicable);
2. **Capital Improvements:** The current market value as established by an appraiser of any capital improvements, documented with receipts provided by the homeowner that will increase the property's value, including but not limited to:
  - a. Any additions to the home such as a bedroom, bathroom, or garage;
  - b. Replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems to higher energy efficient systems;
  - c. Accessibility improvements such as bathroom modifications for disabled or elderly, installation of wheelchair ramps and grab bars, any and all of which must have been paid for directly by the

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homeowner and which were not installed through a federal, state, or locally-funded grant program; and

- d. Outdoor improvements such as a new driveway, walkway, retaining wall, or fence.

Note: All capital improvements will be visually inspected to verify their existence, documentation will have to be provided, the improvements will be evaluated to its current market value and approved.

- 3. **Home Value:** The percentage of change of value of home as calculated by the Housing Price Index (HPI) Calculator of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. The HPI Calculator is currently located at <http://www.fhfa.gov/datatools> and projects what a given house purchased at a point in time would be worth today if it appreciated at the average appreciation rate of all homes in the area. The calculation shall be performed for the Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT Statistical Area.

We will assure that the housing will remain low income by providing the subsequent buyer down payment assistance or other mechanisms that enhance affordability is needed.

### SAMPLE

Home Price February 1, 2010 \$100,000

2015 Market value of approved Improvements \$ 3,000

#### 2015 Sale

2015 - 5 year HPI = 2.5%

Allowed Appreciation  $\$100,000 \times 2.5\% = \$2,500$

Allowed 2015 Sale Price -  $\$100,000 + \$3,000 + \$2,500 = \$105,500$

**Enforcement Mechanisms** - Resale requirements shall be enforced through deed restriction, covenant, or other similar mechanism filed with the Town Clerks Office and the requirements within shall be triggered upon sale or transfer of the HOME-assisted property.

The Homeowner must occupy the property as its primary residence until such time as the property is sold to a qualified buyer and approve by the City.

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**Events of Default-** In the event of non-compliance by the homeowner, the nonprofit, CHDO and or developer will be responsible to take immediate action to remedy the situation and recover the HOME investment in full.

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Office of Community Planning and Development**

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Part II Fiscal Year Summary		
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year		\$ 6,183,607.43
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year (see Part III.9.)		\$ 0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (line 1 + line 2)		\$ 6,183,607.43
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year		\$ 2,132.83
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (line 3 minus line 4)		\$ 6,181,474.60

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