

- Continue administering the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This program assists income eligible households in making an annual one-time payment towards low-income households heating bill. It also assists with the repair/replacement of furnaces. The Energy Division also offers the Weatherization program, which assists household in making their homes more energy efficient in an effort to reduce heating costs.
- Continue the Weatherization and the Get the Lead Out! Programs.
- Continue to administer an Economic Development Loan Program that provides loans to businesses that agree to create jobs for low-income persons. For every \$20,000 loaned, a job must be created that is filled by a low-income person. .
- Continue to operate an Individual Development Account Program to increase the resources available for homeownership, higher education, or entrepreneurial activities for participating low/moderate-income residents. The program also provides intensive classes in financial literacy, home buying, small business start-up and educational counseling.
- Continued support of the Neighborhood Network which is responsible for:
  1. Coordinating the exchange of information among citizens, neighborhood organizations and City staff and;
  2. Providing technical assistance to neighborhood groups and leaders.
- Continued coordination and support of the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness which is the coordinating agency for all community organizations serving the homeless.
- The staffing of Drug Free Rockford which provides prevention education and training to area youth and youth serving organizations on alcohol, tobacco (ATOD) and other drug prevention.

## NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

### **Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))**

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

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.
2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

Program Year 4 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

#### **1. DESCRIPTION OF PRIORITIES AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

The table below outlines the non-homeless special needs populations' priority needs based upon information provided in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

<u>Special Needs Category</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Support Services</u>
Elderly	Medium	Medium
Persons w/severe mental illness	High	High
Disabled	Medium	Medium
Persons w/alcohol or other drug additions	High	Medium
Victims of Domestic Violence	High	Medium
Persons w/AIDS	Low	Low

## **2. REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF OTHER RESOURCES**

The City proposes to address the identified high priority needs of housing for persons with severe mental illness, persons with alcohol or other drug addictions and victims of domestic violence and the high priority need of support services for persons with severe mental illness primarily by seeking funding through the HUD CoC Super NOFA application.

In each of the last two applications, funding for programming and services to address these needs were listed as the highest priority for this area's continuum of care system. These will again be priorities in the upcoming notice of available funding opportunity. In addition, emergency shelter grants dollars will also be allocated when appropriate.

The entities who will more than likely be slated for funding are Janet Wattles Mental Health Center (housing and support services), The Carpenter's Place (housing and support services) and PHASEWAVE domestic violence center (housing).

## **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS**

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

1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.
2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.
3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.

4. Report on annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.
5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.
6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.
7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.
8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.
9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.

Program Year 4 Action Plan HOPWA response:

**1. HOPWA NARRITIVES**

The City of Rockford is not a HOPWA grant recipient.

**Specific HOPWA Objectives**

Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Program Year 4 Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

**1. DESCRIPTION**

The City of Rockford is not a recipient of HOPWA funds.

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**Other Narrative**

Include any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.

None