

Town of Cicero
Community Development Block Grant Program
Annual Action Plan Program Year 2021
October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022



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Executive Summary

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing prepares the Annual Action Plan to describe the activities, which will be undertaken in the upcoming year toward meeting the goals, and objectives, which were identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. This second year Action Plan will begin October 1, 2021 and end September 30, 2022, and will be the first Annual Action Plan from the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The Action Plan satisfies the application requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula program offered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Town of Cicero, as an entitlement grantee for the CDBG program, has the responsibility of coordinating and developing the Annual Action Plan to remain eligible for this program.

As the second Annual Action Plan of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan Period, the following priorities, objectives, and proposed accomplishments were identified for the upcoming year to meet or exceed each of the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan:

Priority: Expand the supply of safe, decent, and affordable Housing.

Objective: Improve the quality of housing stock through rehabilitation and repair.

Proposed Accomplishments: Over the course of this action plan year, it is anticipated that 50 homes will be rehabilitated or repaired. This will result in safer living conditions and increased property values.

Priority: Provide safe housing free from lead hazards.

Objective: Identify children with high lead levels, implement an educational program that provides information on lead poisoning, and identify and abate sources of lead-based paint in residential Units.

Proposed Accomplishments:

- Provide educational materials to families within the Town of Cicero regarding the hazards of lead poisoning.
- Complete 10 rehabilitation projects that involve lead hazard reduction.

Priority: Improve service to non-homeless Cicero residents who are low-to-moderate income and/or have special needs.

Objective: Make social services available for persons in need who have low-to-moderate incomes.

Proposed Accomplishments: Develop a diverse network of needed services toward enhancing the health, safety, and overall well-being of individuals and persons with special needs, through the provisions for creating and expanding quality public and private human service programs.

Priority: Strengthen the community's living environment by making improvements to Public Facilities.

Objective: Make funding available for infrastructure improvements.

Proposed Accomplishments: Over the course of this consolidated plan, it is anticipated that \$1 million of CDBG funds will be spent on infrastructure improvements such as street and gutter repairs, alley re-paving, and rehabilitation of public facilities.

The Town's entitlement grant for PY 2021 is **\$1,764,849.00**. The total will be spent in the following categories:

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Administration	\$ 343,000.00
Housing Repair Program	\$ 700,000.00
Lead Hazard Reduction	\$ 85,000.00
Public Services	\$ 264,000.00
Public Facilities	\$ 372,849.00
Total	\$ 1,764,849.00

Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan

Annually, the Town of Cicero must submit a one year action plan, which details the proposed projects and services it will fund with its CDBG funding allocation. The following are the activities and amounts that will be proposed in the next program year.

Project ID 2021-0001 Program Administration.....\$ 343,000.00

The activity will provide general management, oversight, and coordination of the CDBG programs. This activity will fund Administrative salaries, as well as any administrative costs incurred with the management of the office.

Project	Agency	Project Description	Priority	Performance	Service Area	Budget
2021-0001	Town of Cicero	General Administration	5	N/A	Town-Wide	\$28,000.00
2021-0001	Town of Cicero	Staff Salaries	5	N/A	Town-Wide	\$315,000.00
Total						\$343,000.00

Project ID 2021-0002 Housing Repair Program.....\$ 700,000.00

The program will provide home repair assistance and emergency repair assistance to low and moderate income homeowners who are experiencing conditions in and around their home that pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the household occupants. This activity is eligible under 24CFR section 570.202(a) and will benefit low and moderate-income persons qualified under 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A).

Project	Agency	Project Description	Priority	Performance	Service Area	Budget
2021-0002	Town of Cicero	Housing Rehab Program	1	DH-3	Town-Wide	\$250,000.00
2021-0002	Town of Cicero	Housing Staff Salaries	1	N/A	Town-Wide	\$350,000.00
2021-0002	Town of Cicero	Emergency Heat Program	1	DH-1	Town-Wide	\$50,000.00
2021-0002	Town of Cicero	Accessibility Program	1	DH-1	Town-Wide	\$50,000.00
Total						\$700,000.00

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Project ID 2021-0003 Lead Hazard Reduction Program.....\$ 85,000.00

The Town of Cicero will provide CDBG funding necessary to implement a program to identify and abate the sources of lead-based paint. The Home Repair Program is designed to assist homeowners in lead-based paint in the homes. With the implementation of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction regulation under 24 CFR 35 the Town has included Lead- Based Paint Hazard Reduction activities in all its rehabilitation programs. These activities include paint testing, safe work practices, occupant protection, education and clearance testing before re-occupancy. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing will distribute an informative brochure on the dangers of lead poisoning in the home. The purpose of the brochure is to make Cicero residents aware of the dangers of lead poisoning, and information on blood testing, abatement, and control.

Project	Agency	Project Description	Priority	Performance	Service Area	Budget
2021-0003	Town of Cicero	Lead Hazard Reduction	2	DH-3	Town-Wide	\$85,000.00
Total						\$85,000.00

Public Services.....\$ 264,000.00

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing will provide CDBG funding necessary for local Public Services to implement their programs. All programs funded with CDBG money will benefit low to moderate income Cicero residents, or presumed low-mod beneficiaries. The services will range from youth programs, to mental health services, to mortgage counseling.

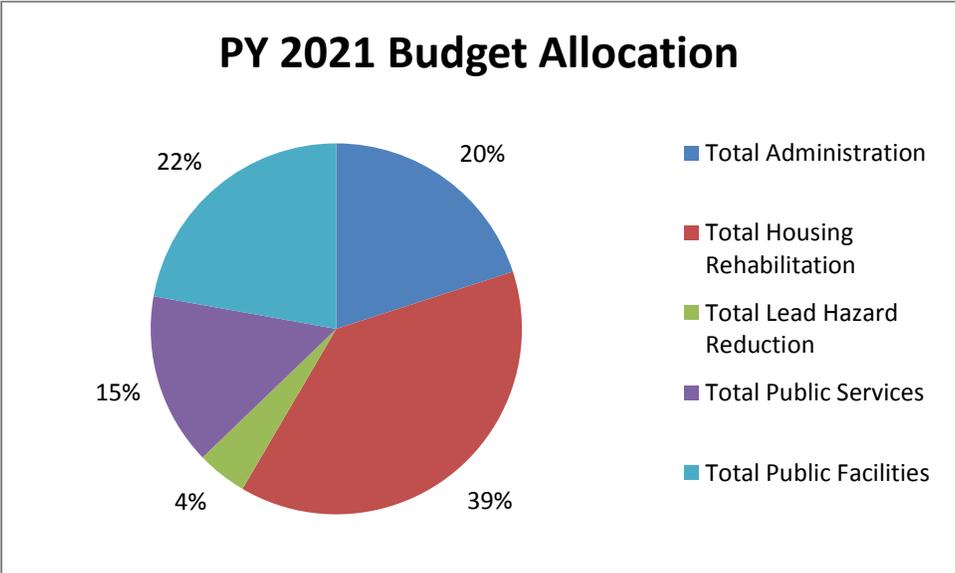
Public Service						
Project	Agency	Project Description	Priority	Performance	Service Area	Current Budget
2021-0004	Boys Club	After-School Program	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	30,000.00
2021-0005	Children's Center	Day Care Services	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	32,000.00
2021-0006	Youth Commission	After-School Program	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	67,000.00
2021-0007	Family Services	Mental Health Services	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	65,000.00
2021-0008	Literacy Program	Youth Program	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	40,000.00
2021-0009	CEDA	Housing Counseling	3	DH-3	Town-Wide	10,000.00
2021-0010	Community Support Services	Handicapped Services	3	SL-1	Town-Wide	20,000.00
Total						\$264,000.00

Public Facilities.....\$ 372,849.00

This year, The Town of Cicero Department of Housing will provide CDBG funds to repair, renovate, and upgrade certain public facilities. These repairs, renovations, and upgrades, will serve a low-mod area benefit and limited clientele.

