



The First Program Year CAPER

The CPMP The First Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report includes Narrative Responses to CAPER questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

The grantee must submit an updated Financial Summary Report (PR26).

GENERAL

Executive Summary

This module is optional but encouraged. If you choose to complete it, provide a brief overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the first year.

Program Year 1 CAPER **Executive Summary** response:

Program Year 2008 was the first year of the five year (2008-2012) Consolidated Plan. To establish the goals and objectives of the five-year Consolidated Plan and the one year Action Plan, input was gathered from citizens, non-profit entities, City Departments, City Boards and Committees through public meetings. The process ensured full access and participation by the community in developing goals and objectives by reviewing any public input on the eligible areas, prioritizing problems and solutions, and developing a good strategic plan.

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is a report that provides information on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities undertaken by the city of Rogers from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. Funds for these activities are provided by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community development Block Grant Entitlement Cities Program.

The City of Rogers is aware of the need of the many and various community development activities, both housing and non-housing needs, including public improvements. The City acknowledges that there are not enough funds available to meet all of the City's needs and funding limitations did not allow all requests for funding to be addressed in 2008. The City will endeavor to identify these needs and requests for possibly funding in subsequent years as CDBG funds become available. The City is also mindful of continuing to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program for maximum benefit to extremely-low to low-income individuals and families.

The Community Development Block Grant Program continues to partner with the City and other agencies to accomplish their short and long term goals and at the same time meet the goals set by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The goals of the City of Rogers' CDBG Program are to provide:

(a) Decent housing to include assisting homeless persons to obtain appropriate housing, assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless; retaining the attainable housing stock; and increasing the availability of permanent housing in standard condition and at an affordable cost for low-to-moderate-income families, particularly to members of disadvantaged minorities, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status, or disability. Decent housing also includes increasing the supply of supportive housing, which combines structural features and services needed to enable persons with special needs, including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, to live with dignity and independence; and providing housing affordable to low-income persons accessible to job opportunities.

(b) A suitable living environment includes improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services, reducing the isolation of income groups within a community or geographical area through the spatial de-concentration of housing opportunities for persons of lower income and the revitalization of deteriorating or deteriorated neighborhoods; restoring and preserving properties of special historic, architectural, or aesthetic value; and conserving energy resources.

(c) Expanded economic opportunities includes job creation and retention; establishment, stabilization and expansion of small businesses (including micro-businesses); provision of public services concerned with employment, provision of jobs to low-income persons living in areas affected by those programs and activities, or jobs resulting from carrying out activities under programs covered by the plan; availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices; access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community; and empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in Federally assisted housing and public housing.

The City of Rogers received \$413,008 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the period starting January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008. These funds were used for three housing service projects, four public service projects, and four public facility projects. All these projects improved the living conditions for the City's low and moderate income residents. During Program Year 2008, the City of Rogers spent its CDBG funds in the following areas:

- \$27,921.20 was spent on housing rehabilitation, emergency repairs, and weatherization projects. Ten houses were recipients of this funding.
- \$42,000.00 was spent on infrastructure in Habitat Trails, a Habitat for Humanity housing project in the City of Rogers. Upon completion of this project, 15 homes will be available for low income families.
- \$5,878.39 was spent providing transportation assistance to the City's low income elderly and disabled citizens. Fifty-seven people were recipients of this program.
- \$15,211.07 was spent providing English as Second Language (ESL) to the City's Hispanic adults and children. Because the school year falls into two program years, the exact number of participants in this program will not be known until June

of 2009. From August through December 2008, 200 people were enrolled in ESL classes.

- \$4,610.00 was spent providing after school and summer care for low income children. During the first semester of school ending December 31, 2008, 21 students were enrolled in the after school program. There were 87 children enrolled in the summer program.

- \$10,000 was spent providing dental care for low income children. This money was used to buy dental supplies used in providing dental care to 1,558 uninsured, low income children during the 2008 Program Year.

- \$198,363.35 was spent in 2008 on the completion of the Adult Wellness Center Park Project. The Adult Wellness Center has a membership of over 10,000 who use this facility to help build and maintain healthy lifestyles. No one who can not afford to be a member is turned away from using these facilities.

- \$4,120.00 was spent on the design of the Price Lane Road Project located in a low income area of Rogers.

- \$253,298.16 was spent on the completion of the drainage and infrastructure project located in the low income area east of downtown Rogers.

- \$31,500 was spent on the design of the Persimmon Street project, another low income area located west of the downtown area.

General Questions

1. Assessment of the one-year goals and objectives:
 - a. Describe the accomplishments in attaining the goals and objectives for the reporting period.
 - b. Provide a breakdown of the CPD formula grant funds spent on grant activities for each goal and objective.
 - c. If applicable, explain why progress was not made towards meeting the goals and objectives.
2. Describe the manner in which the recipient would change its program as a result of its experiences.
3. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing:
 - a. Provide a summary of impediments to fair housing choice.
 - b. Identify actions taken to overcome effects of impediments identified.
4. Describe Other Actions in Strategic Plan or Action Plan taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.
5. Leveraging Resources
 - a. Identify progress in obtaining "other" public and private resources to address needs.
 - b. How Federal resources from HUD leveraged other public and private resources.
 - c. How matching requirements were satisfied.

Program Year 1 CAPER General Questions response:

1. **Assessment of the On-Year Goals and Objectives:**

Communities develop their own programs and funding priorities based on local needs. HUD has established guidelines to define the types of projects/activities that may be undertaken and to ensure each project/activity meets one of the national objectives of the CDBG Program. Examples of eligible projects/activities include:

- (a) Acquisition and disposition of real property.
- (b) Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of public facilities such as community, senior and health centers. Public facilities also include streets, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, and infrastructure (water and sewer or flood and drainage improvements).
- (c) Provisions of public services such as child care, health care, recreation or education programs, services for senior citizens, and services for homeless persons.
- (d) Residential housing rehabilitation.

Each project/activity must carry out one of the three national objectives of the Program:

- (a) Benefit low and moderate income persons either individually, such as housing rehabilitation, or area-wide, such as improvements to streets, sidewalks, and parks. Activities that benefit special populations that are presumed to be low and moderate income such as elderly persons, abused spouses or children, homeless persons, and developmentally or physically handicap persons.
- (b) Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight on an area basis, spot basis, or in an urban renewal area.
- (c) Meet urgent community development needs that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.

a. **Describe the accomplishments in attaining the goals and objectives for the reporting period.**

Listed below are the objectives, goals, and accomplishments for the City of Rogers' 2008 Program Year:

HOUSING \$69,921.20 – 11% of the Grant Funds Spent in 2008

The City has taken steps to encourage affordable housing by passing regulations and zoning ordinances which encourage affordable development by reducing setback requirements and density. This has sparked an interest from developers to look at building affordable housing in Rogers plus the City has seen a tremendous slow down in the building of high-end market housing. The area's economy and unemployment rate, though much better than the national average, is not as strong as in previous years.

Housing rehabilitation continues to be a focus for the City. Because of the downturn in housing construction, the City is seeing more qualified builders willing to take on rehabilitation projects. Partnering with other agencies has been the best way for the City to meet our housing rehabilitation goals through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

The City had three housing projects in the 2008 Program year. Those projects are listed below:

Habitat for Humanity Project

Objective: Decent Housing

Goal: Benefit low and moderate income persons by increasing the availability of affordable owner housing and improving access to affordable owner housing.

By partnering with Habitat for Humanity, the city has been able to assist in the development of Habitat Trails, an environmentally friendly eco Habitat for Humanity subdivision on Old Wire Road. When completed, this subdivision will provide 15 new homes in the Rogers City limits for extremely-low to low-income families. The entire subdivision will be dedicated to preserving the environment and will include a wetland conservation area, community area, a park, and is within walking distance to several Rogers Public Schools. A property owner's association will be developed along with covenants for the owners. At the end of Program Year 2008, there were six homes constructed in this subdivision providing homes to 21 people.

Housing Rehabilitation and Emergency Repair

Objective: Decent Housing

Goal: Benefit low and moderate income persons by improving the quality of owner housing.

The City of Rogers partnered with Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas and rehabbed four homes in the Rogers City limits. There were also three emergency repairs completed in 2008. Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas is a non-profit organization that preserves and revitalizes homes. All homeowners are low-income and unable to financially pay for the work. Two of these homes received major rehabilitation work in 2008. Home No. 1 is owned by a couple who are both 59 years of age. Also living in the house is their 37 year old son and two grandchildren, ages 14 and 15. Both homeowners are disabled as well as the son and are living on a small teacher retirement and disability check. The house was in desperate need of a new roof and there were no funds or insurance available for this work. House No. 2 is owned by a couple, ages 60 and 63. Couple had collected on insurance to repair the roof and was in the process of taking the shingles off when husband suffered a stroke. Some of the remaining insurance funds was used for medical bills leaving the couple short on funds to hire this project out. Front porch was also repaired for safety reasons. House No. 3 was owned by a widowed lady, age 78, who had suffered three heart attacks. Also living in the house was her unemployed son and his disabled wife. A new bathroom floor was installed in this house as well as roof and drywall repairs. House No. 4 was owned by a couple, ages

34 and 36. Also living in the home were their three children, ages 1, 2, and 10, and the grandmother. A hot water heater was installed and some electrical work was done to keep the present electrical system from blowing so many breakers during the winter months when using the heating system. CDBG funds were used to replace sewer line from clean out to street in a home owned by a 70-year old man who has four other family members living with him. Funds were also used to pay one electric bill in a home occupied by a woman undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer and repair to heater and garage door replacement for an elderly woman who lives alone.

