



Beginning on Friday, January 12, 2024, the City of Gulfport will accept written comments regarding this **Public Review Draft** of its **2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)** for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Entitlement Programs. Written comments for the City's consideration may be submitted through one of the following to the Gulfport Community Development Department:

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All written comments **received** by 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 26, 2024 will be considered by the City for incorporation into the final document.

Please note: this is a draft document prepared and provided in compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) citizen participation requirements and all information has not been received by the City at this time. Information and data will continue to be inserted upon receipt until the end of the citizen comment period on January 26, 2024. The document will be submitted to HUD on or before January 30, 2024 for review and approval; the City will make the final document available for public review after that time.

CITY OF GULFPORT - PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT PY2022 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

The City of Gulfport's 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) identifies goals and outcomes projected from implementation of CDBG- and HOME- funded projects and activities during the subject five-year period. Progress made toward achieving these goals is identified by evaluating the City's performance successfully implementing projects and activities identified in each Annual Action Plan during the five period. In a broad

sense, successful implementation is identified annually by evaluating the City’s performance complying with applicable federal regulations, policies and procedures and implementing that year’s funded projects and activities on schedule, within budget and with the anticipated, quantifiable outcome of benefitting very low-, low- and moderate-income households and individuals. The City of Gulfport generally invests its CDBG and HOME resources to principally benefit low- to moderate-income persons rather than the other two CDBG national objectives to address urgent needs and prevent or eliminate blight.

Through development of a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for a recently completed Program Year, HUD requires the City evaluate its performance in terms of complying with applicable regulations and policies; expending federal funds within project budget limits on a timely basis; and implementing projects that support achieving the goals and objectives identified in its ConPlan. The City of Gulfport’s Program Year (PY) runs January 1 through December 31.

Information required to be included in a 5-Year ConPlan and associated Annual Action Plans is organized into a structure like that of the CAPER. Each of these three types of documents is submitted to HUD through its Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) software, which comprehensively organizes the information as specified by HUD. A wide variety of reports can then be generated to identify things such as compliance with annual budget expenditures by project; compliance with annual expenditure caps for certain activities; cumulative expenditures that benefit low/mod persons; and obligations and disbursements by activity. This supports a relatively quick evaluation of the City’s performance in implementing projects during the given year.

Projects to be funded with PY2022 CDBG and HOME resources were identified during the development process for the 2022 Action Plan to support achievement of goals and objectives identified in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan.

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)

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 Costs CDBG HOME	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ HOME \$	Other	Other	1	0	0.00%	3	0	0
CHDO setaside HOME	Affordable Housing	HOME \$	Rental units constructed	HH Assisted	4	0	0.00%	0	0	0

CHDO Setaside HOME	Affordable Housing	HOME \$	Homeowner Housing Added	HH Unit	2	0	0.00%	2	0	0
Emergency/ Minor House Repairs	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehab	HH Assisted	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Homebuyer Assistance Gulfport HOME	Affordable Housing	HOME \$	Direct Financial Asst to Homebuyers	HH Assisted	30	0	0.00%	4	0	0
Homebuyer Assistance Harrison County HOME	Affordable Housing	HOME \$	Direct Financial Asst to Homebuyers	HH Assisted	15	0	00.00%	2	0	0
Homeowner Rehabilitation Gulfport HOME	Affordable Housing	HOME \$	Homeowner Housing Rehab	HH Housing Unit	7	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Public Parks and Facilities Gulfport	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility/ Infrastructure Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	5000	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Public Safety Specialized Equipment Gulfport	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	12,285	0	0	0	0	0
Public Services Gulfport	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Public service activities other than LMI Housing Benefit	Persons assisted	3000	0	0	0	0	0

Public Services Gulfport	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Public service activities for LMI Housing Benefit	HH assisted	0	0	0	3000	0	0
Streets, Drainage, Sewer Improvements Gulfport	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG	Public Facility of Infrastructure Activities Other than LMI Housing Benefit	Persons assisted	15,000	0	0	15,000	0	0

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.

Based on information available as of January 10, 2024, it does not appear that the City expended CDBG or HOME funds during Program Year 2022. Following review by appropriate City financial and accounting staff, this information will be updated in the final document submitted to HUD for approval.