Public Facilities						
Project	Agency	Project Description	Priority	Performance	Service Area	Current Budget
2021-0011	Town of Cicero	Alley Repavements	4	SL-3	Town-Wide	372,849.00
Total						\$372,849.00

Resources



Federal Resources	
Source	Amount
Community Development Block Grant Funds	\$1,739,219.00
Section 8	\$1,154,948.00
IHDA	\$117,500.00
IDOT/STEP	\$321,176.00
RTA	\$100,000.00
DCEO	\$6,150,000.00
U.S. Department of Justice	\$600,862.86
FEMA	\$817,197.00
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$145,250.00
Total	\$11,146,152.86

Other Resources	
Source	Amount
General Assistance	\$51,516.00
Infrastructure	\$6,774,000.00
708 Board	\$489,000.00
State Grants	\$6,691,434.00
Total	\$14,005,950.00

State and Federal Resources

Name of Grant	Bulletproof Vests Grant
Amount of Grant	\$142,535.86
State Grantor Agency	N/A
CSFA	N/A
Federal Grantor Agency	US Department of Justice
CFDA	16.607
Amount expended in 2020	\$9,522.50
Amount Expended Total	\$132,968.20
Balance	\$9,567.66
Expiration Date	8/31/2021
This was a 50/50 grant meaning the Town of Cicero received \$9,522.50. The total cost was \$19,045.00.	

Name of Grant	Aquatics Center Grant 11-203444
Amount of Grant	\$5,000,000.00
State Grantor Agency	DCEO
CSFA	420-00-0505
Federal Grantor Agency	N/A
CFDA	N/A
Amount expended in 2020	0
Amount Expended Total	\$2,044,550.72
Balance	\$2,955,449.28
Expiration Date	10/31/2021
There were no expenditures since 06/2015 due to the grant having been suspended by DCEO. DCEO reinstated this grant on May 15, 2020 with the stipulation that 10/31/2021 would be the final extension since the grant would reach the ten year limit.	

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Name of Grant	Cicero Police License Plate Recognition Camera project
Amount of Grant	\$150,000
State Grantor Agency	DCEO
CSFA	420-00-1771
Federal Grantor Agency	N/A
CFDA	N/A
Amount expended in 2020	\$0
Amount Expended Total	\$0
Balance	\$150,000
Expiration Date	4/30/2023
The Cicero Police Department will install 21 Cameras with License Plate Recognition capabilities strategically located throughout the Town of Cicero	

Name of Grant	Cicero Police In-car Camera Grant
Amount of Grant	\$93,156
State Grantor Agency	Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board
CSFA	569-00-2095
Federal Grantor Agency	US Department of agriculture
CFDA	10.704
Amount expended in 2020	\$93,156
Amount Expended Total	\$93,156
Balance	\$0
Expiration Date	6/30/2020
The Cicero Police Department installed In-car Cameras on 20 police vehicles	

Name of Grant	Austin Blvd. Resurfacing Project
Amount of Grant	\$1,000,000
State Grantor Agency	DCEO
CSFA	420-00-1758
Federal Grantor Agency	N/A
CFDA	N/A
Amount expended in 2020	\$1,000,000
Amount Expended Total	\$1,000,000
Balance	\$0
Expiration Date	6/30/2022
The Town of Cicero used these funds to resurface Austin Blvd. from Cermak Rd to 31 st street.	

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Name of Grant	Abandoned Properties Program APP 51617
Amount of Grant	\$117,500.00
State Grantor Agency	IHDA
CSFA	N/A
Federal Grantor Agency	N/A
CFDA	N/A
Amount expended in 2020	\$0.00
Amount Expended Total	\$0.00
Balance	\$117,500.00
Expiration Date	7/21/2021
The Town of Cicero will use these funds to secure abandoned properties.	

Name of Grant	Access to Transit Improvement Program IGA-2016-44
Amount of Grant	\$256,600.00
Grantor Agency	IDOT
CSFA	494-00-1003
Federal Grantor Agency	Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration
CFDA	20.205
Amount expended in 2020	\$0.00
Amount Expended Total	\$0.00
Balance	\$256,600.00
Expiration Date	12/31/2022
This project will include the installation of bus shelters at ten locations that have been previously approved by RTA and IDOT throughout Cicero.	

Name of Grant	Tobacco Enforcement Program 1565-15775
Amount of Grant	\$7,700.00
State Grantor Agency	IL Dept. of Human Services/Div. of Alcoholic & Substance Abuse
CSFA	444-26-1565
Federal Grantor Agency	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
CFDA	93.959
Amount expended in 2020	\$7,700.00
Amount Expended Total	\$7,700.00
Balance	\$0.00
Expiration Date	6/30/2020
The Cicero Police Department conducted a program to insure tobacco products are not sold to minors at retail establishments throughout the Town of Cicero.	

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Name of Grant	FEMA/IEMA Public Assistance Grant
Amount of Grant	\$325,000
State Grantor Agency	IEMA
CSFA	
Federal Grantor Agency	FEMA
CFDA	
Amount expended in 2020	\$325,000
Amount Expended Total	\$325,000
Balance	\$0.00
Expiration Date	9/30/2021
The Town of Cicero received these funds from FEMA for reimbursement of costs associated with COVID-19 related expenses.	

Name of Grant	Pre-School Vision and Hearing 2020 - 137884061
Amount of Grant	\$2,758.00
State Grantor Agency	IDPH
CSFA	482-00-0919
Federal Grantor Agency	N/A
CFDA	N/A
Amount expended in 2020	\$2,000.00
Amount Expended Total	\$2,758.00
Balance	\$0.00
Expiration Date	6/30/2021
The Town of Cicero Health Department conducted Pre-School vision and hearing screenings for children in the community.	

Name of Grant	EMW-2017-FH-00553
Amount of Grant	\$492,197.00
State Grantor Agency	N/A
CSFA	N/A
Federal Grantor Agency	FEMA
CFDA	97.083
Amount expended in 2020	\$108,477.98
Amount Expended Total	\$198,452.07
Balance	\$293,744.93
Expiration Date	2/17/2022
This grant is to hire three firefighters for the Town of Cicero Fire Department	

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Name of Grant	STEP FFY21 343-21888
Amount of Grant	\$31,348.00
State Grantor Agency	IDOT
CSFA	494-10-0343
Federal Grantor Agency	U. S. Department of Transportation
CFDA	20.600
Amount expended in 2020	\$15,280.00
Amount Expended Total	\$15,280.00
Balance	\$16,068.00
Expiration Date	9/30/2021
The Cicero Police Department will conduct enforcement campaigns during National Holidays and other national events. These campaigns focused on conducting increased enforcement of occupant restraint laws and impaired driving patrols.	

Name of Grant	STEP 2020 OP-20-0226
Amount of Grant	\$33,828.00
State Grantor Agency	IDOT
CSFA	494-10-0343
Federal Grantor Agency	U. S. Department of Transportation
CFDA	20.600
Amount expended in 2020	\$24,035.30
Amount Expended Total	\$33,828.00
Balance	\$0
Expiration Date	9/30/2020
The Cicero Police Department will conduct enforcement campaigns during National Holidays and other national events. These campaigns focused on conducting increased enforcement of occupant restraint laws and impaired driving patrols.	

Name of Grant	JAG 2017-DJ-BX-0223
Amount of Grant	\$22,068.00
State Grantor Agency	N/A
CSFA	N/A
Federal Grantor Agency	US DOJ
CFDA	16.738
Amount expended in 2020	\$0.00
Amount Expended Total	\$0.00
Balance	\$22,068.00
Expiration Date	9/30/2020
The Cicero Police Department will purchase law enforcement equipment for the department.	