Weatherization and Rehab Projects

Objective: Decent Housing

Goal: Benefit low and moderate income persons by improving the quality of owner housing.

The City of Rogers stated a new partnership with Office of Human Concern for weatherization projects. In Program Year 2008, two weatherization projects and one emergency repair was accomplished through Office of Human Concern. Home No. 6 was owned by an elderly woman on social security. A new roof was put on her home. House No. 7 was owned by a husband and wife, ages 75 and 76. Social security was their only means of income. A severely damaged ceiling due to a leaky roof was replaced. Some rotted trim was also replaced. The east wall, adjacent joists and flooring was also replaced due to rotting and water damage. The emergency repair was for the replacement of a hot water heater in the home of a single mother, age 25, and her three children, ages 1, 2, and 6.

Listed below are statistics on the homeowners who received rehabilitation assistance through CDBG during the 2008 Program Year:

Owner's Income	Head of Household	Size of Household	Handicap
\$20,640.00	Caucasian	5	Yes
28,380.00	Caucasian	2	Yes
29,190.00	Caucasian	3	Yes
28,089.00	Caucasian	6	No
9,006.00	Caucasian	1	No
12,744.00	Caucasian	2	Yes

Only one of the individuals who received emergency assistance had income levels that exceeded \$10,000 per year. Income in that house was \$24,917; however the household totaled five.

PUBLIC SERVICES \$35,699.46 – 6% of the Grant Funds Spent in 2008

Transportation Assistance Services

Objective: Suitable Living Environment

Goal: Benefiting low and moderate income persons by improving services.

The objective of the City is to improve the mobility of our elderly and disabled income eligible citizens. All the participants are approved residents of the City of Rogers and although they do not all live in a low to moderate income area, their incomes do not exceed HUD guidelines. The City is able to accomplish this goal by offsetting the cost of the City approved transportation systems, Ozark Regional Transit and Northwest Arkansas Taxi, LLC, by providing the approved riders with coupons for free rides. Identification cards were also provided that must be shown each time the rider boards the bus or enters the taxi. Ozark Regional Transit and Northwest Arkansas Taxi, LLC provides the City a breakdown on each rider to include date picked up, where taken, and when returned home. An invoice is also provided with the breakdown. These procedures safeguard against program abuse. This program has been invaluable to the City as most of the riders have no other means of transportation. The City provided transportation assistance for 57 individuals during 2008.

Funding of ESL Classes

Objective: Suitable Living Environment

Goal: Benefit low and moderate income persons by improving services.

The City of Rogers has many immigrant needs. Our goal is to foster trust and bridge between cultures while maintaining the present quality of life. The typical new Hispanic arrival to the City is illiterate to the English language. Because of the language barrier, simple things like opening a bank account, obtaining housing and utilities, and enrolling in school are very difficult for those immigrating into the City. CDBG funds were used to provide funding for the Family ESL classes. This program brings parents, children, and teachers together in an afternoon or evening setting. The parents work with their children on homework assignments and are schooled in improving their use of the English language. Reading, writing, listening/speaking, conversation, and pronunciation are all taught. Four schools in the Rogers School District participated in the program. Classes are held twice a week. Each class last for two hours. There are 200 participants in the program and over 75% are low-to-moderate income residents.

After School and Summer Programs at Boys & Girls Club, Rogers Unit

Objective: Suitable Living Environment

Goal: Benefit low and moderate income persons by improving services.

This Program provided funding for an after school and summer care program for low income children. This program provides a safe and developmentally appropriate place for children. The program will prevent antisocial behavior in children that will help children remain in school, provide character education, physical fitness, financial education, leadership and community service training. Field trips and special events are also planned providing opportunities that many of these children would never get to do. The After School and Summer Programs also enable the parents to maintain their employment and eliminate the costs of child care. The After School Program had 21 students participating while the Summer Program had 87 children attending.

Rogers Community Clinic – Dental

Objective: Suitable Living Environment

Goal: Benefit low and moderate income persons by improving services.

The clinic provided dental services to 1,558 low income children in the 2008 Program Year. Funds from CDBG were used to purchase consumable supplies to provide free dental care and help break a family cycle of neglect and teach oral hygiene early enough to preserve a child's teeth for a lifetime.

PUBLIC FACILITIES - \$487,281.51 – 79% of the Grant Funds Spent in 2008

The City had five Public Facility projects started or completed in 2008. One project funded in 2008, Adult Development Center, will start construction in 2009.

Adult Wellness Center

Objective: A Suitable Living Environment

Goal: Benefit low and moderate income persons by providing a facility that will promote healthy lifestyles.

The City completed the construction of a park located behind the Adult Wellness Center in 2008. Since the opening of this facility in 2006, membership has risen to over 10,000 adults. This 20 acre site for this complex also supports a senior HUD housing project known as Dixieland Gardens, a 32-unit apartment complex for low income seniors. Two other HUD facilities are planned in future years. The City of Rogers views the outdoors as a very important aspect of whole person wellness. This park provides walking trails, exercise stations for stretching, strengthening, and balance training, a labyrinth for mental and physical exercise, a meditation garden with a water feature, a memory garden, a pavilion, and benches. This park not only creates a connector from the senior housing project to the Center, but also provides a connectivity to the trail system in Rogers. When completed, this will be a 31 mile trail system.

Adult Development Center

Objective: Suitable Living Environment

Goal: Benefiting low and moderate income disabled persons by providing a range of services for persons with special needs.

The Adult Development Center serves over 100 adults living with emotional, mental and physical limitations. The Center operates a sheltered workshop where clients actively learn new skills, build close relationships, and provides business and industry with a reliable off-line production workforce. The Center has built a strong reputation of excellence and professionalism in the community and has partnered with local businesses and industry to provide timely, high-quality results. The goals of the Center are to foster independent living through the development of life, work, social skills, and prepare clients to become a part of, rather than apart from, the community. The Center also provides opportunities for a more fulfilling and

productive life for those developmentally challenged individuals served by the Center. The Center has presently outgrown its existing facilities and had planned in 2008 to start the construction of a new training facility and campus for adults with disabilities. Prior to the proposed site being cleared and getting ready for the construction, the Center received another piece of property that was more acreage, better visibility, and easier access than the original parcel of land. By changing locations of the proposed new facility, additional engineering and design was needed prior to starting construction. The facility is scheduled to break ground in Spring of 2009 and the 2008 monies earmarked for this project will be reallocated into the City's 2009 CDBG budget.

Revitalization Area Infrastructure Improvements – Persimmon Street

Objective: Suitable Living Environment

Goal: Benefit low and moderate persons by improving quality and increase quantity of public improvements.

The City started the design process for the Persimmon Street project, a low income target area for the City of Rogers. Construction of the project will consist of curb and gutter on portions of the street where curb and gutter have not been placed. Sidewalks with handicap ramps will also be placed along the street. The City plans to bid this project out in two to three phases with the first phase ready to bid in 2009.

Design of Price Lane

Objective: Suitable Living Environment

Goal: Benefit low and moderate persons by improving quality and increase quantity of public improvements.

This area contains many small homes and duplexes and this traffic arterial is a narrow, non-curbed two lane road. This design will create a new three lane road with curb and gutter and will relieve traffic for the three schools located on First Street. This project will also provide access to Hwy 71-B for the residents who live in this area. This will be a joint project with CDBG covering the design and right of way costs and the City covering the construction costs.

Drainage and Street Project in the Cole and Wallace Subdivisions (Arkansas and B Streets).

This project was completed in 2008 and consisted of placing drainage boxes in this area to collect surface accumulation and transport water off site. This drainage project is located in an extremely-low to low-income neighborhood in Rogers. Water in this area no longer accumulates in yards and under the houses. One of the most significant results associated with this project is the disappearance of mosquitoes in the summer associated with standing water.

ADMINISTRATION \$28,089.66 – 5% OF THE Grant Funds Spent in 2008

The Community Development Block Grant regulation allows up to 20% of the total grant amount to be used for administration cost. Administration cost is the cost

required to administer the CDBG Program including monitoring any sub-recipients. Administration funds were used to pay a portion of the CDBG Administrator’s salary, travel and training expenses. Funds were also used to reimburse the City for time spent by City employees who worked on design and inspections associated with the CDBG projects. Time sheets are kept on all employees whose salaries are affected by CDBG funding.

b. Provide a Breakdown of the CPD Formula Grant Funds Spent on Grant Activities for Each Goal and Objective.

Listed below is the breakdown of the grant funds spent on grant activities for each national objective and City goal:

Project	Activity	National Objective	City Goal	Amount Spent
Housing	Infrastructure	Decent Housing	Benefit Low/Mod	\$ 42,000.00
Housing	Rehabilitation	Decent Housing	Benefit Low/Mod	12,916.51
Housing	Emergency Repairs	Decent Housing	Benefit Low/Mod	4,955.69
Housing	Weatherization And Rehab	Decent Housing	Benefit Low/Mod	10,049.00
Public Service	Transportation Assistance	Suitable Living Environment	Benefit Low/Mod	5,878.39
Public Service	ESL Classes	Suitable Living Environment	Benefit Low/Mod	15,211.07
Public Service	After School and Summer Program	Suitable Living Environment	Benefit Low/Mod	4,610.00
Public Service	Dental Clinic	Suitable Living Environment	Benefit Low/Mod	10,000.00
Public Facilities	Adult Wellness Center	Suitable Living Environment	Benefit Low/Mod	198,363.35
Public Facilities	Persimmon Street	Suitable Living Environment	Benefit Low/Mod	31,500.00
Public Facilities	Price Lane Design	Suitable Living Environment	Benefit Low/Mod	4,120.00
Public Facilities	Cole/Wallace	Suitable Living Environment	Benefit Low/Mod	253,298.16

The City spent a total of \$592,902.17 on projects in Program Year 2008. By adding administration costs of \$28,089.66 to this amount, the City of Rogers spent \$620,991.83 in Program Year 2008.

c. If Applicable, Explain Why Progress was not Made Towards Meeting the Goals and Objectives.

