

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

In compliance with HUD's regulations, the City of Williamsport has prepared this Annual Action Plan which will be utilized for FFY 2026. This Plan highlights challenges and opportunities in focus areas such as housing, community development, and economic development within the City of Williamsport.

The Annual Action Plan also establishes goals for the City of Williamsport over the next year by outlining initiatives the City of Williamsport will undertake to address identified needs. This Plan is a collaborative effort between the City of Williamsport, SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG), social service agencies, housing providers, community and economic development agencies, and the community at large. The planning process was accomplished through a series of public meetings and stakeholder consultation.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The "vision" of this Plan is to serve as a planning document, an application, and a strategic plan for the City of Williamsport. As part of the Plan, the community must develop goals and objectives. The following goals, objectives and outcomes have been identified for the City of Williamsport for FFY 2026 for the CDBG and HOME programs.

Housing Priority (High Priority):

There is a need to improve the quality of the housing stock in the City of Williamsport and to increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers. The specific objectives that support this goal are as follows: increase homeownership; reduce housing blight and deterioration among owner-occupied households; improve rental housing opportunities; and provide safe and accessible housing.

- **HS-1: Fair Housing** – Support education, enforcement/reporting, and/or evaluation/study of Fair Housing rights and other housing related topics relevant to the public.
- **HS-2: Housing Stock** - Support efforts to create new units of affordable and/or accessible housing as well as maintain and improve the quality of older homes, including elimination of slum and blighting conditions.

Other Special Needs Priority - (Low Priority)

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

- **SN-1 Public Safety** – Improvement in the ability to respond to emergency situations.

- **SN-2 Social Services** - Support social service programs and facilities for the youth, elderly, persons with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with other special needs including emergency shelter and transitional housing services and services to assist homeless persons and families make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

Community Development Priority (High Priority):

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

- **DV-1 Community Facilities** - Improve the parks, recreational centers, trails, bikeways, and public and community facilities through rehabilitation, new construction and handicap accessibility improvements.
- **DV-2 Infrastructure** - Improve infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, ADA curb cut ramps, sewer, water, storm water management, flood protection, bridges, green infrastructure, etc.
- **DV-3 Employment** - Support and encourage job creation, job retention, and job training opportunities as well as entrepreneurship and small business development.

Administration, Planning and Management Priority (High Priority):

There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state and locally funded projects.

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

Assignment of Priority Discussion:

High Priority - Activities are assigned a high priority if the City of Williamsport will likely utilize CDBG funds to finance activities during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.

Low Priority - Activities are assigned a low priority if the activity may not be funded by the City of Williamsport during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period. The city may support applications for other funding if those activities are consistent with the needs identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPER) have been submitted to HUD regarding how the City expended its funds for all previous program years to date.

The FFY 2026 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) will summarize the use of FFY 2026 CDBG funds from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, and will be submitted to HUD by March 31, 2027.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and Consultation Process

In preparation for the FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan, a notice was mailed out on March 6, 2026, to community service and development providers, businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and community and faith-based organizations regarding the initiation of the CDBG and HOME application preparation schedule. This notice announced the upcoming application cycle and provided guidance on submitting project proposals in accordance with HUD Citizen Participation requirements and the City's Citizen Participation Plan.

As a component of the planning process, the City of Williamsport held its first public hearing on March 24, 2026. The hearing provided residents, agencies, and organizations with the opportunity to discuss the community's CDBG and HOME program and provide suggestions for future CDBG and HOME program priorities and activities. The process for distribution of the Annual Action Plan was also provided.

SEDA-COG then notified all the agencies and organizations that were contacted as part of the consultation process, to let them know that the Annual Action Plan was on public display. The comment period for the City of Williamsport began on April 13, 2026, for a period of 30 days. A copy of the "Draft FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan" was placed on display at the following locations:

1. City of Williamsport, 100 West 3rd Street, Williamsport, PA 17701
2. City of Williamsport Website <https://cityofwilliamsport.org/news/document-center/>
3. SEDA-COG's Website <https://seda-cog.org/departments/community-development/hud-documentation/>

A final public hearing was held on April 29, 2026. This meeting gave the public a final opportunity to comment on the plan. The comment period for the FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan ended on May 13, 2026. Please refer to the public comment summary below, and the minutes from the public hearing for further comment documentation.

5. Summary of public comments

Notices were advertised in the *Sun Gazette*, the newspaper of general circulation, regarding the public hearings, and to invite public comment. Other forms of public comment were also invited and accepted for thirty (30) days regarding the Annual Action Plan.

Comments received at the public hearings, as well as during the thirty (30) day comment period, are included as public hearing minutes, attached at the end of the Plan. No comments were received.

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

All comments and suggestions received to date have been accepted and incorporated into the Annual Action Plan. No comments were received.

7. Summary

The main goal of the FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan is to study the living conditions, as well as the community and economic development challenges and opportunities faced by the residents of the City of Williamsport. Through this study effort, baseline goals were established to work towards improving the housing conditions and address community and economic development needs.

The City of Williamsport will use this Plan as a guide for allocating its CDBG and HOME funds in FFY 2026, and to provide direction to stakeholder organizations to address the housing and community and economic development needs.

For FFY 2026, the City of Williamsport will receive:

- City of Williamsport CDBG: \$1,001,269
- City of Williamsport HOME: \$239,226.39

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 agencies and contacts are responsible for preparing the Annual Action Plan and the administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	Jamie Shrawder	SEDA-COG Community Development
CDBG Administrator	Tyler Dombroski	SEDA-COG Community Development
CDBG/HOME Administrator	Valerie Fessler	City of Williamsport Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The mission of the Community Development Program at SEDA-COG is to work with local governments and their citizens to improve communities and the lives of community residents through infrastructure and community facility projects. SEDA-COG’s Community Development Program offers services to the region’s counties, communities, municipal authorities, and locally-based organizations.

Success is assisting a community through the planning, development, design, funding, and construction of much needed public infrastructure or community facility projects. In the last 30 years, SEDA-COG’s Community Development Program has assisted with nearly 1,000 public infrastructure and community facility projects, resulting in community investments of nearly half a billion dollars.