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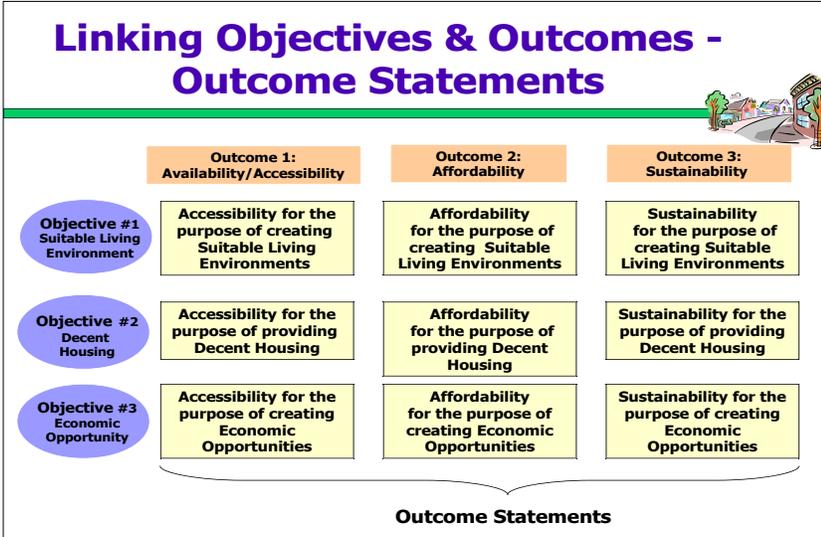
Name of Grant	JAG 2020-VD-BX-1609
Amount of Grant	\$61,259
State Grantor Agency	N/A
CSFA	N/A
Federal Grantor Agency	US DOJ
CFDA	16.034
Amount expended in 2020	\$61,259
Amount Expended Total	\$61,259
Balance	\$0.00
Expiration Date	01/31/2022
The Cicero Police Department used these funds to pay for Police officer overtime due to COVID-19 pandemic	

Name of Grant	2020 UMWX0293 COPS Hiring Program
Amount of Grant	\$375,000
State Grantor Agency	N/A
CSFA	N/A
Federal Grantor Agency	US DOJ
CFDA	16.710
Amount expended in 2020	\$0
Amount Expended Total	\$0
Balance	\$375,000
Expiration Date	06/30/2023
The Cicero Police Department will use these funds to pay for hiring 3 additional Police Officers	

Name of Grant	Zoning Code Update
Amount of Grant	\$100,000.00
Grantor Agency	RTA
Amount expended in 2020	\$0
Amount Expended Total	\$0
Balance	\$0
Expiration Date	10/19/21
This grant is hire technical assistants through the RTA in order to update the Town of Cicero's Zoning Code. RTA share would be \$90,000 and the Town of Cicero \$10,000.	

Performance Measurement System

HUD has, through a collaborative effort with several Housing and Community Development organizations (as well as several governmental departments) established a standardized performance evaluation measurement system. The system seeks to standardize the language used in gauging the success of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs, as well as to provide standardized metrics of what those successes are.

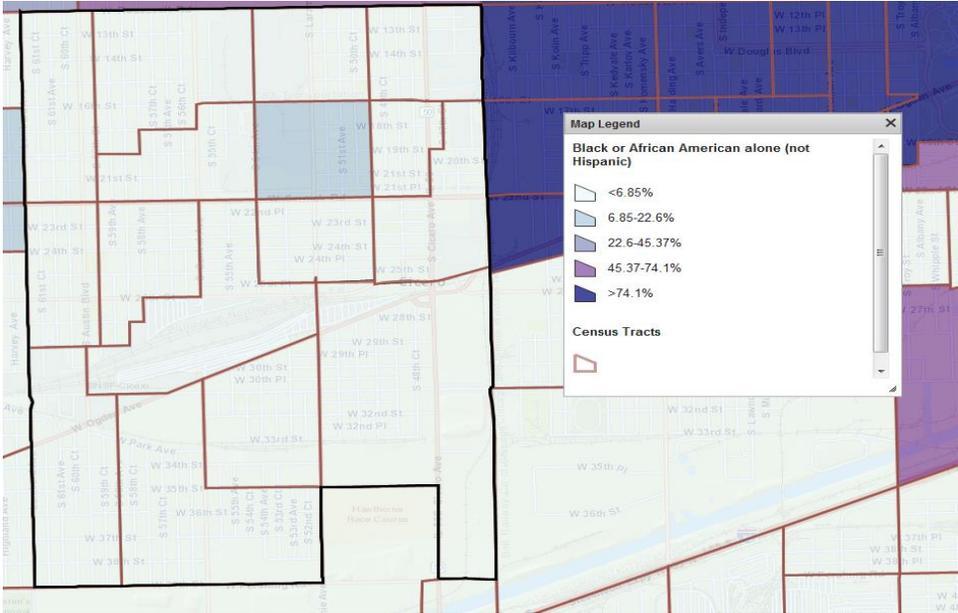


Cicero’s Demographic and Resource Information

The Town of Cicero is the only incorporated town in Cook County, and one of the oldest and largest municipalities in the State of Illinois. It bears the name of the great Roman statesman of the First Century B.C., Marcus Tullius Cicero. Cicero is composed of eight neighborhoods, with their own distinct characteristics and names: Boulevard Manor, Clyde, Drexel, Grant Works, Hawthorne, Morton Park, Parkholme, and Warren Park. Three Presidents, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Ronald Reagan, and George Bush, visited Cicero on their roads to the White House. The Town of Cicero has a colorful history, which forms a part of the larger stories of the county, state, and nation.

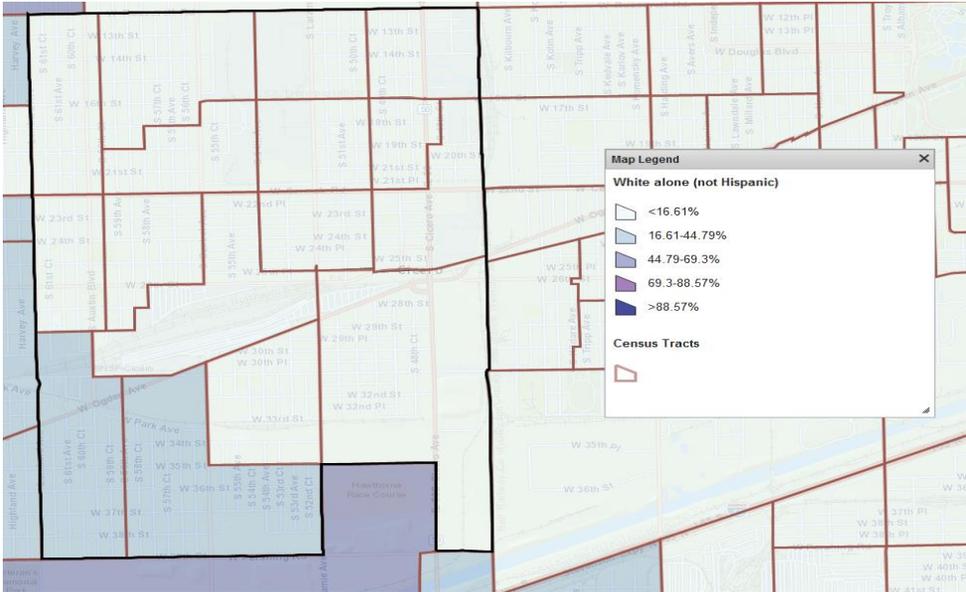
As you will note from the maps below, The Town of Cicero has a consistent ethnic origin distribution. The further south you are in the town, the less the minority population, the further north you are, the more dense the minority population. Therefore, in order to better serve Cicero’s minority population, special consideration must be made to perform housing rehab projects on the northern and central ends of town.