The City set its housing rehabilitation goal a little too high for Program Year 2008. Material and labor donations were down to the organizations we had partnered with and contributed to not being able to complete as many homes as we had projected. Financial instability with the homeowner in foreclosure or going into foreclosure as

well as homes where the person living in the home could not show ownership also contributed to the lack of homes available for rehabilitation and emergency repairs. Based on what we saw in 2008, we have used that information to more accurately propose housing rehabs for Program Year 2009. Public Service projects were completed providing more services to low-income people than we had done in previous years. Although we had estimated our service projects would touch 2,328 people, we actually provided services to 1,923 people with our four service projects. Two Public Facility projects were completed; however, one of our larger Facility projects scheduled to start in 2008 was delayed to 2009 due to site location changes made in 2008.

2. Describe the Manner in which the recipient would Change its Program as a Result of its Experiences.

The City did not see anything they would change in how the program operated. We were able to meet our timeliness standards in Program Year 2008. As a result of changes made in 2007, the City again received more requests for funding than allocated money. Although it was difficult to turn down requests and reduce the amount of funding for others, the change made to require an application for all funding and getting this information out to the public enabled the City to not only look at more requests, but fund those projects that would have the biggest impact on the national objectives and City's goals. After the Program Year ended, the City became aware of a change in Administration that would require some changes to be able to fund Administration in Program Year 2010 until the 2010 funds were made available to the City.

3. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing:

The City entered into a contract with J-Quad & Associates in 2006 to provide a Fair Housing Study for the City of Rogers. This study was completed in 2007. The City realizes fair housing and expanded opportunities are necessary for the City to meet its' housing objectives. The City understands the need for fair housing education and outreach and remains committed to providing fair housing services.

- a. and b. **Provide a Summary of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and Identify Actions Taken to Overcome Effects of Impediments Identified.**

Real Estate Impediments:

1. Concentration of Affordable Housing Resulting in Income and Racial Segregation. In the past years, the developer has built the middle to high-end housing, however, the City is seeing that turn around and the middle to low-end housing is the type house construction being built in Rogers. The City is making every effort to work with developers to reduce setback requirements and make building affordable housing profitable. The City's Comprehensive Growth Plan also allows for affordable housing to be built in Rogers which could contribute to the City reducing income and racial segregation in the City.

2. Possible Fair Housing Violations in Real Estate Advertising. The City has met with Board of Realtors representatives as well as the local newspapers concerning this matter. The City will continue to encourage education where fair housing advertisement is concerned. The Board of Realtors, as well as local

newspapers, was provided a copy of the City's Analysis to Fair Housing completed by J-Quad and Associates.

Public Policy Impediments:

1. **Lack of Updated Fair Housing Ordinance and a Local Fair Housing Enforcement Program.** The City does have a Fair Housing Ordinance; however, a Fair Housing Board that was established in the 1990's is in inactive status. The City is looking at rewriting the fair housing ordinance to be in compliance with Federal housing guidelines. The City is also working with the Rogers Board of Realtors to establish a point of contact in Rogers for fair housing complaints. This will not be an enforcement board, but a place where people can call for assistance and referral to the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission. The Board will work to provide education programs on Fair Housing to the community.

Banking, Finance, and Insurance Related Impediments:

1. **Low Number of Loan Applications from Minorities.** Efforts have been made to expand homebuyer outreach and education efforts to increase the number of minorities who apply for mortgage loans by meeting with lending institutions to work on improving the success of loan applications submitted by minority applicants. It should be noted the City's biggest minority group is Hispanic. Many are in the City without proper paperwork. They are working at various jobs for cash and do not pay taxes. Because of this, they don't have the proper paperwork to be able to apply for mortgage financing and for many, homeownership is not a priority. The lending institutes in our City, as well as other Rogers' businesses, are doing a good job of hiring employees who can speak, read, and write the Spanish language. Having bilingual employees will help provide information and assist our Hispanic population to discover the "American Dream" of homeownership.

Socio-Economic Impediments:

There were two socio-economic impediments listed in the Fair Housing Study. One was income disparities among racial groups. Forming partnerships with major employers to create training programs targeting minority and low-income residents would be one way the City could address this impediment. The other impediment listed is language and cultural barriers. The City employs some bilingual employees who participate in meetings and outreach activities for the City. The City also employs several Hispanic employees. The City has encouraged its employees to take advantage of Spanish classes. The City, through the CDBG Program, provides free ESL (English as Second Language) classes at several of the local schools. This program is a tremendous help in addressing language and cultural barriers.

4. **Describe Other Actions in Strategic Plan or Action Plan taken to Address Obstacles to Meeting Underserved Needs.**

The City of Rogers partnered with the Cities of Bentonville and Springdale in contracting with the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville campus to conduct a Homeless Needs Assessment for the City. This assessment is a tool that can be used by the City to determine the best way to meet the underserved needs of the homeless.

The City continually strives to keep informed of the needs of its citizens. We have developed good relationships with the non-profits and organizations who serve the homeless, the disabled, the battered, and others put in positions that will not allow them to take care of themselves or their families. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the living environment of all our citizens.

5. **Leveraging Resources:**

a. **Identify Progress in Obtaining "Other" Public and Private Resources to Address Needs.**

The City does not receive any other monies for their programs other than CDBG funds.

b. **How Federal Resources from HUD Leveraged Other Public and Private Resources.**

By partnering with non-profits, Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together Northwest Arkansas, and Office of Human Concern the City is able to meet more housing needs. The land and infrastructure grants given to Habitat for Humanity will provide an additional 15 homes in Roger. Major rehabilitation work and emergency repairs are provided for individuals and/or families with income limitations through Rebuilding Together and Office of Human Concern.

c. **How Matching Grants were Satisfied.**

None of the City's CDBG funds expended in 2008 were used for matching grants by other agencies.

The City of Rogers is appreciative of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's funding it provides the City to carry out their housing, public service, and public facility programs. The City contributes to the CDBG Program by providing the CDBG Administrator office space, utilities, janitorial services, phone, and other items necessary to carry out the CDBG Program.

Managing the Process

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to ensure compliance with program and comprehensive planning requirements.

Program Year 1 CAPER Managing the Process response:

The City of Rogers has strived to successfully meet the goals of its Consolidated Plan and 2008 Action Plan. The CDBG entitlement funds are being expended in a timely manner. The City provided funds to three housing agencies and assisted with ten housing rehabilitation and emergency repairs. This figure did not include the 15 homes that will be built in Habitat Trails with the housing infrastructure project. Four service projects were completed helping 1,923 persons have a suitable living environment by providing much needed services. Two public facility projects were completed that provided a suitable living environment for approximately 10,000 people. Two other public facility projects were in the design phase in 2008 and once construction is completed many citizens will be affected by these two projects. All of

the facility projects are in the low income areas of Rogers. All these CDBG-supported projects in Rogers respond to genuine and compelling needs of the City's neediest residents.

Each year the Community Development Block Grant Office works with private non-profits to provide services and suitable housing to the City's low income individuals. The City partnered with three non-profits to provide decent housing and two non-profits to provide a suitable living environment with needed services. Although construction was delayed by one year, the City also partnered with a non-profit to provide support for people with disabilities. The City is continuing to be involved with other Northwest Arkansas cities in addressing the emergency shelter needs as well as transitional/supportive housing to the homeless.

The City of Rogers' Planning and Transportation Department has a CDBG Administrator who is responsible for overseeing the CDBG Program and the development of the City's Annual Action Plan, CAPER, and Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The CDBG Administrator is responsible for administering the programs including their development, implementation, monitoring and reporting activities. The CDBG Administrator works with the citizens of Rogers, community and neighborhood organizations, non-profit housing agencies, as well as the private housing industry. The CDBG Administrator gathers data from citizens, meetings, and public hearings to encourage public comment and to use those views to establish priorities for housing and community development needs.

The CDBG Administrator communicates with several agencies in the development of the City's plans. Among those in 2008 were Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas, Boys and Girls Club of Benton County (Rogers Unit), Ozark Regional Transit System, Northwest Arkansas Taxi, LLC, Adult Development Center, Rogers Public School District, Office of Human Concern, Salvation Army, Samaritan House, and St. Francis House NWA, Inc., d/b/a Community Clinic at St. Francis House. The Administrator also visited with City Staff including the Mayor, Director of Planning and Transportation, Police Department, Main Street Rogers and Director of Parks and Recreation. Visits were also made with local news media.

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of citizen comments.
2. In addition, the performance report provided to citizens must identify the Federal funds made available for furthering the objectives of the Consolidated Plan. For each formula grant program, the grantee shall identify the total amount of funds available (including estimated program income), the total amount of funds committed during the reporting period, the total amount expended during the reporting period, and the geographic distribution and location of expenditures. Jurisdictions are encouraged to include maps in describing the geographic distribution and location of investment (including areas of minority concentration). The geographic distribution and expenditure requirement may also be satisfied by specifying the census tracts where expenditures were concentrated.