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PR-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Williamsport and its CDBG Administrator, SEDA-COG, consulted with local agencies, groups and organizations during March through May of 2026. Input from the consultation meetings was used in the development of the specific strategies and priorities for this Plan. Public hearings were scheduled in accordance with the City’s adopted Citizen Participation Plan to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the development of this Plan. Continuum of Care participants and other organizations were notified of the FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan process through an outreach letter and/or e-mail.

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(I))

The City of Williamsport consulted with the Lycoming County Housing Authority to obtain data on the public housing inventory, including the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, and to discuss the Housing Authority’s plans for public housing development activities.

The City has also solicited input by way of stakeholder meetings with affordable housing providers, homeless providers, and social services that provide housing assistance and related services to low- and moderate-income persons. These efforts assisted in preparing the FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan.

The City is a member of the Coordinated Task Force. The Coordinated Task Force is represented by over 80 local organizations, including housing providers, governmental agencies and social service agencies.

The City of Williamsport works with the following agencies to enhance coordination:

- a. Lycoming County Housing Authority
- b. Economic Development Agencies
- c. Social Service Agencies
- d. Philanthropic Funding Institutions

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.

The City of Williamsport falls within the 33-county Eastern Pennsylvania Continuum of Care. This organization is broken into five regional homeless advisory boards. The City of Williamsport and Lycoming County are part of the Northern Tier Region Homeless Advisory Board (RHAB). Each year the Continuum of Care conducts a gaps analysis, using data from the homeless service system, to identify needs and gaps within the Continuum of Care. This analysis includes a review of needs both at the Continuum of Care level, but also at the regional and county level. The Continuum of Care Funding Committee uses this analysis to inform funding decisions about the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, and youth.

The Lycoming County Housing Authority provides public housing for Section 8 residents. Various social service institutions also provide supportive services for persons at risk of becoming homeless as well as addressing the needs of individuals who are currently homeless. This includes providing emergency, short- and long-term shelter options for individuals and families.

Many of the organizations consulted and notified of the FFY 2026 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan are members of the Coordinated Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to coordinate services, prevent duplication of efforts, share information, and promote networking. The NT RHAB recently began participating in the Coordinated Task Force to bring awareness to services available to the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

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

The City of Williamsport is not a recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The ESG program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

The Continuum of Care has two mechanisms by which local organizations may be involved in funding decisions, developing performance standards/evaluating outcomes, and developing funding policies/procedures.

1. Regional Homeless Advisory Board meetings - There are five regions in the Pennsylvania Continuum of Care, each represented by a Regional Homeless Advisory Board RHAB. The City of Williamsport and Lycoming County are part of the Northern Tier Region Homeless Advisory Board (RHAB). Local organizations are encouraged to participate in these meetings. These meetings serve to keep Continuum of Care members updated on what is going on in the Continuum of Care, solicit input from members on needs within the Continuum of Care, and allow members to connect with one another and share resources.

2. Funding Committee - Each Regional Homeless Advisory Board has two representatives on the Continuum of Care's Funding Committee. Each year the Continuum of Care conducts a gaps analysis, using data from the homeless service system to identify needs and gaps within the Continuum of Care. This analysis includes a review of needs both at the Continuum of Care level, but also at the regional and county level. The Continuum of Care Funding Committee uses this analysis to inform funding decisions about the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, and youth. The Funding Committee also leads the process of developing performance evaluation standards. All Continuum of Care funded projects are annually evaluated based on their performance annually, which informs which projects are renewed for ongoing funding.

Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Lycoming Neighborhood Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consults with LNDC to plan for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing. LNDC is one of two within the City of Williamsport.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Lycoming County Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter; coordination to understand public housing and Section 8 needs.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action (STEP), Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education Services-Employment Regional Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Coordinated Task Force
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	STEP helps administer the Coordinated Task Force for Lycoming County, which is an organization that has representatives from many local social service agencies. This group meets once a month to discuss issues that their agencies and/or their clients are facing.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Regional Organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. The City works closely with the organization on development projects and has consulted with the Chamber regarding the promotion of the designated Opportunity Zones in the City.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. Discussion of projects, consultation regarding its request for FFY 2022 CDBG funding for building repairs. The organization is also a member of the Coordinated Task Force
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Williamsport Branch YMCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Firetree Place
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter; Discussion of projects, consultation regarding its request for FFY 2022 CDBG funding for its After School program.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	UPMC Susquehanna
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-based paint hazards (Health Agency)
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Roads To Freedom Center for Independent Living
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. The Center for Independent Living is a member of the Coordinated task force, and the organization provides accessible housing assistance for income-eligible clients in partnership with the City.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Veterans Affairs Williamsport Clinic
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Other government - Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the	Public advertisement and outreach letter.

	consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
12	Agency/Group/Organization	American Rescue Workers
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Lycoming Habitat For Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. The City consulted with Habitat for Humanity regarding its request for FFY 2022 CDBG funds.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Sojourner Truth Ministries
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	James V. Brown Library
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. Williamsport serves as one of two Healthy Food Hubs in the Central Pennsylvania Food 27-county jurisdiction.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	North Penn Legal Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. North Penn Legal Services provides free legal representation in non-criminal matters including eviction from housing, discrimination, family law, and consumer protection issues.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Eastern Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.

20	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Promise of Lycoming County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. Family Promise of Lycoming County provides homeless services throughout the County. The City consulted with Family Promise regarding its request for FFY 2022 CDBG funds.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Hope Enterprises
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	PA Career Link
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Non-housing Community Development Strategy Other Government - State
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	Public advertisement and outreach letter.

	What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
23	Agency/Group/Organization	River Valley Health and Dental Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	AIDS Resource Alliance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. This organization is a member of the Coordinated Task Force.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	UPMC - Community Health - Life Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	KidsPeace
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
27	Agency/Group/Organization	Lycoming County SPCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Nonprofit animal control
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter; attendance at public hearing. The organization was consulted regarding its request for FFY 2022 CDBG funding.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Services Group
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. Community Services Group is a member of the Coordinated Task Force.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	North Central Sight Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
30	Agency/Group/Organization	Williamsport Municipal Water Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development Non-housing Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Williamsport Sanitary Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	County of Lycoming Planning & Community Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. The County administers a supportive housing program for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The City of Williamsport coordinates with the County Planning department for Hazard Mitigation Planning and flood mitigation strategies.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Lycoming-Clinton Mental Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Health Agency
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	Big Brothers Big Sisters Lycoming County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	Hometown Internet LLC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Digital Divide Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.

