



2025 Annual Action Plan

Lower Paxton Township, PA

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Township of Lower Paxton is a federal entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Annual Action Plan identifies the actions that will be undertaken to meet the priorities and goals identified in the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan to be undertaken during Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, which covers the time from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. It provides a summary of actions and activities and identifies federal resources that will be used. HUD requires that Lower Paxton Township completes this Annual Action Plan to describe how funds will be allocated to best meet those needs.

The FY2025 Annual Action Plan represents the third year of Lower Paxton Township's 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028). During FY 2025, Lower Paxton Township expects to receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds in the amount of \$261,844.

The lead entity responsible for the preparation of this plan is the Lower Paxton Township Department of Economic Development with the assistance of external consulting partners.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The two overarching objectives guiding the proposed activities are:

- Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Planning and Administration

All activities funded will support at least one objective. The Township's framework for realizing the objectives include the following goals:

- Provide public infrastructure that nurtures a thriving community
- Increase business capital investment, retention, and recruitment

The 2025 Annual Action Plan is the 3rd year of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and identifies the specific actions to be undertaken to further the goals and objectives of the strategic plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Lower Paxton Township invests CDBG funds in projects that remove obstacles to underserved needs including making parks and recreation and public facilities and infrastructure more accessible. The Township has yet to expend or draw any 2023 or 2024 CDBG funds, with the exception of administrative costs incurred to prepare the Township's initial plans and kick off the CDBG program. The Township intends to use its CDBG funds for accessibility improvements at its recreation facilities.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Lower Paxton Township conducted outreach to citizens in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91 and the Township's Citizen Participation Plan. The Township held a public needs hearing on May 21st, 2025, in an accessible location and at a time that would allow for maximum participation from citizens and interested persons. The advertisement for the first public needs hearing was published on May 13, 2025, to provide advance notice to citizens of the upcoming meeting. Details of the public outreach and hearings is included in Section AP-12.

Additional public notice was advertised on June 12, 2025 to let citizens know the draft 2025 Annual Action Plan was available for review and announcing a 2nd public hearing to be held on July 10, 2025. The 2025 Annual Action Plan was put on display for a 30-day public comment period from June 13, 2025 through July 14, 2025.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

A summary of public comments received during the public meetings and through the end of the public comment period are included as an attachment to this document.

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

There were no comments that were not accepted.

7. Summary

The 2025 Annual Action Plan consists of the annual goals and objectives and the projects to be undertaken to meet the goals and objectives of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan. The 2025 Annual Action Plan outlines how the federal resources will be allocated and the planned activities to be implemented.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency –CDBG Administration	LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP	Department of Economic Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Lower Paxton Township Department of Economic Development is responsible for the administration of the CDBG program. The Township participates with Dauphin County and other groups when appropriate, such as planning for the homeless, to facilitate cooperative problem solving in the Township.

Each public service agency that may receive funds from the CDBG program will execute a sub-recipient agreement. All sub-recipient agreements will be monitored on an ongoing basis with site visits to public service entities conducted annually.

The Township works in coordination with the Dauphin County Department of Community and Economic Development and the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin to promote safe and available housing while attempting to address a variety of housing needs within the Township and County. The Township also expects to participate in the Harrisburg/Dauphin Continuum of Care.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction’s activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.115(e) Lower Paxton Township has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan describing the citizen participation requirements of its CDBG program. The Citizen Participation Plan is on file at the Township Department of Economic Development and on the website. This document describes the process for preparation of the Annual Plan. It outlines the outreach efforts that will be taken to coordinate the planning document with public and private sector interests in the Township.

Public and assisted housing providers and private and government health, mental health, and service agencies were invited to attend public hearings as part of the consultation process for preparation of the 2025 Annual Plan.

The Plan was available for inspection at the Municipal Center, the East Shore Area Library, and the Township website. Notice of its availability was published in the Patriot News (and via PennLive.com), and on the Township website.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Conversations with the Harrisburg/Dauphin Continuum of Care were held for updated information regarding homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness and for more specific information regarding the residents of Lower Paxton Township.

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

Lower Paxton Township does not receive ESG funds.