*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP

Tool.

Program Year 1 CAPER Citizen Participation response:

The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) was made available for review to the public. The CAPER was placed on the City’s website at www.rogersark.com under City Administration, Community Development Grant Administrator on March 16, 2009. Hard copies were also placed at the following locations: City Hall, 301 West Chestnut; Rogers Public Library, 711 South Dixieland; The Adult Wellness Center, 2001 West Persimmon; and The Rogers Activity Center, 301 West Olive. A display ad was published in the City’s local newspaper, The Morning News, on March 15, 2009 advising that the CAPER was available for public review and comment. Comments on the CAPER were accepted for 15 days beginning March 16, 2009 and ending March 31, 2009. A copy of the display ad is located at the Affidavit of Publication section of this report.

The City of Rogers also places the Annual Action Plan and Five Year Consolidated Plan on the City website.

1. Provide a Summary of Citizen Comments.

Any comments received concerning the 2008 Program Year will be made a part of the CAPER.

2. Federal Funds Available for Furthering the Objectives.

The CAPER identifies Federal funds made available for furthering the objectives of the Consolidated Plan. For each formula grant program, the grantee shall identify the total amount of funds available, the total amount of funds committed during the reporting period, the total amount expended during the reporting period, and the geographic distribution and location of expenditures. Jurisdictions are encouraged to include maps in describing the geographic distribution and location of investment (including areas of minority concentration). The geographic distribution and expenditure requirement may also be satisfied by specifying census tracts where expenditures were concentrated. Tabs located at the back of the CAPER provide maps showing the geographic distribution and locations when the dollars were confined to specific areas. Census tract information is also provided for some of the activities.

Project	Funds Available	Funds Expended	Carry Over Funds
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 0.00
Rebuilding Together and Emergency Repairs	23,715.48	17,872.20	5,843.28
Office of Human Concern and Emergency Repairs	12,000.00	10,049.00	1,951.00
Transportation Assistance Program	11,121.50	5,878.39	5,243.11
ESL Classes	19,413.20	15,211.17	4,202.13
Boys and Girls Club	7,000.00	4,610.00	2,390.00
Community Clinic	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00

North Drainage	253,298.16	253,298.16	0.00
Price Lane	26,000.00	13,456.00	12,544.00
AWC Park	243,000.00	243,000.00	0.00
Persimmon Street	138,256.00	31,500.00	106,756.00
Adult Development Center	174,000.00	0.00	174,000.00
Administration	61,698.00	31,597.49	Can not Carry Forward

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to overcome gaps in institutional structures and enhance coordination.

Program Year 1 CAPER Institutional Structure response:

1. **Describe Actions Taken During the Last Year to Overcome Gaps in Institutional Structures and Enhance Coordination.**

The City of Rogers carried out its 2008 Action Plan through the use of Federal funds received from HUD. The Planning and Transportation Department through the City's Community Development Block Grant Coordinator and on behalf of the Mayor administers the CDBG Program. The department works with several other municipal and non-profit agencies to successfully complete its CDBG-funded projects. City Council members are also involved with the CDBG Program. The City of Rogers Parks and Recreation Department is involved in improvement projects involving municipal parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, and trails. The City engineer, project engineer, and Street Department are involved in the development of plans and specifications and inspections for public facility improvement projects. The Building Department is involved in any housing rehab projects to ensure all work is done in compliance with City codes.

Although the City has major strengths with an economy and unemployment that is better than most parts of the Nation, quality health care facilities, a public education system that has received national awards for its education programs, and a variety of local non-profits and social service agencies, the City does have gaps that affect quality of life for some of the citizens. One of these gaps is affordable home ownership opportunities. The City is continuing to work with housing developers in the development of affordable housing.

Monitoring

1. Describe how and the frequency with which you monitored your activities.
2. Describe the results of your monitoring including any improvements.
3. Self Evaluation
 - a. Describe the effect programs have in solving neighborhood and community problems.
 - b. Describe progress in meeting priority needs and specific objectives and help make community's vision of the future a reality.

- c. Describe how you provided decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunity principally for low and moderate-income persons.
- d. Indicate any activities falling behind schedule.
- e. Describe how activities and strategies made an impact on identified needs.
- f. Identify indicators that would best describe the results.
- g. Identify barriers that had a negative impact on fulfilling the strategies and overall vision.
- h. Identify whether major goals are on target and discuss reasons for those that are not on target.
- i. Identify any adjustments or improvements to strategies and activities that might meet your needs more effectively.

Program Year 1 CAPER Monitoring response:

1. **Describe How and the Frequency with Which Activities were Monitored.**

Monitoring is an ongoing process of reviewing the City's performance of meeting goals, ensuring compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements, and enhancing management capacity through technical assistance. It is the policy of the City to inspect all agencies that receive assistance under the CDBG Program on an annual basis to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local regulations. Monitoring procedures will vary depending on the type of project or activity undertaken. The policy is to ensure that the location receiving the assistance is in compliance with all conditions regarding the receipt of Federal funds. All projects and activities undertaken with CDBG funds will be consistent with the priorities and strategies in the Consolidated Plan.

Public Facility Projects – The City's infrastructure and drainage projects were monitored by the CDBG Administrator, Director of Planning and Transportation, Project Engineer, and the City's Street Superintendent. When City personnel are used to provide the labor and material on these projects, the Street Superintendent provides the CDBG Administrator all material invoices and labor expenditures by City work forces. When contract forces are used, the City advertises for bids and all work is awarded using the competitive bidding process. A bid guarantee of five percent of bid is required from each bidder. Written contracts are written for all work performed. The accepted bidder is required to furnish a performance and payment bond in the amount of 100% of the contract. All bid packets contained information on the prevailing wage rate schedule prescribed and mandated by Federal Labor Standards Provisions HUD-4010 and the most current General Decision Number. On site monitoring is done daily by inspectors. On site meetings are also held with the contractor, engineer, inspectors, Director of Planning and Transportation and/or City Project Engineer, and the CDBG Administrator. Inspections and meetings are documented and made a part of the project file. Any City Parks projects are also monitored by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Housing – All housing rehabilitation projects are monitored by the CDBG Administrator, the Director of Planning and Transportation, and the City's Building Inspection Department when needed. Inspections are performed on any facility receiving CDBG funding until the completion of the project to ensure code compliances are met. On site inspections are done prior to work. The City maintained copies of all appropriate paperwork required in land acquisitions. No

displacement of individuals was associated with any land acquisition or home rehabilitation.

Public Service – Transportation Assistance Project is monitored by the CDBG Administrator. Each application is reviewed to ensure all recipients meet the income guidelines for assistance. The City has two service providers for this program— Ozark Regional Transit and Northwest Arkansas Taxi, LLC. Both transportation providers furnish a breakdown on each rider with dates picked up, where taken, and when returned to pickup location or home. The breakdown, along with an invoice, is furnished each month by Northwest Arkansas Taxi, LLC and quarterly by Ozark Regional Transit. Through our monitoring system, the City has procedures in place to safeguard against program abuse. The EIS Program, Boys and Girls Club After School and Summer Programs, and the Community Clinic’s Dental Care Clinic are all monitored by the CDBG Administrator.

Two City employees, the Treasurer and the CDBG Administrator, were the overseers of the CDBG funds. The CDBG Administrator draws down the funds. The City Treasurer approves the funds. Receipt and disbursement of CDBG funds were a part of the City’s annual audit.

No files will be archived until inspected by the Arkansas HUD office. Any citizen complaints will be addressed by the Mayor or CDBG Administrator within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.

2. Describe the Results of the Monitoring Including Any Improvements.

Monitoring assures that Federal funds received by the City of Rogers complies with CDBG Program directives, and meets the objectives as set forth in the City’s Consolidated Plan. All agencies receiving funding entered into an agreement with the City of Rogers before funds were released. Monitoring also assured that work is done in accordance with plans and specifications and that all prevailing wage rates are met. Monitoring assures all safety requirements are met, and assures the City of no misuse or abuse of the City’s programs and funding.

3. Self-Evaluation.

a. **Describe the Effect Programs have in Solving Neighborhood and Community Problems.**

The CDBG Program stays focused on the objectives in serving the needs of the community. The City strives to carry out all activities in a timely manner to see that goals are achieved, and expenditures do not exceed letter of credit disbursements. The City’s projects include but are not limited to the improvement of older low and moderate-income neighborhoods, to provide public facilities for all citizens, and to provide needed services to our low income residents.

b. **Describe Progress in Meeting Priority Needs and Specific Objectives and Help Make Community’s Vision of the Future a Reality.**

The drainage and street programs impact the citizens of Rogers immensely. Because of lack of drainage in the City’s older neighborhoods, many of these homes deal with standing water on their property and in some cases, water stands under their houses. This can cause structural damage as well as create a health hazard during

mosquito breeding. The street work not only provides a better means of travel but by adding curb and gutter to the streets, the City is helping prevent this water accumulation. The City is also building sidewalks and providing handicap ramps at street intersections. All of the City's ongoing construction projects on streets were completed in 2008. The City presently has two street projects under design.

The Adult Wellness Center Park Project was completed in 2008. Adding another park to this area will enhance this low-income neighborhood and provide an amenity to the existing HUD housing complex located next to the Adult Wellness Center as well as the additional HUD housing to be built in the future.