Percent of Persons Who Are Black or African American Alone



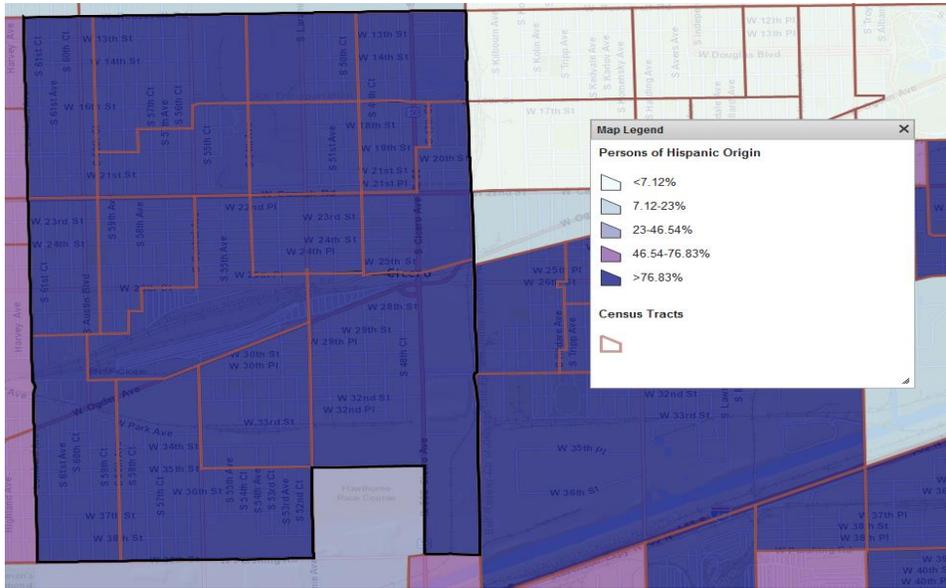
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2020

Percent of Persons Who Are White Alone



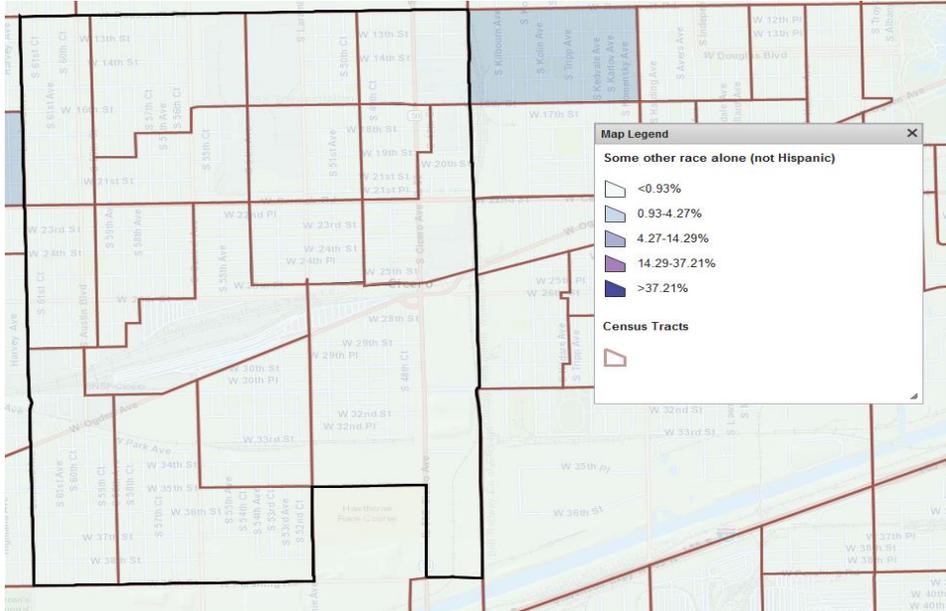
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2020

Percent of Persons Who Are Hispanic or Latino (of and race)



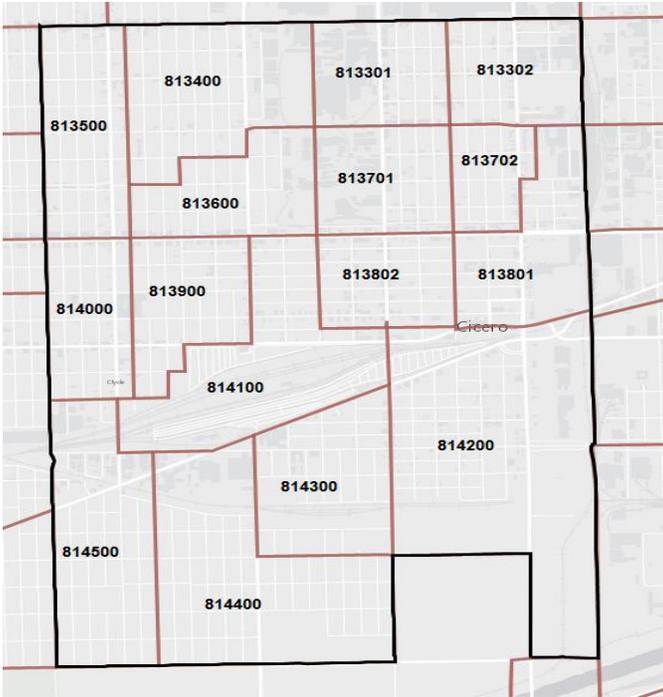
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2020

Percent of Persons Who Are Some Other Race Alone



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2020

Town of Cicero Census Tract Map



CDBG ID	CDBGNAME	TRACT #	% Low/Mod
17031	CICERO	813301	68.93
17031	CICERO	813302	85.16
17031	CICERO	813400	67.50
17031	CICERO	813500	51.61
17031	CICERO	813600	72.25
17031	CICERO	813701	71.87
17031	CICERO	813702	57.00
17031	CICERO	813801	No Info available
17031	CICERO	813802	72.26
17031	CICERO	813900	66.64
17031	CICERO	814000	65.20
17031	CICERO	814100	61.25
17031	CICERO	814200	67.35
17031	CICERO	814300	57.03
17031	CICERO	814400	55.20
17031	CICERO	814500	48.83

Population Growth

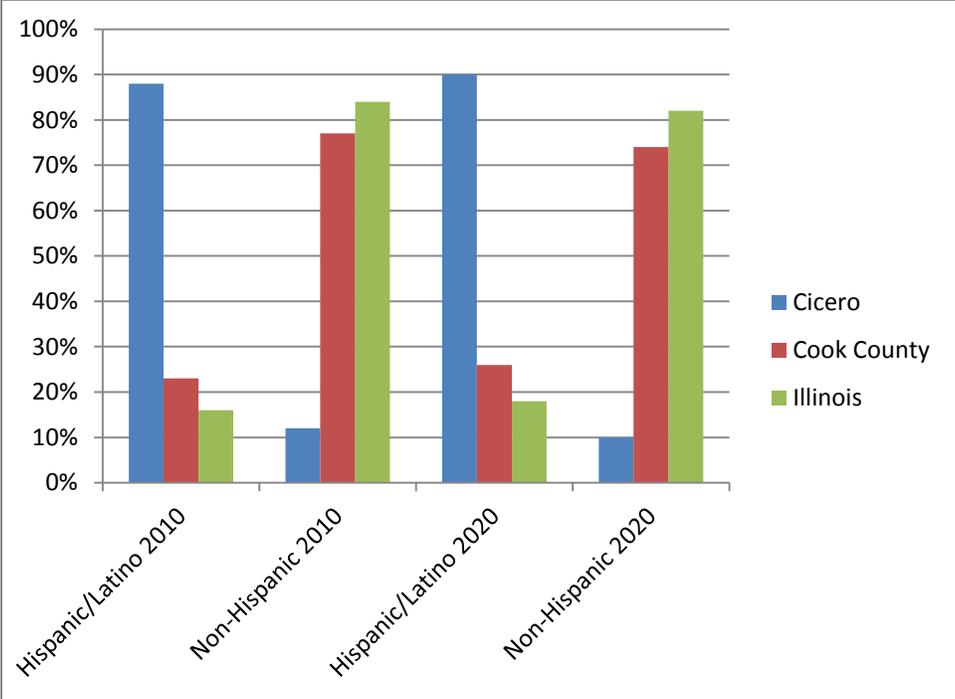
Population Growth 2000-2020 Town of Cicero, Cook County, State of Illinois					
	2000	2010	% Change	2020	% Change
Cicero	85,616	81,716	-4.6%	82,330	1.0%
Cook County	5,376,741	5,103,582	-5.1%	5,198,275	1.01%
State of Illinois	12,419,293	12,581,313	-1.3%	12,671,821	1.0%