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

Agency/Group/Organization	Agency/Group/Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Lower Paxton Township Parks & Recreation	Township Department	Non-Housing Community Development Needs	This organization was consulted during stakeholder sessions held at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Building.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

The Township is not aware of any agencies that were not invited to participate in the consultations. Broadband and Hazard Mitigation agencies were consulted during the preparation of the Consolidated Plan, but not again for the preparation of this Annual Plan.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Lower Paxton Township Recreation and Park Plan	Lower Paxton Township Department of Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development Needs

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The Citizen Participation process included outreach utilizing an extensive list of Lower Paxton Township and Dauphin County-wide agencies. The first public needs meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at the Township municipal building located at 425 Prince St., Harrisburg, PA 17109. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the program and solicit input on the goals to be addressed with the use of funds. There were no attendees from the public, and no comments were received via other means. A second public hearing was held on Thursday, July 10th at 5:00 p.m. at the Township municipal building to elicit comments on this plan. **No comments were received.**

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad Community	No public attendees	No comments received	No comments not accepted	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad Community	No public attendees	No comments received	No comments not accepted	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The anticipated resources table displays how funds will be allocated throughout the Township broken down by program type. The 2025 HUD allocations are reflected in the “Annual Allocation” column and the third year of the Con Plan. The “Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan” column is a projection of funds to be available for program years 2026 and 2027. The “Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan” column is generated by multiplying the annual allocation by two, representing years 4-5 of the Consolidated Plan cycle. The relevant years will be adjusted as allocations are made and more precise assumptions can be made on program income.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public-federal	Admin and Public Improvements	\$261,844			\$261,844	\$523,688	CDBG funds will be used for public improvements and infrastructure activities.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The Township may consider partnerships with other public agencies and non-profit organizations, when feasible, to leverage resources and maximize outcomes in housing and community development. Leveraged resources include, but are not limited to, Continuum of Care dollars, Department of Human Services dollars, Housing Authority resources, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol services, and LIHTC. The Township does not receive HOME funds and does not currently require a match contribution for projects funded with CDBG dollars.

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

There is no publicly owned land or property located within the Township that may be used to address the needs identified in this plan, aside from improvements to current Township-owned facilities and amenities.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2023	2027	Non-Housing Community Development		Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$209,475.20	Public Facility or Infrastructure other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 410 persons
2	Planning/Administration	2023	2027	Planning and Administration		Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$52,368.80	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Public infrastructure and facility improvements, including water, sewer, streets, stormwater drainage, sidewalk and curb cut improvements for ADA accessibility as well as improvements to parks, recreation and other community facilities.
2	Goal Name	Planning/Administration
	Goal Description	Funds to administer and implement the CDBG Program in accordance with federal regulations.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

For planned 2025 CDBG investments, the Department of Economic Development focused on Township needs in terms of types of projects, eligibility of activity in accordance with National Objectives, risk analysis to determine capacity to execute proposed project effectively and compliantly, budget, and impact on targeted communities. Geographic location is not a primary criterion for qualifying projects, but is a consideration given to ensure funds are adequately distributed to ensure CDBG investments in projects that meet a national objective, have significant impact on LMI communities, and can be delivered in a timely manner with minimal compliance risk.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	ADA Improvements-Township Recreation Facilities
2	Planning and Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The allocations were selected based on eligibility of the activity, its ability to meet a national objective and the evidence of need in the community. The ability of the community to complete projects in a timely manner was given a high priority.

The Township allocated its entitlement funds to provide assistance with activities that meet the underserved needs of the communities participating in the program.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	ADA Improvements-Township Recreation Facilities
	Target Area	Township-wide
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	\$209,475.20
	Description	Funds will be used to make ADA improvements at Township recreation facilities, including Koons Park and Hodges Heights Park. Specifically, connectivity among park amenities and ensuring sport courts are accessible.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	410 LMI residents
	Location Description	Hodges Heights Park, Koons Park
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code 03F: Parks, Recreational Facilities
2	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	No Target Areas established
	Goals Supported	Planning/Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning/Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,368.80

Description	Funds will be used for on-going program management and oversight. Public information, advertising and consulting services are included.
Target Date	6/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A Admin
Location Description	Township-wide
Planned Activities	Planning Matrix Code 20; General Program Administration Matrix Code 21A

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Funds will be used to make ADA improvements to Township recreation facilities.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The Township did not establish geographic target areas. The allocations were selected based on eligibility of the activity, its ability to meet a national objective and the evidence of need in the community. The ability of the community to complete projects in a timely manner was given a high priority.

The Township allocated its entitlement funds to provide assistance with activities that meet the underserved needs of the communities participating in the program.

Discussion

The project location is within one LMI Block Group.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Township would like to utilize its CDBG resources to support affordable housing, but due to the limited availability of funds, the Township does not anticipate allocating funds to affordable housing projects in the next five years. However, the Township will follow and provide support, where possible, to Dauphin County's strategy.

