

## 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.

#### ***Program Year 5 Action Plan Non-homeless Special Needs response:***

Jointly, the Housing Authorities (RHA and WCHA) will work to end discrimination in rental housing, continue to educate on fair housing regulations, instill quality through rental housing programs, improve landlord accountability and improve access to quality affordable and accessible housing options.

RHA and WCHA are dedicated to providing and attracting services for veterans, the elderly and the disabled to complement current services and acquire further housing for this target population such as the Winnebago Homes and TBI homes.

Provisions will be made to increase security programs for public housing sites and neighborhoods in partnership with the City of Rockford and the County of Winnebago.

RHA and WCHA will implement current measures to de-concentrate poverty through the public housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. The HA will seek to maintain 100% occupancy to reduce the number of families in unaffordable housing.

Additionally, the implementation of a state funded Rental Housing Support program, providing replacement public housing and the acquisition or new build of units and developments are achievements that RHA and WCHA are looking to fulfill. The purchase of foreclosed homes to reduce community blight and increase affordable housing opportunity will aid in this effort.

Continuing to maintain a low public housing turnover rate is crucial as it contributes to the immediate impact on community poverty. The conversion of tenant based vouchers to project based vouchers and a Family Self Sufficiency Program for a multi-county area remain priorities that RHA and WCHA hope 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.

#### ***Program Year 5 Action Plan Non-homeless Special Needs response:***

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

Partnerships will be made with area agencies such as the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Rockford Park District, Winnebago County, the City of Rockford, the State of Illinois and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to leverage resources. Moreover, these same resources will be leveraged to improve its programmatic opportunities for individual self-sufficiency and quality of life opportunities.

## **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.

***Program Year 5 Action Plan HOPWA response:***

N/A

**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.

***Program Year 5 Specific HOPWA Objectives response:***

N/A