36	Agency/Group/Organization	River Valley Internet, LLC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Digital Divide Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
37	Agency/Group/Organization	Lycoming County United Way
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
38	Agency/Group/Organization	Lycoming County Visitors Bureau
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Organization Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development Non-Housing Community Development Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
39	Agency/Group/Organization	Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Programs
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Lycoming-Clinton Joinder Program is a social service agency responsible for providing State-mandated services and supports to residents in Lycoming County. The Joinder provides services including Children & Youth, Early Intervention, Health Choices (behavioral health), Mental Health & Intellectual Disabilities / Autism Services, Child & Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP), and Aging Services. They were provided with a public advertisement and outreach letter. The organizations under the Joinder are members of the Coordinated Task Force.

40	Agency/Group/Organization	Susquehanna Greenway
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Business Leaders Civic Leaders Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
41	Agency/Group/Organization	Lycoming Economic Development Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
42	Agency/Group/Organization	First Community Foundation Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders Foundation

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.
43	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Williamsport
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letters were directed to the Bureau of Codes, Public Works, and Recreation Departments. The Community Development Department works regularly with these City departments to identify projects, including properties that are a health and safety hazard.
44	Agency/Group/Organization	River Valley Transit
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Transportation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the	Public advertisement and outreach letter.

	consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
45	Agency/Group/Organization	Williamsport Area School District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. The School District is a member of the Coordinated Task Force.
46	Agency/Group/Organization	Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter. CPWDC, also known as Advance Central PA, serves as a workforce development resource for jobseekers and employers in central Pennsylvania.
47	Agency/Group/Organization	West Branch Drug and Alcohol
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter; this organization is a member of the Coordinated Task Force.
48	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Care Behavioral Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter; this organization is a member of the Coordinated Task Force.
49	Agency/Group/Organization	Clean Slate Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter; this organization is a member of the Coordinated Task Force.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education

		Services-Employment Regional Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Public advertisement and outreach letter.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

All agency types were consulted and contacted during the planning process.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Northern Tier Region Homeless Advisory Board (RHAB)	This is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
City of Williamsport Consolidated Plan 2025-2029	City of Williamsport	This is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Greater Williamsport Comprehensive Plan, 2017	City of Williamsport	This is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Lycoming County Community Needs Assessment, 2021 and 2024	STEP, Inc.	This is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
FFY 2025 CDBG Annual Action Plan	City of Williamsport	This is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
FFY 2025 CDBG CAPER	City of Williamsport	This is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2020	County of Lycoming	This is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Williamsport Area Transportation Study, 2018	County of Lycoming	This is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	SEDA-COG	This is incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.

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(l))

Due to the relatively small size, population, and tax base of the City, along with the rural character of the greater region, almost all of the consulted agencies provide services on either a county or multi-county level. As a result of this administrative structure, the City's efforts to implement the strategies produced from this Annual Action Plan will require continued cooperation with partner agencies.

Narrative (optional)

The City of Williamsport has consulted and coordinated with various agencies and organizations, municipal-wide, county-wide, and Commonwealth-wide. A culmination of these efforts resulted in the development of the FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan.

PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

The FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan has many components that require and encourage citizen participation. These components include:

- Email and written letter outreaches to local organizations; and
- Consultation interviews and discussions with various stakeholders; and
- Two public hearings at different stages of the application preparation schedule; and
- Newspaper advertisements encouraging participation and comment; and
- Public display of the draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.

Through the citizen participation process, public input was used to identify what challenges and opportunities exist in the City of Williamsport, as well as developing goals to mitigate these issues.

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	Notice to community organizations	Minorities People with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Sent via US mail and e-mail to community organizations and agencies	No comments received.	None.	N/A
2	Consultation meetings and interviews	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Varied. Refer to attached sign-in sheets for attendance records.	Comments utilized throughout the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.	All comments were accepted. Note sheets are attached to this Consolidated Plan.	N/A

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	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Assistance provided upon request Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Varied. Refer to attached sign-in sheets for attendance records.	Refer to minutes of public hearings attached to this Consolidated Plan.	All comments were accepted.	N/A
4	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	All advertisements circulated in the local newspaper of general circulation, the <i>Sun Gazette</i>	No comments received.	No comments received.	https://www.sungazette.com/

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	Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan Comment Period	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Available during office hours of the Williamsport Department of Community and Economic Development and electronically on City and SEDA-COG website	See attached summary of comments.	All comments were accepted.	https://seda-cog.org/departments/community-development/hud-documentation/

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Williamsport will receive \$1,001,269 of FFY 2026 CDBG funds and \$239,226.39 of FFY 2026 HOME funds. The program year is from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

The accomplishment of these projects/activities will be reported in the FFY 2026 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

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 City of Williamsport	Public-Federal	Public Facilities, Administration	\$1,001,269	\$0	\$0	\$1,001,269	\$3,000,000	Funds for housing and non-housing community development needs in accordance with 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan
HOME City of Williamsport	Public-Federal	Acquisition, Homebuyer Assistance, Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$239,226.39	\$5,000	\$0	\$244,226.39	\$600,000	Funds for housing community development needs in accordance with 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan

Table 5 - 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

In addition to the CDBG and HOME Entitlement funds, the City of Williamsport anticipates the following resources may be available to private

individuals/families and local non-profit organizations to undertake the strategies identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan:

- American Rescue Plan – State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Emergency Solutions Grant
- First Time Home Buyers Assistance Program
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC)
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multi-Modal Transportation Fund
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant Programs
- Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation
- Weatherization Program
- Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency
- Pennsylvania Municipal Liquid Fuels Program
- Public Housing Developments
- Section 8 Rental Assistance Program
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Single Family Housing Programs

Other resources that may be available to the City of Williamsport in FFY 2026 to address needs identified in the FFY 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan are listed below:

- FFY 2020-2024 CDBG Funds
- Local General Funds
- Pennsylvania Municipal Liquid Fuels Program

The City of Williamsport is considered a distressed community; the City is not required to provide a match for its HOME funds.

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

Publicly owned property will likely be utilized for any Public Facility or Infrastructure Projects.

