

- Will continue to achieve a High Performer designation which brings additional HUD funding to be used in impacting area poverty.
- Will continue its programs that exceed HUD federal targeting for families at or below 30% of AMI in public housing and the Housing Choice Voucher program.
- Uses a rent policy that supports and encourages employment and education.

## NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

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

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

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

#### Response:

1. The jurisdiction works with partners such as RHA and WCHA to end discrimination in rental housing, continues to educate on fair housing regulations, instill a rental housing registration program, improve landlord accountability, and improve access to quality affordable and accessible housing options for all residents especially those with special needs

The following table describes the priorities for each special needs category:

<u>Special Needs Category</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Support Services</u>
Elderly	High	High
Persons w/severe mental illness	High	High
Disabled	Medium	Medium
Persons w/alcohol or other drug addictions	High	Medium
Victims of Domestic Violence	High	Medium
Persons w/AIDS	Low	Low

2. RHA will leverage entitlement agency funding from HUD with competitive funding and grant awards from federal, state and local (government and non-government) sources to improve the quality of its affordable units. Additionally,

these same resources will be leveraged to improve its programmatic opportunities for individual self-sufficiency and quality of life opportunities.

WCHA has privatized 84% of its public housing portfolio to reduce a single fund source reliance, through Low Income Housing Tax Credits, HOPE VI, HOME, AHP, CFFP, CFP, competitive and non-competitive ARRA. WCHA administrates the state funded Rental Housing Support Program. WCHA's non-profit component purchases foreclosed homes in the Rockford area and leases them to qualified low-income residents and the original homeowner when possible, and partners with Rural Housing, private equity funders, and the Department of Agriculture for affordable housing throughout Winnebago County. WCHA partners with area agencies such as the Regional Area Mobilization Program, the Rockford Park District, the Rockford Housing Authority, Winnebago County, the City of Rockford, the State of Illinois, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to leverage resources.

### **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS**

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

1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.
2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.
3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.
4. Report on annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.
5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.
6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.
7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.

8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.
9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.

**Response:**

Numbers 1 through 9 are not applicable.

**Specific HOPWA Objectives**

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

**Response:**

This question is not applicable to Rockford.