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	0	0
Black or African American	0	0
Asian	0	0

American Indian or American Native	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
Total	0	0
Hispanic	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0

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

Narrative

No families or individuals were assisted by PY2022 projects and activities as no CDBG or HOME project funds appear to have been expended. If necessary, this information will be updated following review by City finance and accounting finance staff.

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	\$780,718	0
HOME	Public-federal	\$487,232	0

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

In PY2022, the City of Gulfport received a CDBG allocation from HUD in the amount of \$780,718 and a HOME allocation of 487,232. According to PR-01, an IDIS-generated report, no funds were expended during PY2022 and \$780,718.00 was available to commit at the end of the year. However, PR-26, another IDIS generated report that summarizes expenditures during a given program year, identifies that \$173,044.49 was

expended for two 2019 projects: Bulls Park Improvements and various street paving in low-income areas. It also identifies that \$284,446.00 was expended for PY2019 and 2020 CDBG and HOME administration costs. According to PR-26, this left a PY2022 unexpended balance of \$323,227.41.

The City Finance and Accounting staff are reviewing information entered into IDIS and the City anticipates adjustments will be made to account for eligible project costs in the appropriate program year, process any outstanding invoices and correctly identified unexpended funds at the end of previous program years so available funds may be carried forward and reallocated to support eligible projects.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Citywide homebuyer assistance LMH	3	0	Homebuyer Assistance Program – HOME
Citywide Public Services	5		Services provided by nonprofit agencies to low/mod citizens
Consortium Jurisdiction – citywide & unincorporated Harrison County	1		Low-income housing – new construction, TBRA, rental, homeownership
County - eligible low/mod homebuyers in unincorp. Harrison County	1		Homebuyer Assistance
Ward 1 – low/mod area	5		Public Facilities and Improvements
Ward 2 – Low Income Census Tract Area			Public Facilities and Improvements
Ward 3 – low/mod areas	5		Public Facilities and Improvements
Ward 4 – Low Income Census Tract			Public Facilities and Improvements
Ward 5 – Low Income Census Tract area			Public Facilities and Improvements

Ward 6 – Low Income census tract area			Public Facilities and Improvements
Ward 7 Low Income Census Tract area			Public Facilities and Improvements
Water and/or Sewer Drainage Improvements	80		Other

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Gulfport geographically distributes or assigns use of its CDBG funds to targeted areas to meet the high priority needs of its LMI residents. As it plans, develops and funds eligible CDBG projects to help address high priority community needs identified in its ConPlan, effort is made to provide equal opportunity to all income-eligible households, but especially to those who live in areas with high concentrations of low- and very low-income households. The City also considers the total number of eligible residents who will directly benefit from implementation of a CDBG-funded project, with the intent of providing suitable living environments for as many residents as possible. CDBG funds budgeted to support public service activities frequently are available on a citywide basis, such as funding for Open Doors Homeless Coalition and The Salvation Army-Gulfport to prevent and address homelessness in Gulfport and the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence to assist those who have experienced domestic violence.

HOME funds generally are budgeted to projects available to income-eligible households on a citywide basis. Harrison County invests its share of the Harrison County HOME Consortium funds to households in the county’s unincorporated areas. The City is scheduled to meet with Harrison County in January 2024 to verify no HOME Consortium funds were expended during PY2022. Once able to generate accurate IDIS reports, the City will identify the geographic distribution and location of investment of its 2021 CDBG allocations to complete table 4, above.

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 CDBG Entitlement Program does not require matching funds, but the City of Gulfport generally designs public improvements projects, such as the Quarters District Streets Improvements Project, to incorporate City-owned easements as in-kind match.

The HOME Entitlement Program requires a 12.5% match of non-federal funds for every dollar of HOME funds expended. The City of Gulfport generally meets its match requirements through a variety of ways. Through the Consortium's Homebuyer Assistance Program, for every home sold under the appraised value, the seller/owner authorizes the difference to be "used" as match. The Consortium's CHDO, which receives a minimum 15% set aside from the annual HOME allocation, contributes in-kind match generated by volunteers' manhours rehabilitating houses to be acquired by eligible homebuyers, and non-federal match also is generated from private donations, and grants from Home Depot, Lowes, other corporate donors.