Discussion

The City of Williamsport will continue to work cooperatively with private, public, and non-profit agencies and partners to address the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The City of Williamsport anticipates that projects funded in FFY 2026 will require minimal additional matching funds. Other goals identified in the Consolidated Plan and not funded utilizing CDBG or HOME funds in FFY 2026, may utilize other public or private funds, as necessary.

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	DV-1/DV-2 Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$801,269	Public facility or infrastructure; Activities other than low- moderate income housing benefit: 27,754 Persons Assisted; Other: 1
2	HS-2 Housing Rehabilitation	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	City-Wide	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$220,476.39	Homeowner Housing Acquired/Rehabilitation: Household Housing Unit 2; Other:1
3	AM-1 Administration	2025	2029	Administration	City-Wide	Affordable housing; blight elimination; homelessness prevention; public facilities	CDBG: \$200,000 HOME: \$23,750	Other: 1

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	GOAL NAME	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
		Public facilities and infrastructure projects include street reconstruction and related improvements, curb ramp reconstruction, park and recreational facility improvement, and installation of accessibility measures at city-owned facilities. It also includes improvements to public service provider facilities such as shelters.
2	GOAL NAME	Housing Rehabilitation
	GOAL DESCRIPTION	This goal assists income-eligible households to make code, safety, and other needed repairs to their homes. This goal also includes the acquisition and rehabilitation of single family homes for occupation by income eligible families.
3	GOAL NAME	Administration
	GOAL DESCRIPTION	The goal is to administer the CDBG and HOME programs according to HUD regulations.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Projects

	Project Name
1.	Street Reconstruction 2026
2.	Pedestrian Safety Improvements
3.	Sojourner Truth Ministries Facilities Improvements
4.	Single Family Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation

Table 7 – Project Information

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

STREET RECONSTRUCTION 2026: Streets throughout the City are deteriorating due to use and limited general funds to finance street reconstruction. This can include lack of proper crowning, deteriorated subbase, inadequate curbing, and improper drainage. Through ongoing street inspections conducted by the City of Williamsport, it has been determined that the best investment of funds is the reconstruction of several streets in low-income areas of the City. The estimate of probable cost for this project is \$600,000 and will be covered with 2026 CDBG funding. Selected streets for reconstruction will be determined based on low-to-moderate income benefit service areas, including block groups, streets with city-wide benefit, or through demographic survey to determine LMI of the service area. National Objective justification will be clearly documented in the project file and available upon monitoring.

SOJOURNER TRUTH MINISTRIES FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS: Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM), located at 501 High Street in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a vibrant and inclusive Christian mission dedicated to serving the marginalized, homeless, food-insecure, and lonely members of the community. Founded in 1998 by a group of Methodist clergy and laity, STM was envisioned as a central hub connecting various churches and community efforts to address the needs of Williamsport’s most vulnerable residents. STM offers a wide range of services aimed at meeting both immediate and long-term needs:

- **Hot Lunches:** Served six days a week (Monday through Saturday, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM), the “Sojourner’s Hearts” Program provides nutritious meals to anyone in need. In 2024 alone, STM served over 36,000 lunches—an increase of 6,000 from the previous year.
- **Food Pantry:** Available on select days, the pantry offers fresh produce, bread, and pastries. Emergency food care boxes are also distributed to families and individuals facing food insecurity.
- **Transitional Housing:** STM runs a holistic housing program for women transitioning out of homelessness,

offering not just shelter but also spiritual care and social services.

- After-School Kids Program: Designed for high-risk children, this program includes homework help, tutoring, meals, social skills development, and Bible stories twice a week.
- Saturday services provide a meal along with community fellowship.
- Emergency Assistance: STM distributes winter wear, hygiene items, socks, and blankets to those in need, especially during colder months.

The facility is in need of many necessary improvements to continue to operate. Work includes but is not limited to: The building's electrical system is at the end of its useful life. There are sparking outlets, electrical shorts and outdated outlets both upstairs and downstairs. The current system will not support a central air system although STM has raised the funds for a split system. They also used grant funds for an ice maker but cannot connect it. The Community Room is not insulated, allowing cold air to come in as well as heat going out, and vice versa in the warm months. There are also safety concerns. The State Police did an assessment which prioritized electronic access control, door replacement and installation of an emergency generator. The first step was to hire an architect/engineer to evaluate the building and determine priorities for improvements.

The National Objective is Low/Mode Area Benefit (LMA) based on city-wide LMI of 57.5%. The matrix code is 03E, Neighborhood Facilities.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:

The City will use CDBG funds to purchase materials, such as crosswalk marking and stop signs, to make pedestrian safety improvements on streets in low-income neighborhoods. Installation of the purchased materials will be done by City public works employees. Pedestrian improvements will be made in areas of concentration of low-income people. Therefore, this project meets the National Objective of LMA benefit based on the block group specific LMI. National Objective justification will be documented when streets are selected.

SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION: The City will work with STEP, Inc. to acquire and rehabilitate single-family homes to improve accessibility to, and affordability of, housing to Williamsport's low-to-moderate income persons who have difficulties finding affordable housing due to housing costs and the City's aging housing stock. Rehabilitated homes will be brought up to current code standards. Persons who meet the Section 8 HOME Income Limits in place at the time of purchase will be eligible to benefit from this activity.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1.	Project Name	Street Reconstruction 2026
	Target Area	Block groups to be determined. City-wide 57.5% LMI
	Goals Supported	Public facilities and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$601,269
	Description	Street Reconstruction and Streetscape work
	Target Date	12/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	27,754 – the street reconstruction projects have a City-wide benefit; the city has 57.5% LMI. Some streets selected for reconstruction may be qualified as LMI based on block group. National Objective justification will be documented when streets are selected.
Location Description	Streets throughout the City are deteriorating due to use and limited general funds to finance street reconstruction. This can include lack of proper crowning, deteriorated subbase, inadequate curbing, and improper drainage. Through ongoing street inspections conducted by the City of Williamsport, it has been determined that the best investment of funds is the reconstruction of several streets in low-income areas of the City. Selected streets for reconstruction will be determined based on low-to-moderate income benefit service areas, including block groups, streets with City-wide benefit, or through demographic survey to determine LMI of service area. National Objective justification will be clearly documented in the project file and available upon monitoring.	

