

City of Peoria

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Consolidated Plan

Strategic Plan for Years

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the homeless process. The Continuum has collaborated efforts to obtain more governmental representation from the four-county area. The Heart of Illinois Continuum of Care has been successfully restructured. By-laws have been adopted and implemented; subcommittee's have been created to address the numerous components involved in homeless services and funding; and a steering committee to direct the overall direction of the Continuum has been elected. These three core components allows the strategic plan to ending chronic homelessness attainable.

Outreach and Assessment Strategy

- * The University of Illinois College of Medicine (Peoria) – HIV/AIDS Center maintains an outreach program that works with area providers to assess the needs of HIV/AIDS clients living on the streets, temporary shelters, vacant buildings, etc. Emergency services, counseling, and testing are also available through their program.
- * The Peoria City/County Health Department health educators provide HIV prevention education and testing at sites frequented by homeless persons. Persons found to be HIV positive are referred into case management and care at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.
- * The YWCA's Peoria Community Connections Center is a drop-in center primarily for the chronic homeless population that provides day-time supportive services to individuals and families regardless of whether or not a bed in a shelter was used the night before.
- * The South Side Office of Concern plans to continue to post information at area shelters regarding the availability of services.
- * The Salvation Army (Peoria) provides free meals and access to telephones on a daily basis at its downtown location.

2. The City of Peoria has become an active participant of the Homeless Strategic Planning Committee. The goals and action steps derived from the Committee have served as the strategies of the City and other member counties of the Continuum of Care.

- * Goal 1: Develop new permanent housing solutions for chronically homeless persons to meet gaps in the Continuum of Care.
- ** Action Step: Provide new Single Resident Occupancy (SRO) units and services for chronically homeless individuals.
- * Goal 2: Identify numbers, needs, and characteristics of chronically homeless persons in the City of Peoria. Use the HMIS system to analyze collected data to assess the duration of homelessness, needs, causes of homelessness, connection to mainstream resources, and the effectiveness of interventions.
- ** Action Step: Implement the HMIS system through the Continuum of Care.
- * Goal 3: Implement specific strategies focusing on ending chronic homelessness by engaging elected officials and homeless providers.
- ** Action Step: Convene an ad-hoc group to assess community needs and resources. Develop guiding principles and outcomes regarding the strategies.
- * Goal 4: Present and implement an action plan within 60 days of the release of specific strategies which identify responsible authorities for each task, as well as a work plan with timeframes.

**** Action Step:** Convene a subcommittee with appropriate representatives to develop a work plan, which will be approved by the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care.

*** Goal 5:** Develop a skilled housing search and housing placement service program to quickly re-house those recently in loss of housing and those who are homeless and seeking permanent housing.

**** Action Step:** Investigate other rapid re-housing programs. Explore funding opportunities.

*** Goal 6:** Build the infrastructure by creating additional permanent supportive housing opportunities for families and single adults.

**** Action Step:** Identify additional housing opportunities and explore collaborations; Identify funding opportunities beyond HUD; and Develop the project for presentation.

The Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care has two programs that serve the chronic homeless population. The Human Service Center's Adams Street Living Center (ASLC) provides transitional housing services to severely mentally ill persons, which is a population most likely to become a part of the homeless population. The ASLC assists individuals in locating permanent housing solutions through clinical counseling and case management. The second program, Peoria Communities Connections Center (PCCC), administered by the YWCA, received a 2 ½-year renewal to continue its drop-in center for the homeless. The PCCC provides extensive case management and other essential services to assist homeless persons with basic necessities, i.e. clothing, showers, restrooms, and beverages.

The City of Peoria and the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care have coordinated efforts to develop and implement a plan to end chronic homelessness. The efforts have included the City's participation on the Homeless Strategic Planning Committee and the regular meetings of the Continuum. The Continuum has alternatively provided information to the City regarding gaps analysis, funding priorities and needs as determined by the funding and service gaps data.

A newly organized task force consisting of over 40 community leaders convened in November 2004 to develop strategies and implementation steps to end chronic homelessness in Peoria by 2012. The agencies and programs represented by the members of the task force are comprised of federal and non-federally funded entities. The collaboration of these leaders will allow for a comprehensive, approachable action plan to solving the issue of ending chronic homelessness.