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

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

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

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public housing in Dauphin County is managed by the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin. The Housing Authority manages 10 public housing facilities containing 715 units of housing. The HA maintains an extensive waiting list for units. One of the biggest issues facing the HA is the fact that there is not enough affordable rental housing in the County to permit residents to transition from public housing into rental housing. Further, units that once were available to Housing Choice Voucher holders are no longer available as market conditions became such that properties were sold to owners that were unwilling to maintain the units as affordable housing and unwilling to accept a voucher.

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

There are no public housing units located in Lower Paxton Township. The Township does not anticipate using 2025 CDBG funds to support the Dauphin County HA.

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

The Housing Authority will continue to promote self-sufficiency in its programming as a means to encourage asset development. In addition, The Housing Authority will provide training, education, and incentives to encourage residents to care for their property. The Housing Authority will continue to encourage participation in its homeownership and Family Self Sufficiency Programs.

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

The PHA is not designated as troubled.

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

Introduction

There are a variety of service providers in Dauphin County who provide services for special needs populations in addition to those provided through County departments and services. Supportive housing needs are typically provided when there is a risk of homelessness, however, there are several services provided for certain populations to help with supportive housing needs. These populations primarily consist of the elderly, mentally disabled and persons recovering from addiction. The County as well of any other groups and organizations, such as non-profits and faith-based groups, are the primary providers of these services. The Dauphin County COC receives ESG Grants from the State DCED and assists a multitude of individuals having different needs and the Department of Human Services coordinates and delivers multiple programs serving homeless and other special needs activities.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

The Township would like to utilize its CDBG resources to support a homelessness strategy, but due to the limited availability of funds, the Township does not anticipate implementing a good strategy in the next five years. However, the Township will follow and provide support, where possible, to Dauphin County's strategy and one-year goals.

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

All HUD funded agencies affiliated with CACH collaborate in a community wide effort for Coordinated Entry including connection with various street outreach staff and providers such as Dauphin County Crisis Intervention and the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funded outreach staff, as well as collaboration with the Downtown Daily Bread which offers a free noon meal as well as a homeless drop-in center.

The Dauphin County CoC Coordinated Entry System is designed to assess the unique needs, barriers and strengths of persons experiencing housing crises and then refer them to resources, services and housing best suited for addressing those needs and barriers. The CES is intended for street homeless, persons in an emergency shelter, persons attempting to flee domestic violence, and persons exiting institutions where the institutional stay was 90 days or less and the person was homeless prior to institutionalization. When households or individuals present to the Continuum, the household is assessed using a vulnerability index to determine the type of housing intervention that will most adequately address its need.

According to stakeholders, a Street Outreach program is active in the County, but it is limited in scope

and resources.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The CoC's HMIS system captures Point in Time data, Systems Performance Measures and Coordinated Entry data to evaluate and understand the emergency needs of persons in the County experiencing homelessness. While no longer a priority at the federal level, there are transitional housing needs that still exist in the County, in addition to robust case management services. Dauphin County does not receive Emergency Solutions Grant funding to directly support emergency shelter and transitional housing needs in the County; however, the information generated by the HMIS will be used to inform Annual Plan goals as well as CDBG budget and planning processes.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Case Management is a critical component to ensuring that homelessness is rare and brief. All Dauphin County HAP funded Emergency Shelters have case managers on-site who provide support to participants. Goal plans are developed that link participants to necessary mainstream benefits and focus heavily on housing plans. Case managers work with participants on goals that remove barriers to gaining stable housing.

As the Dauphin County homelessness response system's "Front Door", Coordinated Entry is designed to streamline access and referral to the other components of the system to shorten the amount of time and number of referrals standing between homeless households and housing assistance. The solution to homelessness is a collaborative response to creating new housing opportunities while increasing economic opportunities to foster stability. Rapid Rehousing is the newest housing model that provides move-in financial assistance, short-term rental assistance, and case management services to help homeless consumers find rental housing and work with case managers to stabilize in their new homes.

Rapid Rehousing has proven to be an effective method of helping families move into their own permanent housing. Case managers provide support in locating appropriate housing, then short-term financial assistance is provided to assist with deposits, first month's rent, and subsequent month's rent for a limited time. This support helps families in obtaining and maintaining permanent housing.

Permanent Supportive Housing similarly provides rental assistance and case management but for the most vulnerable, including chronically homeless persons. Assistance, however, is not time-limited, and high-need consumers can permanently remain in PSH units if they choose. Along with emergency shelter and transitional housing, RRH and PSH round out a suite of housing and service options to address

housing crisis and instability for consumers of all needs.

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

Dauphin County has a number of services to assist low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless. CCU is the recipient of rental assistance funds that are used to provide financial assistance for both security deposits for those moving into their own apartment and for those who already have rental housing but are in arrears on their rent. Funds are used to ensure that housing can be maintained after assistance is provided.