In regard to match contributions for the federal fiscal year, match requirements for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 were waived due to Covid-19 and no HOME funds appear to have been expended during 2021 or 2022, according to IDIS information, which will be verified through the January 2024 meeting with Harrison County's Consortium staff. At such time as HOME funds are planned to be expended, the City will continue to meet and document HUD match requirements.

The City has publicly owned land available from unpaid taxes that is available for affordable housing development, but the majority of it is not suitable for residential development because of recurring flooding, limited to no access or the parcels are too small to comply with minimum lot size requirements.

HOME match information is not available to complete Tables 5 or 6 at this time and reports generated in IDIS do not identify program income being expended during PY2022 for TBRA or other forms of housing assistance. Until data entered into IDIS has been reviewed and adjusted by the City's finance and accounting staff, the City is not confident about the accuracy of IDIS information to complete Table 7. Likewise, for Tables 8, 9 and 10, the City is not aware of any HOME-funded contracts being advertised or awarded; it did not participate in a residential rental assistance program or acquire property with HOME funds during PY2022. This will be verified during the City's meeting with the Harrison County Consortium in its January 2024 meeting.

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	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 5 – 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	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

Filling open staff positions by Harrison County and the City, issues preventing the Consortium from meeting one-year goals are anticipated to be resolved.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Staff capacity and administrative requirements of the CDBG and HOME Programs will be considered by the City when identifying projects to be included in future Annual Action Plans. The City will consider implementing eligible projects in reasonable phases to minimize the impact of delays on compliance with timeliness of expenditure requirements. Consideration will also be given to identifying project sites/areas with limited potential for negative environmental impact.

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 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative

In the City of Gulfport’s 2022 CDBG and HOME Action Plan, a portion of the City’s and Harrison County’s share of HOME Consortium funds was budgeted to provide homebuyer assistance to eligible low- to moderate-income households on a citywide basis and in unincorporated areas of Harrison County. The required minimum was budgeted for the CHDO set aside, no specific CHDO or project was identified in the Action Plan and it the set aside does not appear to have been committed to an eligible CHDO or expended to achieve the goal of adding one affordable housing unit for acquisition within the HOME Consortium jurisdiction to benefit one low-income household.

The City and Harrison County are scheduled to meet in January 2024 to identify affordable housing benefits provided through the Harrison County HOME Consortium during PY2022.

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**

During PY2022, the City continued to work with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and its member agencies to reduce and end homelessness in all categories within the City. Open Doors shared information from its homeless population assessments to maintain awareness of the lack of available affordable housing and related needs of homeless individuals and families in the City of Gulfport.

The City continued to collaborate with MS Regional Housing Authority VIII during PY2022 as well as with local and regional agencies and organizations that, in addition to the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, included The Salvation Army-Gulfport, Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence, Back Bay Mission and other stakeholders to reduce duplication of effort and maximize limited resources available to provide supporting services and other assistance to Gulfport’s homeless and near-homeless populations. Efforts are ongoing to expand local emergency shelter and transitional housing capacity.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Gulfport continued to work as an active member with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, local and regional agencies, other local units of government, religious institutions and others to expand the capacity of local emergency shelter facilities to meet current needs and expand access to transitional housing despite increasing housing costs. The City will continue to support the efforts of Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII to secure and issue VASH vouchers to benefit homeless veterans by encouraging the VA to expedite referrals.

Ongoing community effort to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for the unsheltered will continue on a case-by-case basis, led by the Open Doors Homeless Coalition and other qualified agencies/organizations. Meeting the needs of local homeless populations for housing assistance and supportive services continues to be a struggle and will be achieved as additional funding and other resources become available. Back Bay Mission collaborated with several other regional public service agencies, religious organizations, local units of government and others throughout PY2022 to educate residents about needs of local homeless populations and to identify resources for expanding availability of emergency shelters, especially during extreme weather events.

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

During PY2022, the City continued to work in collaboration with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition and participated in the effort to encourage local housing services agencies and religious institutions to expand services to assist low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who were 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.