The four Service Projects—Care Program (transportation assistance), ELS (English as Second Language), After School and Summer Care Program, and Dental Care Program all provide assistance to the City's low income citizens. The ESL classes also helped the City foster trust and create a bridge between cultures while maintaining the present quality of life. The Care Program greatly improved the mobility of income eligible seniors and disabled citizens. This is a priority for the City because this is the only means of transportation for many of our riders. The After School and Summer Care Program enabled parents to maintain their employment. Many of these parents could not afford to work as daycare would take all of their expendable income. The Dental Program provided free dental care to those children who would not have the opportunity to visit a dentist without this program. Not only do they receive dental service, but are taught the importance of taking care of their teeth.

Housing projects consisted of three activities in 2008—infrastructure, rehabilitation, and emergency repair. The City has ordinances that provide for affordable housing and have approved variances to assist in the building of affordable housing. By partnering with Habitat for Humanity, the City is helping to provide affordable housing in Rogers. In Program Year 2008, the City used CDBG funds to provide infrastructure for new lots to be used for constructing new Habitat homes. Once this Habitat project is complete, there will be 15 new homes in this subdivision. The City partnered with Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas and Office of Human Concern to provide rehabilitation to six occupied and structurally sound homes and to provide four emergency repairs. It appears the rehabilitation of our older homes is still the most efficient method of preserving our affordable housing stock. This also prevents many of our at risk homeowners from becoming homeless because of living in substandard housing. Through the City's Rehab Program, we are trying to restore houses where they are now considered improved, preserved, and sound. Our goal is to promote housing that is safe, secure, healthy, and energy efficient by bringing the dwellings up to current building codes and energy conservation codes. CDBG funds are used to update the plumbing, electrical, and/or heating and air conditioning if necessary. Funds are also used to provide insulation, new doors and windows if necessary. Emergency repairs were also completed which provided suitable living environment for those who were in desperate need of heat and air repair as well as flooring repair. Repairs are usually work associated with problems encountered after decay or damage or old equipment that will no longer work. Most are related to a health or safety issue. Most emergency repairs are performed on an immediate basis as the City does not find out about these problems until they are needed to be dealt with immediately.

The City spent considerable review time evaluating all proposed projects to prioritize needs and make sure all objectives and goals were met. Listed below is the percentage breakdown of how CDBG monies were used in Program Year 2008:

Public Facilities - 79%
Housing - 11%
Public Services - 6%
Administration - 5%

c. **Describe How You Provided Decent Housing and a Suitable Living Environment and Expanded Economic Opportunity Principally for Low And Moderate-Income Persons.**

In 2008, the City did not provide economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons with CDBG funds. As stated earlier, decent housing and a suitable living environment were accomplished by providing infrastructure for lots to be used for new affordable housing. The City also completed housing rehabilitation that helped preserve the City's affordable housing stock and improve the appearance of the older neighborhoods.

d. **Indicate any Activities Falling Behind Schedule.**

In 2008 Program Year, only one activity fell behind schedule. The Adult Development Center was ready to break ground in 2008 when they were given the opportunity to acquire a much larger piece of property as well as a much better location to build their new facility. This site change resulted in some additional engineering and design needed prior to start of construction. This project has been revamped and ground breaking is now scheduled for spring of 2009. The 2008 designated funding for this project will be reallocated to 2009.

e. **Describe How Activities and Strategies Made an Impact on Identified Needs.**

It appears the Housing projects have had the largest impact on identified needs. Not only does this have an impact on the home and homeowner, but housing rehabilitation has an impact on the neighborhood also. The owner takes great pride in the accomplishments of the rehabilitation. Many feel like they are living in a "new" home. The impact on partnering with Habitat for Humanity creates new homes for individuals and families that would probably never experience homeownership without this opportunity.

f. **Identify Indicators that Would Best Describe the Results.**

Increased homeownership and improved neighborhood appearance can be seen from the Habitat Trails project and the six rehabilitation projects accomplished in 2008.

g. **Identify Barriers that had a Negative Impact on Fulfilling the Strategies and Overall Vision.**

As far as barriers the City sees with fulfilling strategies and overall visions, I would say getting people to apply for the program was our biggest barrier in 2008. We had funds left over in our rehabilitation program funding at the end of the year. We are working hard to make people aware of the program and what the "Rebuilding Day"

can do to change their lives. The barrier of contractors not willing to construct affordable housing has improved from previous years. The City has seen more permits for affordable housing. The Planning Department has also seen more interest in affordable housing especially affordable apartments/condos. The last barrier would be funding the City receives. If we were to see an increase in qualified individuals and/or families for housing rehabilitation, we would still not be able to provide the housing funding we would need without cutting other needed programs.

h. **Identify Whether Major Goals are on Target and Discuss Reasons for Those that are not on Target.**

All major goals are on target except for the Adult Development Center delay identified above.

i. **Identify Any Adjustments or Improvements to Strategies and Activities That Might Meet Your Needs More Effectively.**

The CDBG Administrator met with City Staff and Non-Profit and For-Profit Agencies. Public Hearings were held to gather input from the City's citizens. All of this information was used to assemble goals and objectives, performance measures and outcomes for the Five Year Consolidated Plan. All projects and activities undertaken with CDBG funds will be consistent with the priorities and strategies in the Consolidated Strategy and Plan. Projects will be monitored to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, and location regulations. Draw-downs of CDBG funds will be monitored and CDBG account reconciling will be accomplished several times during the Program Year.

Lead-based Paint

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards.

Program Year 1 CAPER Lead-based Paint response:

1. **Describe Actions Taken During the Last Year to Evaluate and Reduce Lead-Based Paint Hazards.**

According to the U. S. Census, there are 6,113 housing units built prior to 1978. It is estimated that approximately 30% of that total number could contain some levels of lead-based paint and are occupied by low-income individuals and families. Each home built before 1978 that will be part of the City's rehabilitation program, will be tested for lead-based paint. All materials identified as containing high levels of lead-based paint will be removed and replaced if possible or feasible, or it may be covered. All deteriorated lead-based paint identified in the risk assessment will be addressed during the rehabilitation of the dwelling. All construction material being removed from the home containing lead-based paint belongs to the contractor performing the work, and he/she is required to remove the material from the property. The dwelling is required to be tested if the work includes any demolition or major carpentry work and if the work involves painted surfaces. The results of the lead-based paint inspection will show where lead-based paint was detected and the concentration levels. The City must have possession of the lead-based paint inspection before work will proceed on the dwelling. Emergency work may be

accomplished without having a lead-based paint inspection if the work will not affect the lead-based paint regulation such as roofing, exterior plumbing, some electrical and/or heating work. Materials containing high levels of lead-based paint may be removed and replaced if possible or feasible or it may be covered. At the completion of a housing rehabilitation project, a lead-based paint clearance inspection will be performed by an Arkansas Certified and Licensed Lead-Based Paint Clearance Inspector.

The City has implemented a lead-based paint policy. Two of the City's Building Inspectors have completed lead-based paint certification training. Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas and Office of Human Concern were advised of HUD's policies on lead-based paint. The CDBG Administrator as well as the building inspectors who have attended lead-based training will work with these agencies to assure that lead-based paint rules and regulations are clearly identified and followed.

HOUSING

Housing Needs

*Please also refer to the Housing Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Describe Actions taken during the last year to foster and maintain affordable housing.

Program Year 1 CAPER Housing Needs response:

1. **Describe Actions Taken During the Last Year to Foster and Maintain Affordable Housing.**

The City provided funds to put in infrastructure to lots in the Habitat Trails Subdivision in 2008. These lots will be used for the construction of single-family, owner-occupied housing. When this project is completed, there will be 15 new homes built in this Habitat for Humanity Subdivision. The City provided funds for the rehabilitation of six homes in Rogers and provided emergency repairs to four homeowners in the City.

Specific Housing Objectives

1. Evaluate progress in meeting specific objective of providing affordable housing, including the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income renter and owner households comparing actual accomplishments with proposed goals during the reporting period.
2. Evaluate progress in providing affordable housing that meets the Section 215 definition of affordable housing for rental and owner households comparing actual accomplishments with proposed goals during the reporting period.
3. Describe efforts to address "worst-case" housing needs and housing needs of persons with disabilities.

Program Year 1 CAPER Specific Housing Objectives response:

1. Evaluate Progress in Meeting Specific Objectives of Providing Housing, Including the Number of Extremely Low-Income, Low-Income, and Moderate-Income Renter and Owner Households Comparing Actual Accomplishments with Proposed Goals During the Reporting Period.

The CDBG Program’s definition of affordable housing includes housing already owned and occupied by an individual or family whose total income, adjusted for family size, is 80% or less of the area median income. All of the homeowners assisted in 2008 had incomes below 80% of the area median, adjusted for family size. Four households fell into the extremely low income group. Two households fell into the very low income group.

The City is aware of the need for more affordable housing and will continue to search for affordable lots to acquire and donate to Habitat for Humanity for construction of affordable homes. The City will also continue to help with infrastructure costs, when needed of those lots to assist Habitat for Humanity in the development of new houses. The City will also continue to work with developers interested in developing affordable housing areas. Rehabilitation of existing homes will continue with the partnership between Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas and Office of Human Concern. The rehabilitation projects will bring these homes up to energy conservation standards, current plumbing, electrical, and HVAC codes. The City will continue to support the non-profit agencies that provide programs to enhance the construction of new affordable housing as well as providing labor and material for existing homes. The City has ordinances and zoning codes that allow for affordable housing. The City’s Comprehensive Growth Plan also has several areas for affordable housing that have not been developed.

The charts listed below are based on the 2000 census as not all the information shown was calculated for the 2006 special census.