Providers will be working toward the goal of enabling people at greatest risk of homelessness to maintain permanent housing through targeted prevention and diversion activities. When homelessness cannot be avoided, Coordinated Entry and providers will connect people with appropriate resources to stabilize them in housing as quickly and effectively as possible.

Homeless Prevention efforts are supported through Dauphin County Mental Health/Autism/Developmental Programs (MH/A/DP) recently collaborated with Dauphin County's Local Lead Agency (LLA), CACH and several other agencies working with non-elderly individuals with disabilities to participate in an 811 Project-based Rental Assistance Memorandum of Understanding to identify persons eligible for and in low income subsidized permanent supportive housing.

The target population for the 811 Program includes persons with extremely low income at or below 30% AMI. LLAs will identify and screen individuals within their service area who are currently residing in institutional settings as well as those in home and community-based residential settings, for interest to relocate into community-based housing units that receive assistance through the 811 Program.

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

Introduction:

In 2021, Dauphin County updated its Assessment of Fair Housing. A summary of its Public Sector Policy Review is discussed in this section.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

In 2021, Dauphin County updated its Assessment of Fair Housing. A summary of its Public Sector Policy Review is discussed in this section.

Local zoning ordinances are an important tool that communities can use to regulate land use and guide development. Given that zoning ordinances govern the location and characteristics of various land uses, they have the potential to limit or expand fair housing choice. Many common fair housing zoning issues are interrelated with affordable housing issues. Because members of the protected classes are generally considered disproportionately affected by a lack of affordable housing, zoning that effectively restricts affordable housing development can be an impediment to fair housing choice as well.

A review of Lower Paxton Township's Zoning Ordinance revealed that the ordinance has a restrictive definition of family and has additional restrictions on group homes. Additionally, Emergency housing, homeless shelters, and transitional or supportive housing are not permitted uses in any categories. This means that these types of housing are only allowed through a special exception use permit.

Further analysis within Dauphin County's Assessment also revealed that home mortgage data indicates that Black and Hispanic applicants faced higher denial rates and lower origination rates (approvals) than White applicants.

The County AI also identified the following impediments to Housing Choice:

- Consistent with the 2016 AFH, assisted housing generally follows population density patterns and is reasonably dispersed throughout the Urban County; however, a lack of affordable, accessible housing within high opportunity areas remains a barrier that disproportionately affects members of the protected classes.
- Members of the protected classes are more likely to have lower incomes, higher unemployment rates and higher poverty rates. Limited housing choice restricts access to community assets for members of the protected classes.
- Fair housing education and outreach efforts are not adequately meeting need.
- Raw data suggest that members of the protected classes are disproportionately denied

mortgages in the private sector.

Furthermore, one of the greatest barriers to creating affordable housing is the escalating costs of development. Affordable land is difficult to find, especially where infrastructure is readily available; increases in the costs of infrastructure and construction items required to meet code compliance (energy efficiency) have hindered development, a successful building industry makes it difficult to identify subcontractors to work on smaller, lower-paying affordable housing developments. Unprecedented increases in time to receive materials, as well as price of materials have increased the cost to develop affordable housing in the County exponentially. These increases in costs are often passed to the buyer, effectively pricing low- moderate-income buyers out of the market for what was meant to be an affordable home.

Mental health, substance misuse, criminal history and poor rental histories are also significant barriers to affordable housing for certain populations in the County.

The County AI also reviewed the County's Comprehensive Plan. The analysis found that generally, the plan promotes a range of housing densities and types. The plan also supports mixed use developments, providing for greater housing choice and access to opportunity. The Lower Paxton Comprehensive Plan aligns with the County Comprehensive Plan by stating "Dauphin County's Comprehensive Plan seeks to direct most growth to locations in designated growth areas, such as Lower Paxton Township, that have public water and sewage services and highway access. By making the best use of these areas that are suitable for development, it will be possible to minimize sprawl in outlying areas that consumes excessive amounts of farmland or forest land per house."

Additionally, according to the Dauphin County Housing Authority, per its feedback for the HOME-ARP Plan, background checks are posing an increasingly high barrier for households, along with poor rental credit history. These trends point to an increased need for services to help expedite background checks and education programs to assist with eradicating poor rental histories.

According to the Township's Comprehensive Plan, it is considering updating its Zoning Ordinance. The Township will want to consider the barriers identified in the County's AI and update the Zoning Ordinance accordingly. The Comprehensive Plan also identifies the desire to develop housing more thoughtfully and efficiently. Building units more densely and in areas with access to infrastructure further aids affordability. As the Plan also suggests updating the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, both changes will assist in removing barriers.