The City recognizes the need for long-term solutions to address diverse affordable housing needs of those who have been discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care, including health care and mental health care facilities, the foster care system and other youth programs/facilities and correction programs/institutions. Local consideration is being given to more flexible zoning to increase density in some single-family residential zones and/or to conditionally allow a greater variety of group home facilities in cities along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The City of continued during PY2022 to support public and private agencies' efforts to help address housing, health, public services, employment, education and youth needs by endorsing their applications for funding assistance.

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

The City continued to support efforts of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition during PY2022 to expand access of homeless persons, especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth, to existing affordable housing through rent, utility and security deposit assistance. The City also continued to support Open Doors' efforts to prevent repeat homelessness through ongoing case management assessments and services that included providing access to life skills development, facilitating pursuit of high school diplomas or equivalent, and participating in workforce training programs.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII (MRHA8) and City of Gulfport work cooperatively to support access to assisted housing and to expand the inventory of code-complaint affordable housing of various types throughout the City. Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII has completed its RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) conversion to sustain affordable housing in the City of Gulfport so there are no "public housing" developments located in the City of Gulfport at this time. The South Mississippi Housing and Development Corporation, a nonprofit agency under the umbrella of MRHAS8, manages four developments in the City, providing housing to low-income residents through voucher assistance. The four developments are Baywood Place located at 1900 Switzer Road with 72 units for seniors; Regency Way at 1400 28th Street with 120 units for families and seniors; Sanderson Village at 1000 34th Street with 80 multi-family units; and North Park Estates redevelopment.

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

The City continued to collaborate with the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII to encourage those living in assisted housing to become more involved with management and participate in homeownership. The City referred residents to homeowner education programs and encouraged those in the housing industry to expand the inventory of affordable housing for a variety of household sizes throughout the City. The City also encouraged Harrison County HOME Consortium to continue offering a Downpayment Assistance Program funded through the City's HOME allocation.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable to the MS Regional Housing Authority VIII.

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 City of Gulfport's zoning ordinance allows a mixture of single- and multi-family residential units on varying lot sizes throughout the City. Land use regulations support sustainability measures and natural resource preservation. Mixed use zoning is permitted in the several zones. The City has adopted the current version of the International Building Code, which requires compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act provisions. There are no specific growth limitations or other public policies in place that would affect return on residential investment.

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

During PY2022, the City continued working with other local units of government, religious institutions and area nonprofits to share information regarding the needs of underserved members of the community as part of its overall effort to encourage increased private support to address those needs. The City also worked with the Harrison County HOME Consortium to improve access to affordable housing through housing assistance programs for low- and very low-income residents. The City's continued participation as an active member of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, encouraged participation by other local units of government to address the obstacles in the community to better meet the needs of sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations.

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

The City continued during PY2022 to share information with residents, developers and others about lead-based paint hazards, with free information brochures available at City Hall and in the Urban Development Department. The City supported the educational outreach efforts of the Mississippi State Department of Health to administer the Healthy Homes Program and to re-enforce awareness of the serious health hazard LBP poses, particularly to pregnant women and children under the age of six.

All of the MRHA VIII's housing units have been assessed and, where required, LBP hazards have been abated.

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

The City works with the MS Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce, Harrison County Development Commission, the State Port at Gulfport, the Gulf Coast Business Council and others to identify growth opportunities that will improve residents' quality of life by enhancing their living environments and expanding the tax base.

The City continued to encourage residents to participate in workforce training and skills development/redevelopment programs to improve their employability and expand opportunities to break the cycle of poverty. In P2022, the City also continued to promote programs available at little

or no cost through MGCCC, the local school districts, Gulf Coast Business Services, the Gulf Coast Community Action Agency and various nonprofit agencies, such as Moore Community House's Women in Construction Program complete a certification program that will enhance their efforts to find and keep a job that offers a living wage.

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

The City of Gulfport's institutional structure is considered comprehensive for a city its size and it is enhanced by the City's leadership role across the Mississippi Gulf Coast, which encourages collaboration and cooperation as opposed to competition. By working actively as a partner with a wide variety of service-oriented public and private entities, including the United Way, the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, local healthcare agencies, public transportation organizations, educational institutions and others, the City of Gulfport continues to diversify its institutional structure to better address unmet needs.