Extremely Low	Low	Low-Moderate
2,027 (5%)	2,098 (5%)	1,858 (4%)

Owner-Occupied	Renter-Occupied	Vacant Housing Units
8,855	5,150	831

% of Income Costs for Owner Occupancy		% of Income Costs for Rental Occupancy	
Less than 15%	40.5	Less than 15%	22.9
15% to 19%	19.5	15% to 19%	20.4
20% to 24%	14.7	20% to 24%	12.1
25% to 29%	7.9	25% to 29%	9.5
30% to 34%	5.5	30% to 34%	7.2
35% and Over	11.5	35% and Over	11.5

In Program Year 2008, the City rehabbed six homes and did four emergency repairs on existing homes. The City recognizes that a gap does exist in affordable homeownership opportunities and is taking opportunities to work with developers to build affordable housing within the City of Rogers. Homeowner seminars are being held within the City to educate the community about availability of funds for securing home loans; however, we are seeing less and less funding available for home purchases due to tougher restrictions qualifying individuals for loans.

2. **Evaluate Progress in Providing Affordable Housing that Meets the Section 215 Definition of Affordable Housing for Rental and Owner Household Comparing Actual Accomplishments with Proposed Goals During the Reporting Period.**

The City does not use CDBG funds on rental properties. As stated earlier, the City didn't meet its housing goals to complete rehabilitations. We have adjusted our 2009 Program Year goals to better quantify what we think we can accomplish in that Program Year. All rehabilitation housing projects the City did in 2008 were through Rebuilding Together of Norwest Arkansas and Office of Human Concern.

3. **Describe Efforts to Address "Worst-Care" Housing Needs and Housing Needs of Persons with Disabilities.**

Construction of affordable single family dwellings would be the worse case need in Rogers. The City's CDBG Program does not provide funding for the construction of affordable housing; however, the City's funds are used for land acquisition and infrastructure for new homes. The City's priority is keeping the affordable housing stock in good condition. The City does address the needs of disabled homeowners and has in past years used funding for structural barriers and handicapped showers/ramps for the disabled.

Public Housing Strategy

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to improve public housing and resident initiatives.

Program Year 1 CAPER Public Housing Strategy response:

1. **Describe Actions Taken During the Last Year to Improve Public Housing and Resident Initiatives.**

The City of Rogers did not participate in any kind of public housing with their 2008 CDBG funds.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to eliminate barriers to affordable housing.

Program Year 1 CAPER Barriers to Affordable Housing response:

1. **Describe Actions Taken During the Last Year to Eliminate Barriers to Affordable Housing.**

The new construction approach is no longer hindered by the existence of a strong high-end market and lack of affordable builders in the residential market. The only high-end housing construction is the single home contracted by a single owner. Many of the builders in the area have left and/or have seen their businesses closed because of financial conditions. Some of the builders who survived the downturn in the economy are looking at affordable housing to continue as a way to continue residential housing construction. The City has implemented zoning ordinances which

allow for affordable housing. Setback variances have also been granted to help the builder develop smaller parcels of land for building homes in the \$90,000 to \$110,000 range and yet still be profitable.

HOME/ American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI)

1. Assessment of Relationship of HOME Funds to Goals and Objectives
 - a. Evaluate progress made toward meeting goals for providing affordable housing using HOME funds, including the number and types of households served.
2. HOME Match Report
 - a. Use HOME Match Report HUD-40107-A to report on match contributions for the period covered by the Consolidated Plan program year.
3. HOME MBE and WBE Report
 - a. Use Part III of HUD Form 40107 to report contracts and subcontracts with Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs).
4. Assessments
 - a. Detail results of on-site inspections of rental housing.
 - b. Describe the HOME jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions.
 - c. Describe outreach to minority and women owned businesses.

Program Year 1 CAPER HOME/ADDI response:

The City of Rogers does not receive funds from Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) HOME Investment Partnership Program.

HOMELESS

Homeless Needs

*Please also refer to the Homeless Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Identify actions taken to address needs of homeless persons.
2. Identify actions to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.
3. Identify new Federal resources obtained from Homeless SuperNOFA.

Program Year 1 CAPER Homeless Needs response:

1. Identify Actions Taken to Address Needs of Homeless Persons.

The City of Rogers continues to their commitment to decent and affordable housing to address the homelessness situation and those at risk of becoming homeless. The City partnered with other cities in Northwest Arkansas in the development of a Homeless Needs Assessment. That assessment was completed by the University of Arkansas in summer of 2007. The City also became a member in 2006 of a coalition

of Northwest Arkansas cities and agencies. This coalition's charge is to work towards the President's ten year goal of eliminating homelessness in America. With a new President in Washington, we will have to wait and see where homelessness will be on the new administration's agenda.

2. **Identify Actions to Help Homeless Persons Make the Transition to Permanent Housing and Independent Living.**

There are several organizations that exist in Northwest Arkansas that serve families or persons who are homeless or at a risk of becoming homeless. No funding was requested by those organizations in 2008. Although no actions were taken in 2008 to meet these transition needs, the completion of the Homeless Needs Assessment for the City has been a tool to enable the City to be better prepared to assist the homeless to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

3. **Identify New Federal Resources Obtained from Homeless SuperNOFA.**

The City did not receive any funds from the Homeless SuperNOFA.

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

1. Identify actions taken to prevent homelessness.

Program Year 1 CAPER Specific Housing Prevention Elements response:

1. **Identify Actions Taken to Prevent Homelessness.**

The cities of Springdale, Bentonville, and Rogers contracted with the University of Arkansas's Fayetteville Campus to conduct a Homeless Needs Assessment to identify the size of the homeless population and determine what their needs are. The University provided the City of Rogers with this completed assessment in summer of 2007. The results of this assessment were considered in the preparation of the City's Five Year (2008-2012) Consolidated Plan and were used in the preparation of the City's Annual Plan for 2008.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

1. Identify actions to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families (including significant subpopulations such as those living on the streets).
2. Assessment of Relationship of ESG Funds to Goals and Objectives
 - a. Evaluate progress made in using ESG funds to address homeless and homeless prevention needs, goals, and specific objectives established in the Consolidated Plan.
 - b. Detail how ESG projects are related to implementation of comprehensive homeless planning strategy, including the number and types of individuals and persons in households served with ESG funds.
3. Matching Resources
 - a. Provide specific sources and amounts of new funding used to meet match as required by 42 USC 11375(a)(1), including cash resources, grants, and staff

salaries, as well as in-kind contributions such as the value of a building or lease, donated materials, or volunteer time.

4. State Method of Distribution
 - a. States must describe their method of distribution and how it rated and selected its local government agencies and private nonprofit organizations acting as subrecipients.
5. Activity and Beneficiary Data
 - a. Completion of attached Emergency Shelter Grant Program Performance Chart or other reports showing ESGP expenditures by type of activity. Also describe any problems in collecting, reporting, and evaluating the reliability of this information.
 - b. Homeless Discharge Coordination
 - i. As part of the government developing and implementing a homeless discharge coordination policy, ESG homeless prevention funds may be used to assist very-low income individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless after being released from publicly funded institutions such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or corrections institutions or programs.
 - c. Explain how your government is instituting a homeless discharge coordination policy, and how ESG homeless prevention funds are being used in this effort.

Program Year 1 CAPER ESG response:

The City of Rogers did not receive ESG funds from the Federal Government.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

*Please also refer to the Community Development Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Assessment of Relationship of CDBG Funds to Goals and Objectives
 - a. Assess use of CDBG funds in relation to the priorities, needs, goals, and specific objectives in the Consolidated Plan, particularly the highest priority activities.
 - b. Evaluate progress made toward meeting goals for providing affordable housing using CDBG funds, including the number and types of households served.
 - c. Indicate the extent to which CDBG funds were used for activities that benefited extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons.
2. Changes in Program Objectives
 - a. Identify the nature of and the reasons for any changes in program objectives and how the jurisdiction would change its program as a result of its experiences.
3. Assessment of Efforts in Carrying Out Planned Actions
 - a. Indicate how grantee pursued all resources indicated in the Consolidated Plan.
 - b. Indicate how grantee provided certifications of consistency in a fair and impartial manner.

- c. Indicate how grantee did not hinder Consolidated Plan implementation by action or willful inaction.
4. For Funds Not Used for National Objectives
 - a. Indicate how use of CDBG funds did not meet national objectives.
 - b. Indicate how did not comply with overall benefit certification.
5. Anti-displacement and Relocation – for activities that involve acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition of occupied real property
 - a. Describe steps actually taken to minimize the amount of displacement resulting from the CDBG-assisted activities.
 - b. Describe steps taken to identify households, businesses, farms or nonprofit organizations who occupied properties subject to the Uniform Relocation Act or Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and whether or not they were displaced, and the nature of their needs and preferences.
 - c. Describe steps taken to ensure the timely issuance of information notices to displaced households, businesses, farms, or nonprofit organizations.
6. Low/Mod Job Activities – for economic development activities undertaken where jobs were made available but not taken by low- or moderate-income persons
 - a. Describe actions taken by grantee and businesses to ensure first consideration was or will be given to low/mod persons.
 - b. List by job title of all the permanent jobs created/retained and those that were made available to low/mod persons.
 - c. If any of jobs claimed as being available to low/mod persons require special skill, work experience, or education, provide a description of steps being taken or that will be taken to provide such skills, experience, or education.
7. Low/Mod Limited Clientele Activities – for activities not falling within one of the categories of presumed limited clientele low and moderate income benefit
 - a. Describe how the nature, location, or other information demonstrates the activities benefit a limited clientele at least 51% of whom are low- and moderate-income.
8. Program income received
 - a. Detail the amount of program income reported that was returned to each individual revolving fund, e.g., housing rehabilitation, economic development, or other type of revolving fund.
 - b. Detail the amount repaid on each float-funded activity.
 - c. Detail all other loan repayments broken down by the categories of housing rehabilitation, economic development, or other.
 - d. Detail the amount of income received from the sale of property by parcel.
9. Prior period adjustments – where reimbursement was made this reporting period for expenditures (made in previous reporting periods) that have been disallowed, provide the following information:
 - a. The activity name and number as shown in IDIS;
 - b. The program year(s) in which the expenditure(s) for the disallowed activity(ies) was reported;
 - c. The amount returned to line-of-credit or program account; and