Age Characteristics

Age Characteristics 2010 to 2020 Town of Cicero, Cook County, State of Illinois		
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	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
	% Under 18	% Under 18
Cicero	34.63%	33.80%
Cook County	26.00%	23.72%
State of Illinois	26.13%	24.39%
	% 18 - 64	% 18 - 64
Cicero	58.28%	60.26%
Cook County	62.28%	64.34%
State of Illinois	61.79%	63.07%
	% 65 +	% 65 +
Cicero	7.09%	5.94%
Cook County	11.72%	11.94%
State of Illinois	12.08%	12.54%
	Median Age	Median Age
Cicero	27.6	30.5
Cook County	35.5	36.8
State of Illinois	36.7	36.8

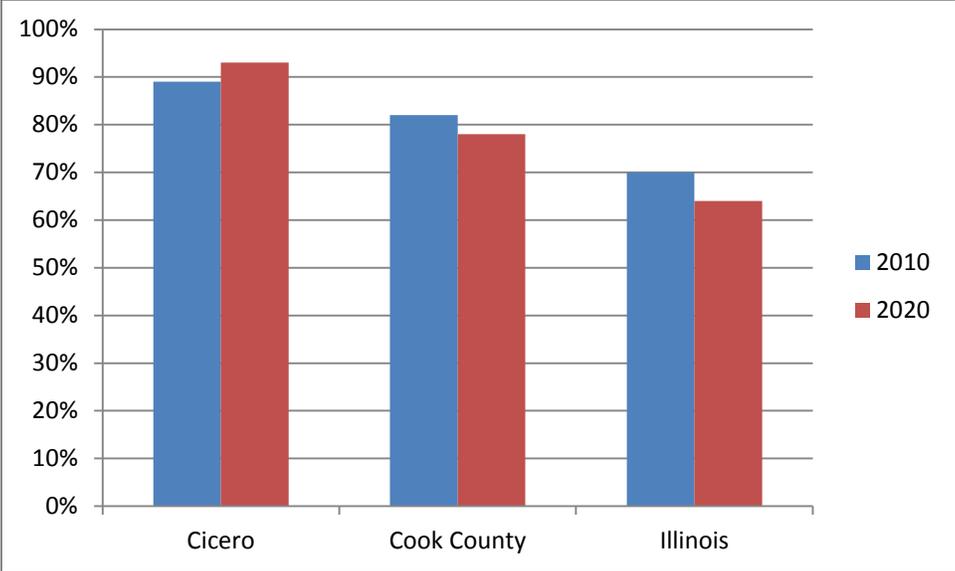
Hispanic or Latino Characteristics



Housing Characteristics



Percent of Houses Built Before 1980



Employment

Major Employers in Cicero			
Employer	Established	Product/Service	Employees
Burlington Northern	1884	Railroad Services	800
The Home Depot	1996	Retail Home Improvement	220
Corey Steel	1924	Manufacturer Steel Bars	204
Chicago Extruded	1923	Manufacturer Brass Mill	195
Lenc-Smith	1950	Cabinets/Silk Screen	163
Sommer & Maca	1920	Manufacturer Glass Fabric	156

Infrastructure Program

	Project Description	Total	FUNDING SOURCE					
			Rebuild Illinois	Water Fund	CDBG	MFT	IL DCEO	MWRD GI GRANT
1	2021 Alley Paving	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	2021 Street Rehabilitation (MFT & RBI)	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
3	2021 Street Rehabilitation - Phase 2 (RBI Fund)	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4	L Strip Parking Lot Improvements	\$ 520,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
5	200K Gallon Receiving Tank - Pumping Station	\$ 1,754,000.00	\$ -	\$ 900,000.00	\$ -	\$ 854,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
		\$ 6,774,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,354,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 220,000.00

2021 CDBG Alley Paving:

Engineer's Cost Estimate: \$1,000,000
 Bid Date June 15, 2021
 Construction Start Date: July 12, 2021
 Estimated Completion Date: October 29, 2021
 This project includes the reconstruction of eight (8) alley locations

2021 Street Rehabilitation (MFT & RBI Fund):

Awarded Cost: \$3,500,000
 Bid Date: June 14, 2021
 Construction Start Date: July 12, 2021
 Estimated Completion Date: November 16, 2021
 This project includes the resurfacing and reconstruction of approximately 3.50 miles of residential streets.

2019 Street Rehabilitation – Phase 2 (RBI Fund):

Awarded Cost: \$1,000,000
 Estimate Bid Date: July 28, 2021
 Construction Start Date: August 16, 2021
 Estimated Completion Date: November 16, 2021
 This project includes the resurfacing & reconstruction of approximately 1.20 miles of residential streets.

L Strip Parking Lot Paving – 56th Court to Central Avenue (MWRD GI & DCEO Fund):

Engineer's Cost Estimate: \$560,000
 Estimated Bid Date: July 28, 2021
 Construction Start Date: August 16, 2021
 Estimated Completion Date: October 15, 2021
 This project includes the reconstruction of the L Strip parking lot including green infrastructure improvements.

Pumping Station 200K Gal. Receiving Tank Replacement:

Engineer's Cost Estimate: \$900,000

Construction Start Date: March 15, 2021

Estimated Completion Date: June 25, 2021

This project includes the replacement of the receiving tank at the 47th Avenue pumping station.

LED Street Light Luminaire Replacement (ComEd SDC Energy Efficiency Grant)

Engineer's Cost Estimate: \$1,000,000 (No Town of Cicero Funds Required)

Construction Start Date: August 16, 2021

Estimated Completion Date: October 29, 2021

This project includes the installation of approximately 2600 new LED street light fixtures replacing the existing energy inefficient High Pressure Sodium street light fixtures.

708 Community Health Board

As outlined by the Illinois Community Mental Health Act, the 708 Community Health Board shall make rules and regulations concerning the rendition or operation of services and facilities, which it directs and supervises. During PY2021, the 708 Community Mental Health Board anticipates on funding the following agencies:

2021 Community Mental Health Board Agencies Funded	
<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cicero Family Service & Mental Health Center	\$ 200,000.00
Cicero Youth Commission	\$ 35,000.00
The Children's Center	\$ 38,000.00
Community Support Services, Inc.	\$ 25,000.00
Oak Leyden	\$ 6,000.00
Pilsen/Little Village Community Mental Health Center	\$ 20,000.00
Presence Health	\$ 25,000.00
Solutions for Care	\$ 35,000.00
UPC Seguin Services	\$ 35,000.00
Youth Crossroads, Inc.	\$ 70,000.00
<u>TOTAL AGENCY DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>\$ 489,000.00</u>

Managing the Process

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing, serving on behalf of the Town, is the lead agency responsible for overseeing the development of the Town of Cicero's Action Plan, and is the entity responsible for administering the CDBG program covered by the plan. A significant effort was made to involve governmental and not-for-profit representatives at all levels of the planning process.

For further information or to make comments on this Action Plan, please contact:

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The Annual Action Plan is developed by the Town of Cicero Department of Housing with the participation social service and housing agencies through grant proposals. The Town addresses the needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan through the proposals submitted by existing subrecipients and new agencies seeking CDBG funds.

Citizen Participation

The Town of Cicero encourages all Town citizens, especially those of low and moderate income, those living in areas where Community Development Block Grant funds are proposed to be used, and by residents of predominantly low and moderate-income neighborhoods to participate in the development of the Annual Action Plan and any substantial amendments to the Annual Action Plan. The Town especially encourages minority citizens, non-English speaking citizens, and those citizens with disabilities to participate in the above. The Town, in conjunction and consultation with the Cicero Housing Authority, also encourages citizens who reside in subsidized housing to participate in the above.

The Town of Cicero must make available the proposed Annual Action Plan prior to adoption by the Town Board, to allow citizens, public agencies and other interested parties, the opportunity to examine its contents and submit comments. The Town of Cicero shall accomplish the above by doing the following:

1. Publish a summary of the proposed Annual Action Plan in one newspaper of general circulation, and on the town's website. This summary must describe the contents and purpose of the Annual Action Plan and must include a list of the locations where copies of the entire proposed Annual Action Plan might be examined.
2. Make copies of the proposed Annual Action Plan available at libraries, government offices, and other public places.
3. The Town of Cicero will make the proposed Annual Action Plan available on the Town's Website: <http://www.thetownofcicero.com>
4. Public comments will be solicited on the website and gathered via email.
5. Make a reasonable number of free copies of the Annual Action Plan available to citizens and groups that request it.
6. Allow a 30-day comment period prior to adoption.
7. Hold a public hearing to receive comments and views.