Discussion:

During the preparation of the Consolidated Plan, stakeholders reaffirmed that credit scores and past criminal history are significant barriers. Application fees to apply for an apartment are exorbitant. Predatory landlords are accepting exorbitant fees knowing they will probably not lease to that household. Risk mitigation efforts could be useful in generating support and participation in subsidized housing programs, accepting rental assistance, and leasing to special needs populations, etc. These efforts could include offering life skills, supportive living, and/or permanent supportive housing case

managers that can offer housekeeping. Other considerations include making funds available to help pay rental application fees and damages caused by tenants. There was also discussion regarding how master leasing could alleviate housing costs and it is not currently happening in the County or Lower Paxton.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Lower Paxton Township will use its entitlement funds to provide assistance with activities and projects that meet the underserved needs of the Community.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

According to the Township's Comprehensive Plan, Lower Paxton will work to improve the economic vitality and appearance of the Route 22 corridor, while considering mixtures of commercial and residential uses in selected locations. It will consider allowing a mix of commercial and residential development on larger sites, such as portions of the Colonial Park Mall and former K-Mart sites. It will also improve the attractiveness along the Route 22 corridor, including additional landscaping. The pedestrian access will be improved, which includes working with PennDOT to have carefully designed pedestrian crossing improvements installed. The Township will also work to aid economic development by considering offering real estate tax incentives in a few targeted underused areas to promote investments and publicize their availability. It will also consider the use of tax increment financing to fund infrastructure needed to support new businesses. Finally, it will look to help link businesses with available economic development resources.

During the 2025 program year, the Township intends to prioritize accessibility improvements at its recreation facilities.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The limited amount of CDBG funds will make it difficult for the Township to foster and maintain affordable housing on its own. It will make efforts to participate in County programs where possible.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Township takes the presence of lead-based paint hazards seriously, especially considering the age of the Township's housing stock. If in the future Lower Paxton implements a housing rehabilitation program, it will develop guidelines for reducing lead-based paint hazards that follow all regulations.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The limited amount of CDBG funds will make it difficult for the Township to foster and maintain affordable housing on its own. It will make efforts to participate in County programs where possible. Dauphin County has a number of programs that address the needs of households with incomes below the poverty level. Dauphin County supports a number of social service providers that help households with poverty or near poverty level incomes. Some of the Programs and Actions are: TANF, Dauphin County Economic Development, implementation of Section 3 Employment and Contracting policies, HACD providing Section 8 vouchers to households, and the Capitol Coalition on Homelessness which

provides emergency and permanent supportive housing.

The Township strives to identify, support and entice employers with good paying jobs and job opportunities to locate and expand within the County. To this end, the County utilizes a variety of programs to assist in promoting and expanding economic development throughout the county. These include the Local Share Municipal Gaming Grant, the Tourism Grant Program, Small [Business Loan Program, and the County's Landbank. Lower Paxton Township is eligible to participate in the County's programs.

The Township and stakeholders consulted are looking to form strong partnerships with existing business-oriented organizations. These partnerships will advocate for the business community and will not only help existing businesses but will also draw in outside business to come to the Township to be part of that environment.

Poverty is a function of income which makes its effect on housing opportunity and choice apparent. Conversely, since housing costs are often one of the largest financial burdens on an individual or family, one of the contributing factors to poverty can be excessive housing costs. While income is a factor of poverty, excessive costs for things such as housing, medical care and other necessities can also lead to poverty as income must be expended in a disproportionate amount for certain needs. Township support for workforce development programs, business attraction strategies, and transportation access to well-paying jobs will help ease cost burdens on poverty-stricken families that might otherwise have to incur these costs at catastrophic consequence.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The limited amount of CDBG funds will make it difficult for the Township to develop institutional structure on its own. It will contribute to the County's efforts where possible.

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

Lower Paxton Township will coordinate with the County and its partners. The County coordinates with the Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin, Habitat for Humanity, local housing developers and CACH to identify opportunities for new housing development. In addition, efforts to increase participation of private landlords, particularly those in higher opportunity neighborhoods will be encouraged by the County and the Housing Authority. Efforts could include coordinating with real estate professionals, property managers, and others involved with rental housing.

The County participates in the Harrisburg/Dauphin County Continuum of Care and will continue to consult with the CoC on homelessness issues including emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing activities. The largest gap in the delivery of services to low- moderate income households is the lack of adequate funding to address the housing and community development needs of the County. The County will provide resources to address a variety of housing and service needs and as such will continue to coordinate and streamline efforts to ensure efficient, effective

service delivery.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities

There are no urgent needs identified in the Township.