- d. Total amount to be reimbursed and the time period over which the reimbursement is to be made, if the reimbursement is made with multi-year payments.
10. Loans and other receivables
 - a. List the principal balance for each float-funded activity outstanding as of the end of the reporting period and the date(s) by which the funds are expected to be received.
 - b. List the total number of other loans outstanding and the principal balance owed as of the end of the reporting period.
 - c. List separately the total number of outstanding loans that are deferred or forgivable, the principal balance owed as of the end of the reporting period, and the terms of the deferral or forgiveness.
 - d. Detail the total number and amount of loans made with CDBG funds that have gone into default and for which the balance was forgiven or written off during the reporting period.
 - e. Provide a List of the parcels of property owned by the grantee or its subrecipients that have been acquired or improved using CDBG funds and that are available for sale as of the end of the reporting period.
 11. Lump sum agreements
 - a. Provide the name of the financial institution.
 - b. Provide the date the funds were deposited.
 - c. Provide the date the use of funds commenced.
 - d. Provide the percentage of funds disbursed within 180 days of deposit in the institution.
 12. Housing Rehabilitation – for each type of rehabilitation program for which projects/units were reported as completed during the program year
 - a. Identify the type of program and number of projects/units completed for each program.
 - b. Provide the total CDBG funds involved in the program.
 - c. Detail other public and private funds involved in the project.
 13. Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies – for grantees that have HUD-approved neighborhood revitalization strategies
 - a. Describe progress against benchmarks for the program year. For grantees with Federally-designated EZs or ECs that received HUD approval for a neighborhood revitalization strategy, reports that are required as part of the EZ/EC process shall suffice for purposes of reporting progress.

Program Year 1 CAPER Community Development response:

1. **Assessment of Relationship of CDBG Funds to Goals and Objectives.**
 - a.b., and c. **Assess Use of CDBG Funds in Relation to the Priorities, Needs, Goals, and Specific Objectives in the Consolidated Plan, Particularly the Highest Priority Activities, Evaluation Progress Made Toward Meeting Goals for Providing Affordable Housing Using CDBG Funds, Including the Number and Types of Household Served, and Indicate the Extent to which CDBG Funds were Used for Activities that Benefited Extremely Low-Income, Low-Income, and Moderate-Income Persons.**

Public Facilities Objectives – 79% of Funds

1. Objective 1, Revitalization Area Infrastructure Improvements. Many areas located in the older sections of the City can not adequately collect surface accumulation and transport this accumulation away from our citizen's homes. No drainage structures in these areas have ever been built resulting in "pooling" of water on private properties and City roadways. These areas are located in extremely low-income census tracts in the City. It is anticipated over 3,600 people will be affected by the completed drainage project. The City used 52% of their public facility dollars expended in 2008 on the completed drainage project which started in 2007. The design of Permission Street, a low income target area, began in 2008. The project will consist of curb and gutter on portions of the street where curb and gutter has not been placed. This will allow water to not flow into the yards and especially be beneficial in heavy rains when parts of the street are nearly impassable. Sidewalks with handicap ramps will be placed along one side of the street. Because the road will be considered a complete rebuild, paving will also be done in the area. The City used 6% of their public facility dollars expended in 2008 on this design project. Objective 1 used 58% of the public facility dollars spent in 2008.

The design of Price Lane which started in 2007 also continued in 2008. This street is located in the southeast area of Rogers and is located in a low to low/mod section of town. Currently traffic in the area is routed to a narrow, non-curbed two lane road. With the construction of many new homes and the location of three schools in the areas, the City is proposing to build a new three lane road with curb and gutter. The completion of this road will relieve traffic for the three schools located on First Street and will provide access to Hwy 71-B for the low to low-mod homes in the area. The City is using CDBG grant money for the design of this project with construction funding coming from the City. This project is located in one of the low income census tracts in the City. Once the project is completed, it is anticipated over 1,000 people a day will use this new street. The City used 1% of their public facility dollars expended in 2008 on this project.

2. Objective 2, Adult Development Center. The Adult Development Center serves over 100 adults living with emotional, mental and physical limitations. The Center operates a sheltered workshop where clients actively learn new skills, build close relationships, and provides business and industry with a reliable off-line project workforce. The workshop provides vocational training, productive sheltered employment and competitive job placement for disabled adults. The Adult Development Center has built a strong reputation of excellence and professionalism in the community. Industrial partners look to the Adult Development Center time and time again for timely, high-quality results. The goals of the Center are to foster independent living through the development of life, work, and social skills, prepare clients to become a part of, rather than apart from the community, and provide opportunities for a more fulfilling and productive life. The Adult Development Center's current facility is no longer adequate to serve its clients. The workshop is cramped, the building is not configured well, there are not enough ADA accessible restrooms, and there is inadequate storage. The Center requested funding to provide the infrastructure for the facility's recently purchased site to provide a new training facility and campus for adults with disabilities. As stated earlier, the opportunity to acquire a better location for this facility became available and due to

having to redo site plans, this project did not get started in 2008 as anticipated. Therefore, none of the public facility monies spent in 2008 was on this objective.

The City of Rogers dedicated a new Adult Wellness Center (AWC) in September of 2006. In the first two months of the dedication over 3,000 individuals joined the Center. At the end of 2008, the Center had a membership over 10,000 with 750 to 1,400 adults using the facility on any given day. The Center provides adults (50 and over) a place to maintain physical agility and mental activity in the hopes that if an individual starts a fitness regime early, their physical and mental well being will be much better than waiting until they have reached the age of 62 and are considered "elderly". Many of the members had expressed an interest in having an outside area to continue their fitness routine. After discussion with City Staff, it was decided an outdoor park would meet this need and allow the Center to continue growing in numbers without doing any major construction to the existing building. This park creates an outdoor space to be used for exercising and relaxing. The park will connect the existing HUD Senior Housing Complex to the Center and provide a connectivity to the Rogers' Greenway Trail System. The park has walking trails, exercise stations for stretching, strengthening, and balance training, a labyrinth for mental and physical exercise, a meditation garden with a water feature, a memory garden, a pavilion and benches. The park is located in one of the low income census tracts located in the City. The design and construction of the park started in 2007 with construction completing in 2008. The City used 41% of their public facility dollars expended in 2008 on this project.

Housing Objectives - 11% of Funds

1. Objective 1, Infrastructure for New Housing. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity is the only means the City has of providing new affordable housing with their CDBG funds. As many as 45 persons will be in a new Habitat home once this project is completed. The City used 60% of their housing dollars expended in 2008 on this objective.

2. Objective 2, Housing Rehabilitation and Emergency Repairs. The City partnered with Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas to rehab two houses in the City of Rogers. The City partnered with Office of Human Concern to rehab four houses in the City of Rogers. A total of four emergency repairs were also completed in 2008. All of the individuals involved in the rehab work or emergency repairs were low-income. A total off 29 individuals were helped by this program. The City used 40% of their housing dollars expended in 2008 on this objective.

Public Service Objectives - % of Funds

1. Objective 1, Transportation Assistance. The City provided free rides in 2008 for 57 low income elderly and disabled citizens. The City used 16% of their public service dollars expended in 2008 on this objective.

2. Objective 2, ESL Classes. Because of the increasing Hispanic population in Rogers over the years, CDBG funds have been used to provide ESL classes in four of the Rogers Public Schools. These classes are held after school and in the evenings. Approximately 200 parents and children were enrolled in the ESL Program in 2008. Over 75% of the total enrolled met the low-income requirements. The City used 43% of their public service dollars expended in 2008 on this objective.

3. Objective 3, Dental Clinic. This project purchased equipment needed to provide free dental services to 1,558 low income children. This project helped to break a family cycle of neglect and teach oral hygiene early enough to preserve a child's teeth for a lifetime. The City used 28% of their public service dollars expended in 2008 on this objective.

4. Objective 4, Boy's and Girl's Club of Benton County, Inc. This project provided an after school and summer care program for low income children. A safe and developmentally appropriate place for these children provided character education, physical fitness, financial education, leadership and community services training as well as field trips and special events and allowing their parents to maintain their employment to provide basic needs for their families. This objective provided service to 108 children. The City used 13% of their public service dollars expended in 2008 on this objective.

The 2008 housing goals were to assist Habitat for Humanity by providing funding to be used for infrastructure for building Habitat homes and to partner with Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas and Office of Human Concern to provide home rehabilitation within the City. The City met their goals with the infrastructure funding which allowed one new Habitat home to be built in Rogers, six home rehabilitation projects, and four emergency repairs.

All monies used in 2008 were used on extremely low to very low-income families.

2. **Changes in Program Objectives.**

a. **Identify the Nature and the Reasons for Any Changes in Program Objectives and how the Jurisdiction would Change its Program as a Result of this Experience.**

There were no changes in program objectives for the 2008 Program Year.

