

2021-2022 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Summary

This 2021-2022 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) addresses the implementation of the three goals established in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and COVID-19 plans to prevent and respond to city residents impacted by COVID-19.

The City of Schenectady (City) five-year Consolidated Plan identified three overriding goals for the next five years in relation to entitlement funding: 1) Enhance Housing Opportunities, 2) Expand Economic & Workforce Development, and 3) Strengthen Local Neighborhoods. The city conducted these three goals in the following ways:

The City of Schenectady expended \$3,329,369 in CDBG funding, \$509,118 in HOME funding and \$850,022 in ESG funding. These funds supported a wide range of projects and programming.

Enhance Housing Opportunities: 15 demolitions of vacant or abandoned buildings/properties throughout the City, rehabilitations of 15 owner occupied units, and the 760 Eastern Ave. Project, which turned a vacant property into an owner-occupied property with rental. The Mont Pleasant Outreach Project, located at the library satellite location, provided twenty-four (24) households with tenant training responsibilities and legal assistance. As a result, they secured improvements in their living conditions. In all, there were seventy-four (74) residents that received services which included Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing. In addition, the first-time homebuyer program was connected to Better Community Neighborhoods, Inc. (BCNI) to reach more qualified applicants. The Bethesda House TBRA program served 19 participants as of June 2022 and provided \$50,000.00 in rental assistance.

Expand Economic Workforce and Development: The reboot of the City's construction skills program was implemented, with over 10 program participants gaining construction skills, giving them knowledge to further career advancement and develop life-long skills. This also included a tool library where persons can check out equipment. In addition, resources were invested in the City of Schenectady's paving program with approximately 1 mile of roads being paved in the NRSA and over half a mile of sidewalks being restored surrounding Jerry Burrell Park and Orchard Park.

Strengthening Local Neighborhoods: A Re-Tree program was implemented in the NRSA designated areas of Hamilton Hill and Mont Pleasant, planting 50 trees throughout. A sculpture park was added in the Hamilton Hill neighborhood, portraying a visually appealing environment. At Orchard Park, the installation of playground equipment and a fitness court ensures space that a plethora of City residents will be able to use, free of charge. Also, organizations that serve youth in the city formed a Coalition to better serve the City's youth. More than 8 programs and

organizations joined forces to provide arts/culture, urban farming, mentoring, academic support, volunteer opportunities, catering, and entrepreneurial skills and other activities to more than 500 youth located in the city.

Capital Region Community Loan Fund was able to award two (2) Covid-19 business grants at \$5,000.00 each to small businesses that were having financial challenges due to Covid-19. These grants were used to help with the purchase of PPE supplies, payroll, insurance, training, etc. The grants helped these businesses to remain operational and to continue employment.

In addition, Development staff participated in several community outreach events that included Juneteenth to circulate information on homeownership, youth programs, and workforce development.

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**Expenditure Report For HUD Funded Programs
For Federal Fiscal year 2021-2022**

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	\$ 2,277,762.00	\$ 2,403,765.92
CDBG-CV	public - federal	\$ 1,984,107.00	\$ 925,603.40
HOME	public - federal	\$ 1,057,515.00	\$ 509,118.00
ESG	public - federal	\$ 197,895.00	\$ 200,259.10
ESG-CV	public - federal	\$ 1,666,789.00	\$ 649,763.29

Goal 1. Enhance Housing Opportunities:

Support programs that provide quality, affordable housing options and initiatives for rehabilitation of the existing housing to help stabilize neighborhoods and meet the needs of all residents.

Source	Indicator	Unit of Measure	2020-2024 Strategic Plan Goals	2020-2024 Strategic Plan Accomplishments	Percent Complete	Action Plan 2021- 2022 Accomplishments
CDBG	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	1000	627	62.70%	598
CDBG / HOME	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	20	44	220.00%	2
CDBG / HOME	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	20	4	20.00%	4
CDBG / HOME	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	50	20	40.00%	15
ESG	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	4570	1065	23.3%	1065
HOME / ESG	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	1000	1084	106.50%	19
CDBG	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	30	20	66.67%	14
CDBG	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	5000	1729	34.58%	933

Goal 2: Expand Economic & Workforce Development Activities:

Assist small businesses and nonprofit organizations located in the target areas to remove major barriers to the City’s growth and prosperity by supporting and increasing access through infrastructure upgrades and programs that provide training, technical assistance, and workforce opportunities.

Source	Indicator	Unit of Measure	2020-2024 Strategic Plan Goals	2020-2024 Strategic Plan Accomplishments	Percent Complete	Action Plan 2021- 2022 Accomplishments
CDBG	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	12000	13235	110.29%	13235
CDBG	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	350	163	46.57%	107

GOAL #3: Strengthen Local Neighborhoods

Enhance community assets and advance cultural and recreational initiatives to engage residents, improve health, safety and education, while creating jobs

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CDBG	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	12000	4255	35.46%	4255
CDBG	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	13000	12155	93.50%	9240