	Planned Activities	Street reconstruction includes curbing, street excavation, rebuilding of subbase, new pavement, drainage improvements, and site restoration. The National Objective is Low/Moderate Area Benefit (LMA). The matrix code is 03K, Street Improvements.
2	Project Name	Sojourner Truth Ministries Facilities Improvements
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public facilities and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Facility improvements including electrical, security, HVAC, insulation, emergency generator, and others as determined by architect/engineer
	Target Date	12/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	27,754 – City-wide benefit; the City has 57.5% LMI.
	Location Description	501 High Street, Williamsport
	Planned Activities	Facility Improvements including electrical, security, HVAC, insulation, emergency generator, and others as determined by architect/engineer. The National Objective is Low/Mode Area Benefit (LMA). The matrix code is 03E, Neighborhood Facilities.

3.	Project Name	Pedestrian Safety Improvements
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public facilities and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Purchasing materials to make pedestrian safety improvements in low-income neighborhoods, to be installed by City public works employees
	Target Date	12/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low-to-moderate income residents to be determined by block group. National Objective justification will be documented when streets are selected.
	Location Description	Pedestrian improvements will be made in areas of concentration of low-income people such as by Block Group.
	Planned Activities	The City will use CDBG funds to purchase materials, such as crosswalk marking and stop signs, to make pedestrian safety improvements on streets in low-income neighborhoods. Installation of the purchased materials will be done by city public works employees. This project will meet the National Objective of LMA benefit based on the block group specific LMI. The matrix code is 03K, Street Improvements.
4.	Project Name	Single Family Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$220,476.39
	Description	This project provides funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of single-family homes to increase housing available to low-to-moderate income City residents. Funding includes estimated \$5,000 of HOME Program Income.
	Target Date	12/31/2028
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that two low-to-moderate income families will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	City-wide; locations to be determined by need
	Planned Activities	Housing acquisition and rehabilitation to provide income-eligible families in the City with safe and decent housing. Matrix code is 14G Rehabilitation: Acquisition. Families will be qualified to purchase homes based on Section 8 HOME Income Limits in place at time of acquisition.
7.	Project Name	General Program Administration
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Public Facilities

	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000 HOME: \$23,750
	Description	Program Administration
	Target Date	12/31/2032
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	This activity is for the administration of the CDBG and HOME programs. The project matrix code is 21A - General Program Administration.

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

Generally, expenditures will be made on a City-wide basis, or in areas with predominantly low- to moderate-income households.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City-Wide	100%

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The entire City of Williamsport qualifies as a low-income area. Projects taking place within specific areas of the City are based on need, and the importance of the project to the City's goals and objectives.

Discussion

According to the 2016-2020 LMISD, 57.5% of the residents of Williamsport City are low- to moderate-income households. Many of the activities selected for funding are projects that benefit all City residents.

HUD defines a Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Area of Poverty as a census tract where:

- (1) the non-white population comprises 50 percent or more of the total population; and
- (2) the percentage of individuals living in households with incomes below the poverty rate is either:
 - (a) 40 percent or above; or
 - (b) three times the average poverty rate for the metropolitan area, whichever is lower.

Of the nine Census Tracts, the highest minority concentration (37%) is in Census Tract 4. The percentage of the minority population in Census Tract 6 is 30% and in Census Tract 1 is 25%. The remaining tracts all have minority populations of less than 20%. There are no specific areas or neighborhoods with concentrations of Asian or American Indian, Alaska Native populations.

Census Tracts 4, 6 and 8 have the greatest concentration of low-income households. CT1, BG1; CT3 BGs 1, 2, 4, 6 & 7; CT5 BG 1 & 2; CT9 BG2; and CT10 BG3 has a high concentration of low-income households.

Selection of projects to be financed with CDBG and HOME funds is orchestrated by the City of Williamsport's adopted Citizen Participation Plan. Criteria necessary to have a project funded includes but is not exclusively limited to the project's eligibility, financial need, and consistency with the FFY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The service area of a project is also of great importance,

particularly given that at least 70% of the City’s CDBG project funds must be expended on low- to moderate-income benefit activities. The majority of the City’s CDBG funds have a benefit to low- to moderate-income families or people. The following geographic areas are predominately low- to moderate-income based on the 2016-2020 ACS data:

- Census Tract 1, Block Group 1: 67.5%
- Census Tract 3, Block Group 1: 68.2%
- Census Tract 3, Block Group 2: 56.3%
- Census Tract 3, Block Group 4: 64.8%
- Census Tract 3, Block Group 6: 81.5%
- Census Tract 3, Block Group 7: 73.2%
- Census Tract 4, Block Group 1: 89.6%
- Census Tract 4, Block Group 2: 86.0%
- Census Tract 4, Block Group 3: 83.8%
- Census Tract 4, Block Group 4: 96.4%
- Census Tract 4, Block Group 5: 80.1%
- Census Tract 5, Block Group 1: 53.1%
- Census Tract 5, Block Group 2: 55.6%
- Census Tract 6, Block Group 2: 71.4%
- Census Tract 8, Block Group 1: 87.7%
- Census Tract 8, Block Group 2: 87.2%
- Census Tract 9, Block Group 2: 56.1%
- Census Tract 10, Block Group 3: 67.6%

The geographic locations for the FFY 2026 activities are as follows:

Project Name	Primary Benefit Area	LMI
Street Reconstruction	TBD	TBD
Sojourner Truth Ministries Facilities Improvements	City-wide (LMA)	57.5%
Pedestrian Safety Improvements	TBD	TBD
Single Family Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation	City-wide (LMH)	100%
Administration	City-wide	

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City's annual goals for affordable housing include the following:

1. Increasing home ownership opportunities for City residents.

The City of Williamsport sought to increase the percentage of homeowners in the community by assisting current City renters make the transition to home ownership. There is an overlap between low-income households and minority households. The city is also beginning a new program with STEP, Inc. to acquire and rehabilitate homes to then be owned and occupied by income eligible families. By continuing to pursue increased home ownership among low-income households, the City of Williamsport is also supporting increased home ownership by minority households in agreement with National goals.

2. Reduce housing blight and deterioration among owner-occupied households.

Older housing units that require significant maintenance occupied by households with limited incomes result in deferred maintenance leading to disinvestment, declining property values, and possibly abandonment. Assisting households with maintaining their housing is also important to sub-populations, such as the elderly and disabled who have fixed and limited incomes, to continue to own their homes and avoid being institutionalized or becoming homeless. The Acquisition and Rehabilitation program will also support this goal.