Through its participation in the Harrison County HOME Consortium, it works with and encourages housing assistance agencies to pursue federal, state and private grants to expand local resources available for rental housing assistance and residential rehabilitation programs to further strengthen the institutional structure and better serve low- to moderate-income households.

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

Maintaining ongoing communication with MRHA VIII, Habitat for Humanity of the Gulf Coast, Renaissance and other public and private housing agencies, the City continues to support development and redevelopment of affordable housing, for purchase and/or rent that is not located in flood prone areas and is adapted to support special needs populations.

The City continued its on-going efforts to encourage collaboration among public and private housing and social service agencies in the planning and delivery of services to near-homeless households and residents so to allow them to remain in their homes. With the assistance of appropriate agencies, the City will continue to encourage coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies to maximize limited resources, eliminate duplication of efforts and better meet the needs of underserved residents.

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

As recommended in its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, the City of Gulfport continued during PY2022 to share information with the public to improve Gulfport residents' awareness of their rights under the Fair Housing Act and how to submit a complaint to HUD when they

feel their rights have been violated. Services available at no cost to income-eligible residents through the Mississippi Center for Justice and Mississippi Legal Services also was shared with residents seeking assistance to resolve tenant-landlord conflicts.

The Fair Housing Assessment identified the following impediments to fair housing in the City: lack of Fair Housing Education and Outreach, areas of low/mod income concentration; lack of affordable housing units available to home buyers; lack of affordable rental units; limited accessibility to affordable housing; the increasing cost of residential property insurance premiums; lack of permitted zoning for Group Homes; and inadequate public transportation services.

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

Throughout PY2022, the City complied with existing policies and procedures that help monitor CDBG program administration and regulatory compliance. City staff participated in HUD-sponsored webinars on an on-going basis throughout PY2022 and reviewed the HUD Exchange website for new resources and program updates. Long-term compliance with the CDBG and HOME Programs is supported by on-going communication with the HUD Field Office in Jackson, which provided timely guidance to support staff efforts to comprehensively meet program requirements in PY2022.

The City of Gulfport has written standard operating procedures that were reviewed and approved by HUD, which provide structure to the monitoring process for the City's CDBG subrecipients and the use of HOME funds by Harrison County as a participant in the HOME Consortium. The City also self-monitors throughout the program year to document compliance with CDBG/HOME requirements and other applicable federal regulations. The City complies with the state's MBE/WBE business outreach during procurement processes for CDBG- and HOME-funded projects. The City had no subrecipients to monitor during PY2022.

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.

The City makes every effort to encourage broad public input into development of activities and programs assisted with CDBG and HOME Entitlement Program resources. The City of Gulfport made its PY2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) draft available for public review on January 12, 2024, following a 2022 CAPER public hearing on January 11, 2024, after having advertised a notice in the local newspaper.

The published notice as well as notices posted on the City website, at City Hall, in Community Development and at the Gulfport Public Library in Downtown and Orange Grove Public Library in North Gulfport included information about the availability of the Public Review Draft of the 2022 CAPER, which resulted in a high level of attendance and participation at the public hearing. Many oral and written comments were submitted to the City for consideration during the citizen participation process, which included a 15-day comment period. A copy of each written comment submitted will be included in the citizen participation attachment to the final document.

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.

The City has not identified CDBG program changes in terms of its objectives but will provide more staff oversight to ensure compliance with HUD’s timely expenditure requirement and will adhere to HUD deadlines for submittal of required documents, including future CAPERs. As a result of successful implementation of past activities and projects, the City plans to continue developing its Annual Action Plan with considerable input from residents and funding projects and activities that address high-priority, unmet needs identified in its Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants? No

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				
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0				
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0				

Table 8 – 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	0	0	0
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	0				
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0				
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.	0				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	0				
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	0				
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.	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				
Held one or more job fairs.	0				
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	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				
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.	0				
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	0				
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0				
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0				
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.	0				
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.	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				
Other.	0				

Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

During PY2022, the City of Gulfport did not have any active CDBG or HOME funded projects subject to Section 3 compliance.

Documentation of public outreach efforts and citizen participation will be attached to the final version of the City of Gulfport's PY2022 CAPER, which will be submitted to HUD for approval.