8. Consider any comments or views of citizens received, both written or orally at the public hearing, in preparing the final Annual Action Plan.
9. Attach a summary of all comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reason therefore, to the final Annual Action Plan.

Summary of citizen comments

In preparation for the Town of Cicero's Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2021, the Town will provide this Annual Action Plan report for viewing at multiple locations throughout the Town. The viewing will be done for a period of 30 days starting on Sunday; June 20, 2021. The locations that the Action Plan will be available are:

Town of Cicero – President's Office – 4949 W Cermak Rd., Cicero, IL 60804
Town of Cicero – Public Safety Building – 5410 W 34th St., Cicero, IL 60804
Town of Cicero – Department of Housing – 1634 S Laramie Ave., Cicero, IL 60804
Town of Cicero - Public Library – 5225 W Cermak Rd., Cicero, IL 60804

Along with these locations, the Annual Action Plan will also be available for viewing on the Town of Cicero's website under the Housing Department. A Public Hearing to accept comments on this report will be held on Tuesday; July 20, 2021 at the Town of Cicero Department of Housing office located at 1634 S Laramie Ave., Cicero, IL 60804. Public comments will be accepted and submitted to HUD along with the Annual Action Plan.

Institutional Structure

The Town has in place a network of agencies, programs and resources to meet the social service and housing needs of our residents. Any unmet needs will be reviewed and the programs reassessed and addressed on an ongoing basis from year to year.

Social Service Needs

Within the Town of Cicero, social service needs are addressed by town departments such as the Community Mental Health Board, Health Department, Cicero Housing Authority, President's Office for People with Disabilities, and the Cicero Youth Commission.

Other governmental bodies such as Clyde Park District, Hawthorne Park District, and West Suburban Special Recreation Association also contribute.

Other governmental agencies that are also involved include: Illinois Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, Illinois Housing Authority, Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Illinois Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Illinois Department of Public Aid, and the Illinois Department of Aging.

Cicero also has a wide variety of not-for-profit, social service agencies providing a wide-range of services: Berwyn-Cicero Council on Aging, Children's Center of Cicero-Berwyn, the Fillmore Center for Human Services, Oak/Leyden Developmental Services, Inc., Sarah's Inn, WIC, Salvation Army, OARS (Older Adult Rehabilitative Services), Catholic Charities, Boy's Club, Family Service and Mental Health Center of Cicero, Seguin Services, Seguin Retarded Citizens Association, and Pillars Community Services.

Housing Needs

Housing needs are addressed by the following governmental and social service agencies: Cicero Health Department (Emergency Shelter Program), Cicero Housing Authority, Illinois Housing Authority, Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services, Catholic Charities, Sarah's Inn, Seguin Services, and Seguin

Retarded Citizens Association.

Monitoring

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing is the designated lead agency responsible for administering the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). With its CDBG entitlement grant, the CDBG funds a number of “Subrecipients”, particularly agencies that administer public service projects serving Cicero’s low-moderate income population. All these agencies receiving CDBG funds are required to sign an agreement detailing all pertinent regulations, certifications, project descriptions, and performance requirements.

Subrecipients of CDBG funds are required to adhere to the same rules and regulations HUD imposes on entitlement grantees. One way to ensure subrecipients are in compliance with HUD rules and regulations is through monitoring. All of the Town of Cicero Department of Housing CDBG subrecipients are monitored regularly during the program year with a minimum of two on-site visits. Verbal correspondence and mail correspondence between the subrecipient and the grantee is ongoing and plays a valuable role in ensuring compliance.

The monitoring visits performed by The Town of Cicero Department of Housing addresses the five following components:

- 1. Compliance with Eligible Activities and National Objectives**
 - The Town of Cicero Department of Housing verifies that the subrecipient has documentation showing that the funded activity is HUD eligible and meets one of the prescribed national objectives.
- 2. Progress against Production Goal as stated in the Written Agreement.**
 - The Town of Cicero Department of Housing reviews the subrecipients’ production goals to determine if they are achieved and on time. If the production goals were not met, The Town of Cicero Department of Housing determines whether the subrecipient took all reasonable actions and steps to try to meet their production goals on time. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing determines whether or not the subrecipient has the capacity to meet production goals.
- 3. Compliance with CDBG Program Rules and Administrative Requirements.**
 - The Town of Cicero Department of Housing determines if the subrecipient selected households/individuals who were income eligible and if income was verified correctly. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing determines if requirements for conflict of interest and religious organizations are being met.
- 4. Timely use of Funds**
 - The Town of Cicero Department of Housing determines if the subrecipient uses funds in a timely manner, and if there is program income, The Town of Cicero Department of Housing verifies whether it was used before additional funds were requested. If the subrecipient has program income, the Town of Cicero Department of Housing determines if the subrecipient is tracking its receipts and if the funds were expended before requesting CDBG funds from the Town of Cicero Department of Housing.
- 5. Prevention of Fraud and Abuse of Funds**
 - The Town of Cicero Department of Housing determines if the Subrecipient’s financial management system prevents fraud and mismanagement of funds.

The monitoring visit also includes a review of all financial records associated with the CDBG grant, income/racial verification procedures, visual audits of items purchased, inventory schedules, salary documentation, labor standards, EEO compliance, fair housing literature, procurement, etc.

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing also conducts site inspections during and after the construction of infrastructure projects, and the rehabilitation and/or lead abatement of residential units. The inspections are carried out to ensure that high quality construction work is performed and completed on time. The Department also performs follow-up audits after it receives single audit reports from subrecipients. Reports are generated which identify project status, findings, corrective actions, and unused funds. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing also has a delegated "Project Monitor" to monitor all public facility projects to ensure compliance with all federal regulations, including the Davis Bacon Act. The Department also requires a quarterly written status report from all subrecipients, to assess the overall performance of each program and activity.

Overall, the goals of The Town of Cicero Department of Housing monitoring policy is to ensure that HUD rules and regulations in respect to the CDBG program are being met and that those subrecipients are fulfilling their pledge to achieve the goals in their respective agreements with the Town of Cicero. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing also uses the monitoring process as a way to determine whether or not the goals stated in the one-year Action Plan and five-year Consolidated Plan are being met.

Specific Housing Objectives

The 2010 US Census reported Cicero to have 24,562 housing units and 99% of these were built prior to 1990. Most of these units are single-family dwellings and multiple unit buildings of up to four stories tall. The age of Cicero's housing stock coupled with the fact that many of the occupied housing units are severely overcrowded, has had a negative impact on the safety and livability of these housing units. While the development of new housing would be an ideal goal, the best strategy for the immediate future is to rehabilitate and repair existing housing and bring them up to code.

The need for housing rehabilitation has vastly outgrown the available financial resources. Currently, we are going to accept 50 new applicants per year. On a yearly basis we estimate on doing 50 projects. From the 50 applicants, it is assumed some applicants will not qualify, no longer need the assistance, will not respond to correspondence, or some will not supply the appropriate documentation needed to be approved for the program. As a result we may receive further applications to continue the process with more individuals, so we may reach the 40 projects per year accomplishment.

The Town of Cicero's Housing Rehabilitation Program is designed to preserve our existing housing stock and neighborhoods, while assisting property owners to eliminate all property code violations. The program encourages property owners to take responsibility for home maintenance and develop pride in their homes and neighborhoods. These goals are achieved by providing grants through the Housing Rehabilitation Program, which enables property owners to make improvements to mechanical and structural systems and to correct other code violations.

Action to be taken:

The Department of Housing will use \$700,000.00 of its PY2021 CDBG allocation for the Housing rehabilitation Program to assist low-to moderate income owner/occupants of one and two unit residential properties. These programs include:

1. The Home Repair Program, which has a cap of \$4,999, will provide assistance to correct substandard living conditions, address other health and safety hazards and alleviate deficiencies in the structure such as heating, plumbing, and electrical systems. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing will work throughout the next program year to identify a means to deliver and recycle funds to the Town to assist future homeowners in need.