3. Improve rental housing opportunities.

Improving rental housing opportunities will reduce the potential for renters to experience a housing crisis and allow them to improve the overall status of their lives. It will also assist households with avoiding homelessness. The older units in the City of Williamsport were developed without consideration of the need for access by the physically disabled and elderly. People aged 75 and over are an increasing portion of the population, and while many of the elderly and frail elderly desire to stay in their homes rather than move to apartments, this is not always feasible and activities to assist homeowners in the City of Williamsport to make improvements to housing will protect the existing stock in the community. Assisting households with maintaining their housing is also important to sub-populations, such as the elderly and disabled who have fixed and limited incomes, to continue to own their homes and avoid being

institutionalized or becoming homeless.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	7
Special-Needs	0
Total	7

Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	7

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City is expecting to assist five (5) families with its owner-occupied single-family rehabilitation activities using CDBG funds from previous program years. The City program offers grants for repairs to owner-occupied single-family homes to income-eligible homeowners. CDBG funds will be used for emergency cases that are not permitted under the HOME program. The city is currently revamping their HOME program to ensure compliance with all regulations. The City is intending to purchase two (2) houses in 2026 with the intent to rehabilitate and sell to income-qualified buyers in 2027.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

As of February 18, 2026, the Lycoming County Housing Authority (LCHA) provides 463 units of public housing and administers 675 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs). There are currently 1,365 families on the public housing waiting list and 1,140 families on the Section 8 waiting list. The Section 8 waiting list closed in May 2025. The LCHA has been designated as a high performer in both the Public Housing and Section 8 programs.

The Authority has 463 public housing units located throughout Lycoming County. In addition, LCHA has 241 market rate units that are under ownership by their non-profit subsidiary Lycoming Housing Finance, Inc. These are unsubsidized units. 313 public housing units are located in Williamsport, 134 (44%) are intended for general occupancy and 179 (56%) are reserved for elderly households.

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

Capital fund activities planned for 2026 include:

- Replace roof at the Peter Herdic Apartments
- Replace roof at the William Hepburn Apartments
- Replace drainpipes in all units at the Michael Ross Apartments
- Repair foundation wall at the Robert Montgomery Homes
- Renovate one unit to meet ADA standards at the Mary Slaughter Apartments
- Replace automatic doors at the Peter Herdic and William Hepburn Apartments
- Replace glycol lines at the William Hepburn Apartments

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

LCHA continued to post employment and housing opportunities on its website and in its quarterly newsletter that is distributed to all public housing residents and at each job site. Housing opportunities include information on the Section 32 program and FSS program. LCHA continued to assist prospective homeowners by holding the note on the property and providing financial assistance and council to program participants. LCHA continued to have a Resident Advisory Board that offered insight and feedback on its Annual and Five-Year Plan. The Board reviewed the capital fund plan as well as any programmatic changes, development/disposition plans. A public housing resident also held/holds a position on LCHA's Board of Directors. LCHA has an active resident council. LCHA runs a successful

Family Self-Sufficiency program and has distributed over \$758,723 to graduates since its inception in 1999, many of whom have purchased homes.

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

The PHA is not designated as troubled. LCHA received a High Performer designation for both Public Housing and Section 8.

Discussion

The City does not anticipate using CDBG or HOME funds for public housing activities in FFY 2026. LCHA is a County authority.

While there was no loss of landlords in the last year, there appears to be a reduction in the number of available rental units in Lycoming County. This may be due to renters not relocating or moving during COVID, as well as the moratorium on evictions, and rental assistance programs that have been available as a result of the pandemic. LCHA is currently recruiting new landlords.

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

Introduction

Strategy, goals, and action steps for ending chronic homelessness are formulated at the Commonwealth. Each region has formed a Regional Homeless Advisory Board comprised of representatives of local entities involved in housing and homeless services. The City of Williamsport is in the Northern Tier of the PA Eastern Continuum of Care Collaborative.

The City's priority homeless objectives are to:

- Support emergency shelter and transitional housing services through local nonprofit organizations and social service agencies; and
- Support services to assist homeless persons and families making the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

The City's one-year goals to service the housing and supportive needs of homeless populations and non-homeless special needs populations include continued participation on the Coordinated Task Force and meetings and contact with agencies that serve special needs populations including the Office of Aging, Center for Independent Living, AIDS Resource, West Branch Drug and Alcohol, and the Lycoming County Housing Authority. However, FFY 2026 CDBG funds from the City of Williamsport will not be used to support activities directly addressing homelessness.

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

The larger population of homeless people in the City of Williamsport does not meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless. The City is combating chronic homelessness by supporting emergency shelters, transitional housing facilities, and permanent housing facilities. Wrap-around social services provided by these and other organizations help to break the cycle of chronic homelessness.

The City is a member of the Coordinated Services Task Force that meets once per month. The Task Force is comprised of approximately 80 organizations that meet to share information and resources. The Task Force's responsibilities include obtaining the information needed to apply for Continuum of Care and related Housing Assistance Program funding. The Coordinated Task Force shares information and resources regarding homeless individuals/households and their needs. Upon discussions with several members of the Coordinated Services Task Force, they have expressed the need to do a more in-depth homelessness/transitional housing study and the involvement of mental health services. This is still being discussed and said to happen in the near future.

The most recent Point-in-Time survey for which data is available at the County level, which was

conducted in January 2025, found 29 unsheltered adults.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City continues to support emergency shelter and transitional housing services through local nonprofit organizations and social service agencies by working closely with the Coordinated Task Force. Recently, the City updated its Community and Economic webpage to make services more available to agencies and people looking for assistance:

<https://www.cityofwilliamsport.org/departments/community-economic-development/community-assistance/>.

According to the Point-In-Time Count conducted in 2025, 45 adults without children were in transitional shelters and 47 adults without children were in emergency shelters. Homeless families with children accounted for 48 persons in emergency shelters and 23 persons in transitional shelters. There were six chronically homeless individuals in emergency shelters during the 2025 Point in Time count and four chronically homeless families in emergency shelters during the 2025 Point in Time Count. There was one veteran in transitional shelters and one in emergency shelters. There were four persons with chronic substance abuse in transitional shelters and one in emergency shelters. There were 19 victims of domestic violence in emergency shelters and zero victims of domestic violence in transitional shelters. Zero persons with AIDS were in emergency shelter during the 2025 Point in Time count. There were seven unaccompanied youth in emergency shelters, four unaccompanied youth in transitional shelters.

