

City Of Fort Smith

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report

For the 2021-2022 Program Year



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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The following funds were available during the 2021 program year to further the goals and objectives of the City of Fort Smith Five Year Consolidated Plan; funds were received through the CDBG entitlement of \$911,422 and \$71,202.79 in program income received through the City's Housing Assistance Loan Program payments and payoffs. Funds expended through the HOME entitlement were 414,680.00 and \$370,031.20 in program income/project proceeds from the sale of newly constructed homes. \$8,222.66 in recaptured funds from previous down payment assistance clients and \$28,315.40 in HOME program administration funds.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Administration	Administration	CDBG: \$/ HOME: \$	Other	Other	5	1	20.00%	1	1	100.00%
Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	250	44	17.60%	50	29	58.00%

Aff. Hsg. 2 - CHDO	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	25	5	20.00%	3	3	100.00%
Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	15	6	40.00%	3	3	100.00%
Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	
Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	246	496	201.63%	46	496	1,078.26%
Promote Fair Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	15	1	6.67%			
Promote Fair Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	0		15	1	6.67%
Public Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5000	13638	272.76%	1000	13638	1,363.80%
Public Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	639		0	639	

Public Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	
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Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

Housing assistance is identified as a high priority in the Consolidated Plan. While the annual goal was not reached, numbers were almost double what was reported in the 2020 CAPER (15 houses rehabbed). As contractors continue to join the program and COVID numbers continue to decline, we are optimistic about future annual goals. In regards to the Homelessness category, the goal was not reached for the overnight beds. After receiving bids that were double the anticipated project cost, the activity that would have gone in the homeless overnight category was forced to cancel.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME
White	9,181	4
Black or African American	2,515	0
Asian	459	0
American Indian or American Native	94	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	13	0
Total	12,262	4
Hispanic	563	3
Not Hispanic	11,699	1

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

Narrative

While the Community Development Department serves income qualified citizens city wide, the primary geographic area for assistance of LMI families falls on the north side of Fort Smith. For example, of 29 homeowner rehab clients served in 2020, 23 homes were located on the north side of Fort Smith. The CDBG PR 23 provides racial/ethnic information on persons and households by HUD activity; for activities that were open during the program year or may have spanned over more than one reporting period.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	998,187	820,602
HOME	public - federal	744,680	368,723

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The city receives funding from CDBG as well as the HOME Investment Partnership Program. During the reporting period the following categories of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) were made available to support the city's 2021-2022 program year Action Plan activities. Program year 2021 entitlement award for CDBG and HOME was \$1,326,102. Through the COVID-19 pandemic there were shut downs with many CDBG participating agencies including a brief hiatus in the Housing Assistance Program but we have seen numbers start to steadily climb back and are hopeful to return back to normal.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG Eligible	0		Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
Citywide	100	100	Non-CDBG Area Eligible

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The basis for allocation 2021-2022 CDBG and HOME funds within the boundaries of Fort Smith was determined primarily by the results (identification of needs and priorities) of the Consolidated Plan's Citizen Participation Process and through the Community Development Advisory Committee's evaluation of competitive grant applications submitted by eligible subrecipients. Funding decisions were made based on project eligibility, applicant capacity, proposed benefit for the low income community, and leveraging of other funding resources. The committee then scores each application to determine funding allocation. As the City of Fort Smith Community Development Department does not restrict funding to any specific target zone or census tract, the percentage of our allocation is city wide.

Leveraging

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

The City of Fort Smith continues to work with state and federal officials to provide resources that apply to the area of Community Development. The city also uses sales tax funds to improve LMI neighborhoods with street, sidewalk, and associated drainage improvements. All outside CDBG funded agencies are also required to provide a minimum of 10% match for assistance; HOME subgrantees must provide at least a 15% match.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	911,709
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	911,709
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	36,714
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	874,996

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
See Attached Match Report	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	386,616	0	0	0	0	386,616
Number	3	0	0	0	0	3
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			
Number	0	0	0			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		0		0		
Businesses Displaced		0		0		
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0		0		
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0		0		
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	56	1
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	56	1

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	6	3
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	50	29
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	56	32

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

While the area has seen some relief of the COVID pandemic, supply setbacks have still had lasting effects in the local housing market. Increased labor shortages also continue to cause problems across the board for new construction and rehabilitation. Skyrocketing prices in real estate have also been evident in affordable housing and the down payment assistance program.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The outcomes listed above have caused current action plans to see less goals reached in affordable housing. Staff is hopeful that as we inch away from the pandemic, numbers will steadily rise and production can go back to normal or above average.