3. The City of Peoria's strategy to prevent homelessness for individuals and families with children who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless includes assisting programs geared towards the goal of preventing the problem of homelessness. These programs include rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance, legal intervention regarding illegal evictions, and case management and counseling. Agencies providing these types of programs include the Friends of People with Aids, University of Illinois College of Medicine (Peoria), Peoria City/County Health Department, the local Department of Veterans Affairs, YWCA, The Center for Prevention of Abuse, Salvation Army, Human Service Center, The South Side Office of Concern, and Prairie State Legal Services.

4. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

NOTE: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Community Development response:

RESPONSE:

1. The City's priorities for its non-housing community development needs using the CDBG eligibility categories (IDIS matrix codes) include Public Facilities and Improvements, Public Services, Economic Development, and Planning.

Under the Public Facilities and Improvements section (matrix codes 01 to 04A), the following activities received a high priority:

- * homeless facilities (03C)
- * sidewalk improvements (03L)
- * operating costs of homeless/AIDS patients programs (03T)

Under the Public Facilities and Improvements section (matrix codes 01 to 04A), the following activities received a medium priority:

- * general public facilities and improvements (03)
- * senior centers (03A)
- * handicapped centers (03B)
- * youth centers (03D)
- * neighborhood facilities (03E)
- * parks, recreational facilities (03F)
- * parking facilities (03G)
- * flood drain improvements (03I)
- * water/sewer improvements (03J)
- * street improvements (03K)
- * child care centers (03M)
- * tree planting (03N)
- * fire stations/equipment (03O)
- * health facilities (03P)
- * abused and neglected children facilities (03Q)
- * asbestos removal (03R)
- * facilities for AIDS patients (03S)
- * clean-up of contaminated sites (04A)

Under the Public Facilities and Improvements section (matrix codes 01 to 04A), the following activities received a low priority:

- * solid waste disposal improvements (03H)

The activities listed in the Public Services category (matrix codes 05 to 05T) were assigned either a medium or high priority.

The following Public Service activities received a high priority:

- * general public services (05)
- * senior services (05A)
- * youth services (05D)
- * transportation services (05E)
- * substance abuse services (05F)
- * battered and abused spouses (05G)
- * employment training (05H)
- * crime awareness (05I)
- * child care services (05L)
- * health services (05M)
- * abused and neglected children (05N)
- * subsistence payments (05Q)
- * mental health services (05O)

The following Public Service activities received a medium priority:

- * handicapped services (05B)
- * legal services (05C)
- * fair housing activities (05J)
- * tenant/landlord counseling (05K)
- * screening for lead-based paint/lead hazards poison (05P)
- * homeownership assistance (not direct) (05R)
- * rental housing subsidies (05S)
- * security deposits (05T)

The activities listed in the Economic Development category (matrix codes 17 to 18) were assigned a medium priority.

- * commercial/industrial (CI) land acquisition (17A)
- * CI infrastructure development (17B)
- * CI building acquisition, construction, rehabilitation (17C)
- * other commercial/industrial improvements (17D)
- * economic development direct financial assistance to for-profits (18A)
- * economic development technical assistance (18B)
- * micro-enterprise assistance (18C)

2. The priority levels for non-housing community development needs were determined as a result of the citizen participation process; the review of several planning documents and the City's Capital Improvement Program; and the review of the IDIS Summary of Accomplishments Report, which detailed the City of Peoria's spending of entitlement funds for the 1999 to 2003 program years. In addition, the City estimated that each year over the next five (5) years it would receive 2.3 million dollars of CDBG (11.5 million dollars over a five-year period); \$940,000 of HOME (4.7 million dollars over a five-year period); \$85,000 of ESG (\$425,000 over a five-year period); and \$50,000 of ADDI (\$250,000 over the next five years). Also, revenue or program income is anticipated from CDBG and HOME activities: approximately \$20,000 of CDBG each year (\$100,000 over a five-year period); and \$30,000 of HOME each year (\$150,000 over a five-year period). The total entitlement funds and program income the City of Peoria anticipates over the next five years are finite; therefore, there are a limited number of activities that will receive funding.

The City of Peoria used high, medium, and low priority need designations to complete the Community Development Worksheet considering the estimated dollars