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

In 2026, the City will continue to support services to assist homeless persons and families make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. Emergency shelters continue to be at capacity and are struggling to comply with CDC guidelines. ESG, United Way, and Homeless Assistance Program (HAP) funds have repurposed some shelter funding to provide shelter through hotels and motels. Additionally, the Clinton County Housing Coalition received \$302,950 in ESG-CV funds and provided emergency shelter, Rapid Re-Housing, and homelessness prevention services to be distributed across Lycoming, Clinton, and Tioga counties. The City is looking at ways to create non-congregate housing shelters with non-profits for homeless people.

The City was awarded \$888,134 of HOME ARP funds to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The City plans to assist STEP with supportive services to further their initiatives in

reducing the risks of homelessness.

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.

Homeless prevention services are administered by a combination of public and private agencies.

In 2026, the City will continue to participate in the Coordinated Task Force and the Lycoming County Housing Coalition to support the efforts of Lycoming County and social service providers in helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless.

Discussion

The City of Williamsport accepts requests from agencies of permanent supportive housing, particularly those that show results-oriented projects that address a gap in agreement with the Continuum of Care. The City provides letters of support and Certifications of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan for activities that expand housing choice and assist the homeless in making the transition to permanent housing. With funding limitations, the City does what is possible to support shelter and supportive services provided by social services and non-profit organizations.

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

Introduction:

There are a variety of barriers to affordable housing. There are developmental barriers that include land acquisition costs, construction costs, and permit fees. Often developers face timing obstacles that can delay projects due to public funding and financing requirements, municipal ordinance delays, delays in sewer and water approvals and NIMBY-ism. Land use barriers such as minimum lot sizes and other dimensional requirements affect density and can create a situation that makes affordable housing development uneconomical. The City of Williamsport requires Zoning Hearing Board approval for variances, conditional uses, and special exceptions, which can result in timing delays and additional engineering and design costs.

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

The City of Williamsport updated its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) in 2020. The AI is a review of a jurisdiction's laws, regulations, and administrative policies, procedures and practices affecting the location, availability, and accessibility of housing, as well as an assessment of conditions, both public and private, affecting fair housing choice. The following describes the action items to be addressed.

To address racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, the city, in coordination with SEDA-COG, will focus on strengthening education, compliance, and coordination among housing providers and developers. Actions already underway include participating in Fair Housing Month to raise awareness of housing rights; incorporating contract language requiring CDBG and HOME recipients to affirmatively further fair housing; continuing annual Right-to-Know requests to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and responding to any grievances; and ensuring municipal staff are trained and equipped with fair housing educational materials. The city has also expanded access to tenant rights information through the SEDA-COG Fair Housing Hub and annual promotes a fair housing hearing to provide residents with a forum to raise concerns and ask questions.

In addition, the city will continue supporting and enhancing existing housing programs that serve low- and moderate-income households. Action steps the city has taken include coordinating with the local Center for Independent Living on new projects; exploring programs that help older adults age in place such as the accessible housing rehab activities; providing utility assistance information at City Hall; linking residents to regional weatherization programs through the SEDA-COG Fair Housing Hub; supporting public and private affordable housing initiatives when opportunities arise; and incorporating affordable housing needs into CDBG funding decisions.

To improve access to opportunities for vulnerable populations, the city may fund public services that support low- and moderate-income households when feasible . This includes exploring the feasibility of

programs that assist older adults with aging in place and establishing partnerships between social service agencies and local banks to help first-time homebuyers access financial guidance and homeownership opportunities. These actions are in the developmental stage and will be considered in future years.

The city will also take steps to increase the supply of affordable housing by encouraging development that includes affordable and accessible units. This includes incentivizing developers to build on sites where blighted properties have been removed and supporting public and private efforts to create new affordable housing units as opportunities become available. The city is partnering with STEP, Inc. to acquire and rehabilitate homes using HOME funds for purchase by income eligible families.

To improve community health outcomes, the city will prioritize improving the quality and safety of existing housing stock. The partnership with STEP through the HOME program is an example of this action. This may also include allocating CDBG funds to remediate blight and improve neighborhood conditions. Outside of the CDBG and HOME programs, the city will ensure new multi-unit developments meet ADA accessibility requirements, directly address rental quality issues involving out-of-state landlords through code enforcement and establish partnerships between code enforcement staff and social service agencies to address persistent maintenance issues, particularly with landlords reluctant to make repairs.

To support access to lower-opportunity areas, the city will maintain key partnerships with regional transportation providers such as STEP and River Valley Transit. The city will also evaluate the accessibility of sidewalks and other public spaces and identify priority infrastructure projects that improve safe and equitable access to public transit and essential services.

To reduce barriers related to lender discrimination, the city will continue supporting fair housing services provided by the City of Williamsport Fair Housing Commission and the West Branch Valley Association of Realtors. Action items include strengthening partnerships between social service agencies and local banks to assist first-time homebuyers, ensuring municipal staff are prepared to share fair housing educational materials with the public, and pursuing relationships with HUD-approved housing counseling agencies to expand access to financial education, credit rehabilitation, and first-time homebuyer programs.

Policy and Regulatory Review to Reduce Barriers to Affordable Housing

In accordance with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing, the City of Williamsport will continue to review local land use controls, zoning provisions, and administrative practices to identify and reduce regulatory barriers that may unintentionally limit the development, rehabilitation, or accessibility of affordable housing. Consistent with the findings of the 2020 AI, this review will focus on requirements affecting infill and redevelopment, including dimensional standards, parking requirements, and redevelopment regulations applicable to vacant and blighted properties. While the City has not identified explicitly exclusionary zoning policies, it acknowledges that existing regulatory requirements may contribute to development costs or limit feasibility for affordable housing projects. SEDA-COG will coordinate with City planning and code enforcement staff to assess opportunities for

administrative flexibility, redevelopment incentives, or funding prioritization mechanisms that support affordable and accessible housing outcomes. Consideration of these factors will be incorporated into CDBG and HOME funding decisions, redevelopment discussions, and ongoing planning activities, as capacity and resources permit.