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

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

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

All citizens have the right to live and raise their families in homes that are safe and sound as a cost that allows them to afford basic necessities. The free market for housing is often not a fair market for low to moderate income residents including the elderly, disabled, and those whose wages have not kept up with rising housing costs. Without rehab or general housing assistance, housing conditions may deteriorate or become too expensive to maintain potentially leaving some to be forced out of their homes. Support for affordable housing allows low income residents to maintain their homes.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

The Fort Smith Continuum of Care, the coalition of homeless service agencies, conducts annual surveys of individuals, including unsheltered persons. These surveys serve to help focus agency activities for the coming year as well as provide documentation in response to HUD program requirements. In January 2022, a Point in Time (PIT) count was conducted by the Riverview Hope Campus, Salvation Army, Community Rescue Mission, and Next Step Day Room. The results of their findings is in Exhibit A.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Utilizing CDBG funding, the following specific gains towards addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing need of homeless persons were achieved during the 2021-2022 program year- The Riverview Hope Campus received \$11,000.00 for washers and dryers to serve their homeless population. The agency also received \$19,875.00 for case management to serve those looking for an overnight shelter as well as other assistance. The Next Step Day Room received case management funds in the amount of \$19,875.00. Case management was for clients residing in their transitional housing.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The Riverview Hope Campus works to help those that may come from correctional programs and mental health facilities to find employment as well as other resources to enter back into society. The Children's Emergency Shelter also has an independent living facility for children that have aged out of the foster care system. Their agency receives funds to improve the facilities that serve this population.

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 an effort to provide homeless individuals with more opportunities to become more self sufficient, the Next Step Day Room continues to focus efforts on transitional housing. The agency currently has seven (7) transitional homes and one permanent supportive home to better serve the homeless community in Fort Smith.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Fort Smith Housing Authority administers Section 8 vouchers within the area but there is currently no public housing within the City of Fort Smith.

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

N/A

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

N/A

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

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

The Community Development Department works closely with both the Planning Department, Building Department, and the City's Neighborhood Services Department to improve outreach to Fort Smith citizens. When the Neighborhood Services Department is out doing code enforcement, they refer citizens to our housing rehabilitation program. The Community Development Department also works with the Planning Department for zoning information when it comes to new projects that will offer social services to Fort Smith residents. The staff has also partnered with World Changers to help provide housing assistance to low income citizens in the community.

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

As demand for services increases yearly and funding amounts decrease, staff recognizes the need for agency partnering. The City of Fort Smith continues to work cooperatively with the Fort Smith Housing Authority, Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council, local homeless agencies, and our Continuum of Care to help underserved needs. The department also hosts monthly housing partners meetings with said agencies to facilitate discussion on potential housing needs. These meetings also allow for partnering agencies to communicate their needs, ask questions, and gain valuable information from their partner agencies.

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

Lead testing is performed on projects in the housing assistance program. As a policy in the program, all houses that predate 1978 are assumed to have lead based paint and contractors are required to use lead safe work practices. When a project is complete, samples are sent off to a lab and tested for lead. If tests are found to be positive, contractors must go back to the home to do further cleaning and a second test is performed. Testing continues until the sample is satisfied with a negative result.

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

In partnership with CSCDC, the City has endeavored to reduce the number of poverty level families through the provision of homeownership and credit counseling. A requirement through the Down Payment Assistance program is the provision of housing counseling services which assist families to better plan their finances, thereby improving their financial situation through savings and equity that is built into their homes. CSCDC also offers the Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Resale program. CSCDC is able to construct new homes that are then sold to low income home owners. These homeowners are able to make income based payments in homes that are move-in ready. By having this option, families have

more options for housing and are also able to avoid insurmountable housing repairs, in turn, allowing them to stay further away from poverty.

The City will also continue its efforts in conjunction with the Fort Smith Continuum of Care to reduce the number of poverty-level families through the development of public services needed to assist those families with educational opportunities, job growth, and life skills training through the various social service agencies and financial institutions operating in the city. For the 2021 program year, a variety of public services were offered including dental assistance, after school care, meals on wheels, and tax and medicare assistance.

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

Staff continues to seek professional development by attending HUD sponsored classes and trainings. Staff also continues to cross-train so that all staff members are knowledgeable of HUD policies. The City of Fort Smith Community Development staff members have also furthered education and city participation by serving on Community Development boards on both the state, regional, and national level.