3. **Assessment of Efforts in Carrying Out Planned Actions.**

a. **Indicate how Grantee Pursued All Resources Indicated in the Consolidated Plan.**

The City's 2008 Action Plan called for a partnership with Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas, and Office of Human Concern to meet housing needs.

b. **Indicate how Grantee Provided Certifications of Consistency in a Fair and Impartial Manner.**

All agencies, who applied for CDBG funding, were evaluated by the CDBG Administrator and the City of Rogers' Planning and Transportation Director. Each request was evaluated on amount requested and the number of people directly benefited by the funding. All home rehabilitations were evaluated by the CDBG Administrator and Board of Directors and Staff of Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas and Office of Human Concern. The main concerns of each evaluation was the needs of each home to be safe, warm, and dry and whether or not children were living in the house. Homes were also evaluated on mortgage payments being current and made on a timely basis.

c. Indicate how Grantee did not Hinder Consolidated Plan Implementation by Action or Willful Inaction.

The City followed its Consolidated Plan to the best of its abilities and within the funding allocation.

4. Funds not Used for National Objectives.

a. & b. Indicate how Use of CDBG Funds did not Meet National Objectives and Indicate how they did not Comply with Overall Benefit Certification.

All activities in the 2008 Program Year met at least one of the national objectives. All CDBG funds expensed in 2008 complied with the overall benefit. The City is committed to continuing to meet national objectives.

5. Anti-Displacement and Relocation – for Activities that Involve Acquisition.

a., b., & c. Describe Steps Actually Taken to Minimize the Amount of Displacement Resulting from the CDBG-Assisted Activities, Describe Steps Taken to Identify Households, businesses, Farms or Nonprofit Organizations who Occupied Properties Subject to the Uniform Relocation Act or Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended, and whether or not they were Displaced, and the Nature of their Needs and Preferences, and Describe Steps Taken to Ensure the Timely Issuance of Information Notices to Displaced Households, Businesses, Farms, or Nonprofit Organizations.

No CDBG-funded activities involved the acquisition or demolition of occupied real property.

6. Low/Mod Job Activities.

a., b., & c. Describe Actions Taken by Grantee and Businesses to Ensure First Consideration was or will be Given to Low/Mod Persons, List by Job Title of all the Permanent Jobs Created/Retained and those that were Made Available to Low/Mod Persons, and if any of Jobs Claimed as being Available to Low/Mod Persons Require Special Skill, Work Experience, or Education, Provide a description of Steps being Taken or that will be Taken to Provide Such Skills, Experience, or Education.

The City of Rogers did not undertake any economic development activities that directly resulted in quantifiable new jobs.

7. Low/Mod Limited Clientele Activities.

a. Describe how the Nature, Location, or Other Information Demonstrates the Activities Benefit a Limited Clientele at Least 51% of whom are Low-and-Moderate Income.

To qualify for the City's Housing Programs, all applicants must own and occupy a single family dwelling within the City limits and be extremely-low/moderate income based on HUD guidelines, adjusted for family size. Occupant's incomes are verified.

All applicants who receive assistance through the City's Public Services Programs meet HUD's income guidelines. The City fosters good working relationships with our non-profit agencies that provide services to the low income individuals and families in our City.

The Adult Wellness Center requires a membership; however, no one is turned away who can not afford to join.

8. **Program Income Received.**

The City of Rogers does not receive program income.

9. **Prior Period Adjustments.**

The City of Rogers did not make any prior period adjustments.

10. **Loans and Other Receivables.**

The City does not make loans or receive any income.

11. **Lump Sum Agreements.**

The City of Rogers did not have any lump sum agreements. The CDBG funds awarded to the City is drawn down monthly as needed.

12. **Housing Rehabilitation.**

a. & b. **Identify the Type of Program and Number of Projects/Units Completed for Each Program and Provide the Total CDBG Funds Involved in the Program.**

The City of Rogers did all their housing rehabilitation through Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas and Office of Human Concern. Six homes were rehabbed and four emergency repairs were completed in 2008 at a total cost of \$29,921.20.

c. **Detail Other Public and Private Funds Involved in the Project.**

Rebuilding Together of Northwest Arkansas provided materials and labor for housing rehabilitation projects. Office of Human Concern provided materials and labor for housing rehabilitation projects. Some of the materials and labor were in-kind donations.

13. **Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies.**

The City of Rogers does not have a HUD-approved neighborhood revitalization strategy.

Antipoverty Strategy

1. Describe actions taken during the last year to reduce the number of persons living below the poverty level.

Program Year 1 CAPER Antipoverty Strategy response:

1. **Describe Actions Taken During the Last Year to Reduce the Number of Persons Living Below the Poverty Level.**

The 2000 U. S. Census determined that 12.8% of Rogers' residents lived in poverty. Many of these people were families with female householder with children under the age of five. The next largest group was families with related children under 18 years of age. Seniors made up the smallest group of people. The City recognizes that in order to reduce the number of households earning income below the poverty level, we not only need educated and trained people, but we must have the positions available in our work force. Millions of dollars have been spent on the City's infrastructure in past years to attract development. Many new jobs have been created by the development during the construction phases and hiring of employees as retail and restaurants opened. Rogers has a stable Government and an excellent health care system. A new \$145,000,000 Hospital opened in 2008. This new hospital has generated the construction of many new medical offices and medical centers in this area. The City works with local businesses to stimulate business and economic development in impoverished areas of the City and much of the City's industrial area lies in low income census tracts.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

Non-homeless Special Needs

*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Identify actions taken to address special needs of persons that are not homeless but require supportive housing, (including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families).

Program Year 1 CAPER Non-homeless Special Needs response:

1. **Identify Actions Taken to Address Special Needs of Persons that are not Homeless but Require Supportive Housing.**

The 2000 U. S. Census counted 4,343 non-elderly people with a disability in the City of Rogers and 2,141 elderly people with a disability living in the City of Rogers. Most of these disabilities were physical. While 50% of those with a disability were employed, 24% of those suffering from a disability were living below the poverty level. There was no direct action taken during 2008 to address special needs of persons that require supportive housing. There are several organizations existing that serve families or individuals with special needs who require supportive housing. These organizations provide a wide range of services.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

*Please also refer to the HOPWA Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Overall Assessment of Relationship of HOPWA Funds to Goals and Objectives
Grantees should demonstrate through the CAPER and related IDIS reports the progress they are making at accomplishing identified goals and objectives with HOPWA funding. Grantees should demonstrate:
 - a. That progress is being made toward meeting the HOPWA goal for providing affordable housing using HOPWA funds and other resources for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families through a comprehensive community plan;
 - b. That community-wide HIV/AIDS housing strategies are meeting HUD's national goal of increasing the availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS;
 - c. That community partnerships between State and local governments and community-based non-profits are creating models and innovative strategies to serve the housing and related supportive service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families;
 - d. That through community-wide strategies Federal, State, local, and other resources are matched with HOPWA funding to create comprehensive housing strategies;
 - e. That community strategies produce and support actual units of housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and finally,
 - f. That community strategies identify and supply related supportive services in conjunction with housing to ensure the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families are met.

2. This should be accomplished by providing an executive summary (1-5 pages) that includes:
 - a. Grantee Narrative
 - i. Grantee and Community Overview
 - (1) A brief description of your organization, the area of service, the name of each project sponsor and a broad overview of the range/type of housing activities and related services
 - (2) How grant management oversight of project sponsor activities is conducted and how project sponsors are selected
 - (3) A description of the local jurisdiction, its need, and the estimated number of persons living with HIV/AIDS
 - (4) A brief description of the planning and public consultations involved in the use of HOPWA funds including reference to any appropriate planning document or advisory body
 - (5) What other resources were used in conjunction with HOPWA funded activities, including cash resources and in-kind contributions, such as the value of services or materials provided by volunteers or by other individuals or organizations
 - (6) Collaborative efforts with related programs including coordination and planning with clients, advocates, Ryan White CARE Act planning bodies, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, homeless assistance programs, or other efforts that assist persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

 - ii. Project Accomplishment Overview

- (1) A brief summary of all housing activities broken down by three types: emergency or short-term rent, mortgage or utility payments to prevent homelessness; rental assistance; facility based housing, including development cost, operating cost for those facilities and community residences
 - (2) The number of units of housing which have been created through acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction since 1993 with any HOPWA funds
 - (3) A brief description of any unique supportive service or other service delivery models or efforts
 - (4) Any other accomplishments recognized in your community due to the use of HOPWA funds, including any projects in developmental stages that are not operational.
 - (5)
- iii. Barriers or Trends Overview
- (1) Describe any barriers encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement
 - (2) Trends you expect your community to face in meeting the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS, and
 - (3) Any other information you feel may be important as you look at providing services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the next 5-10 years
- b. Accomplishment Data
- i. Completion of CAPER Performance Chart 1 of Actual Performance in the provision of housing (Table II-1 to be submitted with CAPER).
 - ii. Completion of CAPER Performance Chart 2 of Comparison to Planned Housing Actions (Table II-2 to be submitted with CAPER).

Program Year 1 CAPER Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

The City of Rogers does not receive HOPWA funds from the Federal Government.

OTHER NARRATIVE

Include any CAPER information that was not covered by narratives in any other section.

Program Year 1 CAPER Other Narrative response:

The 2008 Program Year for the City of Rogers was successful. Almost all program areas met or exceeded the goals and objectives laid out in the 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan and the 2008 Annual Action Plan. City staff, City Council, and area non-profit organizations worked hard to meet the needs of the City's low-and moderate income residents.