Discussion:

SEDA-COG worked with the city in FFY 2026 to address the Fair Housing goal of increasing public awareness of Fair Housing rights on behalf of its grantees. SEDA-COG refreshed the Fair Housing Guide on the SEDA-COG website to be more comprehensive and user friendly. SEDA-COG also posted Fair Housing content once a week across all SEDA-COG's social media platforms in April.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City will continue to seek additional funding sources to address underserved needs. The City will support activities that create a positive business climate, which encourages retention, expansion, and growth. The City pursues economic development opportunities through revitalization efforts. The City of Williamsport receives Act 13 funds and uses these funds for improvements to existing infrastructure.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City continues to seek additional funding sources to address underserved needs. The City continues to support activities that create an environment for businesses to remain, expand, or relocate to Williamsport. The City continues to pursue economic development opportunities through revitalization efforts. The City of Williamsport utilizes Act 13 funds that support public facilities and housing rehabilitation projects that benefit LMI individuals. The City continues to revise and modify programs as they relate to affordable housing.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

CDBG and HOME funds are used to support the City's comprehensive housing programs including rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family housing, and accessibility rehabilitation.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The guidelines for the City's Housing Rehabilitation program comply with the lead-based paint hazards as outlined in 24 CFR 35. The City is more likely to pursue lead hazard reduction procedures until the total number of lead contaminated homes has been significantly reduced.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The resources and opportunities that the City has for minimizing the number of families with incomes below the poverty line are limited. As poverty is a function of income, its effect on housing opportunity and choice is apparent. Conversely, without adequate, stable housing, alleviating poverty is more difficult. The means of addressing both issues are fragmented. Several structural barriers to poverty have been addressed through different local policies. For example, the City complies with Section 3 which requires the employment of Section 3 households in construction contracts when possible; however, contractors often already have the workforce necessary to complete a construction project. The 2024 Community Needs Assessment for Lycoming County identified barriers to employment, lack of employment training and financial literacy as impediments to community and economic development.

More direct efforts to alleviate poverty by combining case management, social services, job training, and housing assistance are more common through collaboration with the Coordinated Services Task Force. In addition to CDBG and HOME activities included in the FFY 2026 Annual Action Plan, the city continues to promote and participate in local coordination with service providers and regional organizations to

encourage public/private partnerships, develop new opportunities, and ensure that the goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan are addressed in a holistic manner. This strategy provides the best avenue to addressing poverty in the city.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City and SEDA-COG coordinate activities amongst public and private agencies, and other organizations that serve the municipality. Many public and private agencies provide services on either a County or multi-county level. As a result of this administrative structure, the efforts to implement the strategies produced from this Five-Year Consolidated Plan required greater cooperation across Lycoming County.

The city joins with non-profit CHDO's, for-profit developers and various local organizations and groups to increase housing opportunities for targeted income groups. The city also provides information to housing service providers, banks, and realtors to make them aware of the City's programs.

The city will continue to work with community-based organizations that effectively deliver programs and services through monthly meetings with the Coordinated Services Task Force. This organization brings together representatives from various sectors of the community to improve the quality of life through a volunteer collaborative process. The city also plans to re-evaluate existing programs to ensure that funding amounts and other requirements are appropriate to meeting the community's needs.

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

The City of Williamsport continues to interact with the various public and non-profit institutions that provide housing and supportive services to low-income residents. Although the agencies are independent of one another, they work together through the Coordinated Task Force to ensure coordination. Communication is very open in the group and typically all members will respond in less than 24 hours. Most of the proposed activities in the 2026 Annual Action Plan involve coordinating and partnering with state agencies, neighborhood groups, or social service organizations to efficiently leverage limited resources.

Discussion:

The City and the Lycoming County Housing Authority updated its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in 2020 to affirmatively further fair housing for vulnerable individuals and households such as seniors, the disabled, and at-risk youth. In addition, the city will continue to monitor the community and economic development challenges and opportunities that the residents of the City face. The baseline goals established in the Consolidated Plan to improve the housing and development needs of the City will be modified if warranted, due to changing conditions. Otherwise, the current consolidated plan continues to serve as a guide for allocating CDBG and HOME funds and to provide direction to stakeholder organizations to address the community needs.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Williamsport receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds. Since the city receives this Federal allocation, the questions below have been completed, as applicable. The City of Williamsport will use 100% of its FFY 2026 CDBG program funds for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(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
Total Program Income	0

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 that years covered that include this Annual Action Plan	100%

Discussion:

The City of Williamsport is allocating 100% of the FFY 2026 annual allocation minus administration to LMI benefit activities. The City of Williamsport wishes to be evaluated over a three-year period (FFY 2026-2028) to determine that the minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low- and moderate-income.

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:
All forms of investment of the City's Home funds are identified in Section 92.205.
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:
See attached City of Williamsport HOME Investment Partnerships Program Resale/Recapture Policy for Homeownership Activities.
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:
See attached City of Williamsport HOME Investment Partnerships Program Resale/Recapture Policy for Homeownership Activities.
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:
Not applicable

The city uses the HOME affordable homeownership limits for the area provided by HUD (95% of median purchase price for the area (found at- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2312/home-maximum-purchase-price-after-rehab-value>) as adjusted for existing and new housing.

Please provide the following information: Did the PJ describe eligible applicants (e.g., categories of eligible applicants), its process for soliciting and funding applications or proposals (e.g., competition, first-come first-serve) and where detailed information may be obtained (e.g., application packages are available at the office of the jurisdiction or on the jurisdiction's Web site)?

In general, only applicants at or below the 80% AMI adjusted for household size are eligible. There are printed brochures available outside of the Community Development Office and Bureau of Codes. The City website has similar information. Points of eligibility for the various programs are explained. This includes describing the type of property eligible for assistance (single family residential, rental property or property occupied by a person that is disabled), the eligible area (the Corporate City Limits in most cases), that there are income limits and that a waiting list is maintained. Income limits and any program changes are updated as they occur. Applicants may submit their name for entry on the applicable wait list through the City web page, visiting our office or by telephone.

Does the City plan to limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the low-income population? If so, please provide a description of that limitation or preference.

Only households at or below 80% AMI are eligible. The Accessibility Program is directed to income-eligible households containing a person that is disabled that is in need of home modifications to allow safe and continued occupancy.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with

special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Not applicable