2. The Emergency Heating Assistance Program is aimed at providing financial assistance to low income homeowners of one (1) and (2) unit residential properties in the form of a grant for the purpose of repairing/replacing a defective heating unit which requires immediate action to restore heat for the occupants of the structure. This assistance is provided between October 1st and March 31st. In this time period, approximately 10 residents will be assisted.

3. The Emergency Access Grant for People with Disabilities Program will assist low-moderate income disabled individuals with access to their property in a form of an exterior wheelchair lift, interior chairlift, and or handicap accessibility to eliminate physical barriers which inhibit the use of the dwelling unit by a person with disabilities. The Emergency Access Grant for People with Disabilities Program has been a program in need for the past few years since more individuals need the assistance. During the program year it is anticipated that 4 accessibility projects will be performed.

Lead-based Paint

The Town of Cicero, as with all older communities, contains a large number of dwelling units containing lead based paint. Of these, 22,957 or 93.3% were built prior to 1970; and thus presumed that these dwellings all have lead based paint to some extent. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing has performed lead based paint testing on Home Repair Projects where lead paint may be disturbed. It is anticipated that the Town of Cicero will perform at least 10 lead-based projects to clear any lead-based paint that may have been disturbed during construction.

Action to be taken:

The Town of Cicero has a three-prong attack on the lead hazard problem:

- 1) Continue implementing an education program that provides information on what lead poisoning is, how lead affects children, the importance of screening and methods that individuals may undertake on their own for reducing lead hazards and advising on the effects of good nutrition.

- 2) Before a building containing residential units is sold, it must be brought up to code and all lead hazards abated. The Town of Cicero using both CDBG funds and TIF funds is looking at implementing a program making deferred payment loans, which are to be repaid when the property is sold. If such a program is deemed feasible, it will be implemented in the next program year's Action Plan. This should result in little or no financial hardship for the homeowner. The Town of Cicero will have first lien on the property. This will return funds to the Town of Cicero, which it can recycle to assist other homeowners in need.

- 3) The Town of Cicero will continue to provide CDBG funding necessary to implement a program to identify and abate the sources of lead-based paint. With the implementation of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Reduction regulation under 24 CFR 35 the Town has included Lead- Based Paint Hazard Reduction activities in all its rehabilitation programs. These activities include paint testing, safe work practices, occupant protection, education and clearance testing before re-occupancy.

Needs of Public Housing

The Cicero Housing Authority was established for the purpose of operating and maintaining housing for low-income households. The Federal Government sets the Housing Authority's Program Guidelines. The Housing Authority is funded for 232 units of Section 8 housing. Pursuant to these programs, property owners participating in the programs are allowed to charge fair market rents. Those rents as currently applied, are:

- Efficiency\$ 830
- One - Bedroom\$ 920
- Two - Bedroom\$ 1,060
- Three - Bedroom.....\$ 1,350
- Four - Bedroom\$ 1,610

Participants in the program pay a designated sum pursuant to the terms of the Act and Department of Housing and Urban Development pays the balance. All of the eligible units are filled, and there are currently about 80 households on the waiting list. The Cicero Housing Authority currently serves 196 families, including 20 port-ins.

The Cicero Housing Authority has needs in excess of the vouchers available and estimates that it could use at least an additional 250 vouchers in order to meet the needs of those on the waiting list and others. Within the Town of Cicero, there is no publicly owned housing. No public housing units expected to be demolished. Units utilized within the Section 8 program meet all requirements of this program with regard to the physical conditions of the units. The Town of Cicero and the Cicero Housing Authority have common goals, policies, and strategies to increase the supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing; to decrease the number of people living in poverty; to improve declining neighborhoods; to target the same income categories for assistance; to Re-concentrate low-income families on Section 8; to affirmatively further fair housing goals and analyze the impediments to fair housing; to promote home ownership; and to meet public participation requirements as set forth by HUD. The mission of the Cicero Housing Authority and the Town of Cicero in this Plan is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic development, and a suitable living environment that is free from discrimination.

The Cicero Housing Authority objectives are:

- To increase the supply of Section 8 vouchers, by applying for more vouchers from HUD
- To improve the quality of assisted housing
- To improve the quality of management and customer service
- To increase housing choices by encouraging more landlords to participate
- To promote self-sufficiency by providing more information on social service agencies, and
- To ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing by undertaking measures to ensure access for all.

Currently, the Cicero Housing Authority has made significant progress in an attempt to better meet the needs of residents participating and seeking assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Cicero Housing Authority has begun various initiatives, which are intended to exemplify the mission statement established at the inception of the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV):

The Cicero Housing Authority's mission is to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing conditions for very low-income families and to manage resources efficiently. The Cicero Housing Authority will promote personal,

economic and social upward mobility to provide families the opportunity to make the transition from subsidized to non-subsidized housing.

The Cicero Housing Authority continues to explore the possibility of acquiring the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program, as well as, the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Although participating and acquiring both of these programs is preliminary, the Cicero Housing Authority's objective is two-tiered:

1. To identify household participants that may be capable and willing to transition into non-subsidized housing, while creating and executing a plan of full self-sufficiency.
2. To provide residents the opportunity of realizing the "American Dream" of homeownership.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

Additions to the cost or increases to the regulations upon housing, adds to the expense of purchasing or owning housing. To acquire property whether for rent or for direct occupancy, every person must have a minimum down payment and income sufficient to meet lending institutions loan guidelines. Given the paperwork involved in documenting a loan and obtaining title, the process is generally complex enough to require a purchaser to obtain an attorney to aid in the closing of the loan and the purchase, which only adds to the cost.

Generally a purchaser will require title insurance, a survey, a termite inspection, and in The Town of Cicero, a Town Compliance Certificate is required, in order to purchase and/or sell a property. All these costs can be considered to be subsumed within the purchase price. Once a property is purchased or rented, insurance, taxes, and utilities must be paid and the housing must be maintained, all of which present some level of a barrier to affordable housing.

The Town of Cicero requires an inspection of the property of all homes, prior to the sale, to determine code compliance. This process is done at a minimal expense to offset the cost of the inspection. The properties not "up to code" are cited with a list of code violations, which must be corrected in order to obtain a Certificate of Compliance. The Town of Cicero believes that the minimal cost is outweighed by the benefits of providing safe and sanitary housing that meets minimum codes. The Town of Cicero has adopted the 2009 International Building Code.

All code requirements add to the cost of producing and maintaining homes, but costs are outweighed by the benefits of safe, sanitary housing. Building codes are necessary to ensure some standard and average livability. An example of one of these codes, which is deemed to be essential, is the requirement that every dwelling unit have two (2) safe, unobstructed exits, and the requirement of having smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Likewise, property taxes add to housing costs. In the Town of Cicero, all property is assessed by the Cook County Assessor's Office and the assessed value of the property is multiplied by the sum of the tax rates for all taxing bodies having authority within the corporate limits of The Town of Cicero, to arrive at the annual tax bill. As property values increase, taxes may increase even if the rates do not change. The Town of Cicero has adopted a program of minimizing its tax rate increase at no more than five (5%) percent over the previous year's rate. Commercial and industrial property is taxed at a higher rate than residential and commerce and industry; in effect subsidizing home ownership.

The Town of Cicero also maintains a Zoning Ordinance dividing the Town into eight districts, five of which permit residential uses. Within the residential districts are provisions between single family and multiple family uses. One of the purposes of a Zoning Ordinance is to protect residential uses from commercial and industrial encroachment and to preserve the sanctity of housing districts. The Town of Cicero's building permit process is simplified and user friendly, and permits are issued at a minimal cost designed to offset the cost of the regulatory

process. The Zoning Ordinance is strictly enforced and attempts to intensify the use of residential property are rarely permitted. However, the application process used is simple and the required hearings are promptly scheduled. The Town has struggled to maintain itself as a desirable place to live and believes that all of its codes are necessary in order to further that desire.