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

The city staff meets with housing partners including the Fort Smith Housing Authority, Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council, and other social service agencies. The monthly meetings provide transparency between city staff and outside agencies and also serves as a great forum for gathering new information. The city also hosts annual trainings for our public service agencies in an effort to better educate each agency on the CDBG program. Trainings are made mandatory for those agencies that are new to the program. Participating organizations are also able to request on-site training if they wish for entire staffs to be trained on CDBG basics.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdiction analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The Community Development Department continues to further fair housing in our community by educating our citizens. We feel that the more people are aware of fair housing and understand its facets, the more we can work to combat impediments. In July of 2019 the Community Development Department worked with the City of Fort Smith Utilities Department to insert an informative fair housing flyer into every Fort Smith water bill. Our department also continues to run fair housing ads on our city television channel, on the city's public transit busses, and also operates a Fair Housing Hotline that citizens may call for information.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

The Board of Directors reviews and approves CDBG projects and initiatives annually. The Community Development department is responsible for carrying out daily operations and implementation of funded projects and activities with monitoring based on the nature and complexity of individual projects. Housing rehabilitation work write-ups and inspections are done by the Housing Assistance Coordinator.

Other city offices such as Finance, Administration, and Human Resources provide various kind of support to the Community Development office. This can include procurement and requests for financial draws for payment of sub recipient and other contractors.

Digital and paper project and program files are maintained at the department level. All records are subject to the Federal Freedom of Information Act. As part of the office's annual work program sub recipients and the CHDO are monitored to determine compliance with grant provisions and federal guidelines.

Prior to project implementation, all housing and community development projects proposed for funding with CDBG or HOME resources are reviewed by the Community Development office for eligibility under the Federal regulations, environmental review and to ensure consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

Each month the Community Development Coordinator reviews financial reports against planned activities to monitor performance in meeting goals and objectives set forth in the Consolidated Plan.

The city's public service sub recipients have written agreements outlining the CDBG program requirements and monitoring procedures. All sub recipients must submit monthly intake reports that show beneficiary data of clients when requesting funds.

Long term compliance with CDBG and HOME are ensured through the use and maintenance of required documentation that is retained by the City for a minimum of three years. The exception being for those projects that hold a mortgage, which therein will be held for three years after the expiration of the mortgage. Housing Rehabilitation or Homebuyer Assistance funds are secured by a second mortgage that is filed at the Sebastian County Courthouse for the amount expended on each home. For HOME projects, payback is not required unless the property owner sells or leases the property within a five-year period. For CDBG projects, a period of ten years must pass.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

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

An ad for Citizen Participation was posted in the Southwest Times Record on July 14, 2022. As stated in the notice, the public may submit written comments concerning the performance of both CDBG and HOME to the Community Development Staff. No comments were received. (See Appendix B)

An ad was also posted for Review and Comments of the 2021 CAPER on Friday, August 19, 2022 in the Southwest Times Record. Citizens were given the opportunity to submit comments to the Community Development staff. (See Appendix C)

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction’s program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

As it relates to the City's programs and activities identified for the program year, there were no significant changes in program objectives for CDBG and HOME programs. The city is annually examining new strategies and market conditions based on community needs and citizen input. When those needs change, the city will solicit input and undertake the programs and services through use of non-profits or public service agencies.

As the Community Development Department prepares to submit our new HOME ARP Plan, we are looking forward to utilizing the data brought in by the research for that plan so that we may be more effective in serving the community based on its most recent needs.

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

No

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

CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

The city does not offer rental housing through our CDBG and HOME programs.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

The city does not offer rental housing through our CDBG and HOME programs. CSCDC does maintain an affirmative fair housing and marketing plan for single family housing. In this plan, the agency markets to mixed area residents of the City of Fort Smith through the channels of local newspaper, handouts, as well as on Facebook.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

Refer to IDIS PR-09 Program Income and Summary and PR-23 Summary of Accomplishment.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)

The Community Development Department continues to work with our CHDO to develop low income single family housing, as noted in our yearly total from CR-05 Goals and Outcomes. The Community Development Department is continuing to make affordable housing available to the citizens of Fort Smith through both new construction efforts and down payment assistance.

CR-58 – Section 3

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

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

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers	0	0			
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	0	0			
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0	0			
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.	0	0			
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	0	0			
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0			
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	0	0			
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.	0	0			
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.	0	0			
Held one or more job fairs.	0	0			
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	0	0			
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.	0	0			
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0	0			
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.	0	0			
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	0	0			
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0	0			
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0			
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.	0	0			
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.	0	0			
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.	0	0			

Other.					
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

During the 2021 program year, there were no contracts over \$200,000 that triggered Section 3 reporting. The City of Fort Smith also has no public housing with which we might encourage a contractor to hire from. Several of the items mentioned above, while not done in house, are done through agencies that receive CDBG and HOME funding. An example of this would be the Riverview Hope Campus who assists clients with supportive services such as job placement, finding identification information for residents as well as assisting with computer training through their on campus computer lab.

The Crisis Intervention center also helps with job placement as well as providing on site child care while the Next Step Day Room offers transportation in the form of bus passes as well as job placement assistance.