The Town conducted a recent Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) report and at its conclusion of this process, the Town of Cicero Department of Housing did identify potential impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The complete Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing is on file, and available for review at the Town of Cicero Department of Housing. The impediments to Fair Housing Choice and the suggested recommendations are:

Impediments to Fair Housing identified through this Analysis are:

- Lack of employee training regarding Fair Housing Laws, and discriminatory practices.
- Lack of Knowledge regarding Fair Housing Laws and Protective Classes.
- Lack of local government/community service agency participation in community outreach regarding/education regarding to Fair Housing.
- Language barriers and information asymmetry an impediment to fair housing.

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing recommends:

- The Town of Cicero Employees should complete Fair Housing Training, to ensure all employees are aware of Fair Housing and Discrimination Laws.
- The Town should sponsor workshops and events on Fair Housing, tailored to renters, purchasers, landlords, local government, and social service workers.
- The Town of Cicero should conduct informative seminars with private business, non-profit agencies, and the public to affirmatively further Fair Housing.
- The Town of Cicero should publish information regarding protective classes, and fair housing laws in their monthly Town News Letter.
- The Town of Cicero needs to ensure that bilingual materials, services, and outreach are available to communities across the state. The Town of Cicero agrees with both their identification of the impediments, and their recommendation.
- The Town of Cicero should have a Certified Fair Housing Investigator; this certification can be received from the National Fair Housing Training Academy.

Impediments to Decent Affordable Housing identified through this analysis are:

- The demand for housing is high in Cicero, but the amount of decent, affordable housing units is not keeping pace with demand.
- The age of Cicero's current housing stock places a greater burden on upkeep and maintenance, thus raising the price of decent housing, and also adding to financial burden from issuance of tickets/violations.
- The Foreclosure crisis may have forced families to "double-up" in homes/apartments.
- Illegal Apartments located in the Town, are impediments to safe, affordable housing.
- Cost-Burden in homeownership is rising in the Town of Cicero.
- Local infrastructure (Streets/Alleys/Sewer) is deteriorating, and with high cost-burden, need to be invested in.
- Town policy of requiring licensed/bonded contractors for most work that can be done by a handy homeowner adds to the cost of maintaining a home in Cicero.

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing recommends:

- The Town needs to perform outreach to educate the public on the safety issues related to illegal apartments.
- The Town needs to strictly enforce zoning and building codes, to ensure illegal apartments are identified and remediated accordingly.
- The Town should expand CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program to include a program for homeowners to correct violations that they receive from the Town of Cicero's Building Department.
- The Town should investigate the possibility of offering a reimbursement incentive through the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program to offer incentives for homeowners to make improvements to their properties.
- Investigate the possibility of offering an incentive program to install energy efficient appliances/windows, insulation, and etcetera in properties.
- Continue, or expand the "Keep Cicero CLEAN" event.
- Increase investments in Town Road and Alley pavement projects, to maintain the safety and livability of our neighborhoods.
- The Town of Cicero should explore additional funding sources, or internally subsidize/offer incentives for a developer to build on all "Town-Owned" property zoned for residential purposes, with a clause that these units be made "affordable", and made available to current Town of Cicero Residents to attempt to alleviate the population density.
- The Town of Cicero through the Comprehensive Plan, should determine community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. This Comprehensive Plan will dictate public policy in terms of transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, infrastructure and housing, and be a cooperative process between local government, the private sector, and the general public.
- The Town of Cicero needs to perform a land-use assessment/needs assessment, to determine creative ways to alleviate the overcrowding issue in regards to people-per-unit, illegal basement apartments, parking congestion, traffic congestion, school congestion, etc...
- The Town Board should work collaboratively with the Building Department to ensure internal policies do not add to the cost burden currently facing the residents of Cicero.

HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative

As a member of the Cook County HOME Consortium, the Town of Cicero is entitled to receive HOME dollars from Cook County as a subrecipient. HOME is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year it allocates approximately \$2 billion among the states and hundreds of localities nationwide. The program was designed to reinforce several important values and principles of community development:

- HOME's flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to their own needs and priorities.
- HOME's emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in the development of affordable housing.
- HOME's technical assistance activities and set-aside for qualified community-based nonprofit housing groups builds the capacity of these partners.
- HOME's requirement that participating jurisdictions (Participating Jurisdictions) match 25 cents of every dollar in program funds mobilizes community resources in support of affordable housing.

HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions. HUD establishes HOME investment trust funds for each grantee, providing a line of credit that the jurisdiction may draw upon as needed. The program's flexibility allows states and local governments to use HOME funds for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancement, or rental assistance or security deposits.

Eligible Activities

Participating jurisdictions may choose among a broad range of eligible activities, using home funds to provide home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers; build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership; or for "other reasonable and necessary expenses related to the development of non-luxury housing," including site acquisition or improvement, demolition of dilapidated housing to make way for home-assisted development, and payment of relocation expenses. Participating Jurisdictions may use home funds to provide tenant-based rental assistance contracts of up to 2 years if such activity is consistent with their Consolidated Plan and justified under local market conditions. This assistance may be renewed and up to 10 percent of the Participating Jurisdictions annual allocation may be used for program planning and administration.

Rental Limitations

Home-assisted rental housing must comply with certain rent limitations. Home rent limits are published each year by HUD. The program also establishes maximum per unit subsidy limits and maximum purchase-price limits.

Special Conditions

Some special conditions apply to the use of HOME funds. Participating Jurisdictions must match every dollar of HOME funds used (except for administrative costs) with 25 cents from nonfederal sources, which may include donated materials or labor, the value of donated property, proceeds from bond financing, and other resources. The match requirement may be reduced if the Participating Jurisdiction is distressed or has suffered a presidentially declared disaster. In addition, participating jurisdictions must reserve at least 15 percent of their allocations to fund housing to be owned, developed, or sponsored by experienced, community-driven nonprofit groups designated as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Participating jurisdictions must ensure that HOME-funded housing units remain affordable in the long term (20 years for new construction of rental housing; 5-15 years for construction of HOME ownership housing and housing rehabilitation, depending on the amount of HOME subsidy). Participating jurisdictions have two years to commit funds (including reserving funds for CHDOs) and five years to spend funds.

As of today, no applications for funding have been approved by Cook County. The Town of Cicero will continue to investigate ways to secure needed HOME funding.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing is in the close out stage of its NSP1 grant. Outcomes of NSP1 will be reported in the Town of Cicero's CAPER. The Town of Cicero has met 99% of the obligation, and is currently using the remaining funds towards the demolition of slum and blighted homes targeted by the Town of Cicero Building Department. The Town has already demolished four (4) homes using NSP funds, and anticipates on demolished approximately two (2) more slum and blighted homes to exhaust the remaining funds on this grant. It is anticipated during this program year that once these funds are exhausted, the Town will receive technical assistance to get final clearance towards close out of this grant.

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing is only carrying out this demo activity with NSP funds. Down Payment Assistance and Rehabilitation Assistance is no longer offered through the NSP. The Town of Cicero has determined the most appropriate use of NSP Dollars is to use the remaining amount towards the demolition of blighted property.

Program Summary

Previously the Town of Cicero's NSP Program was established to assist low to middle income homebuyers with the purchase of a Town-Owned NSP Redeveloped home, while attempting to stabilize the Town during the foreclosure crisis throughout the country. The program also attempted to draw interest in home-ownership, and to sustain property values. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing administers the program.

In addition, to maximize the effectiveness of the NSP Program as a vehicle for enhancing affordability, borrowers pay no current principal or interest on the second mortgage for as long as they own their home. A mortgage in which payment is deferred is also known as a "silent second" mortgage. There is no interest calculated on the amount borrowed.

Loan principal is due and payable upon a variety of conditions or circumstances, the most common one being the sale or transfer of the home.

The Town of Cicero left a subsidy in the property purchased to ensure the new homes were affordable to the homebuyer. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing staff will calculate the specific amount of the subsidy at the time of offer acceptance.

Example 1: A Pre-Approved Applicant makes an offer of \$175,000.00 on a Town-Owned NSP Redevelopment Property. The Town of Cicero calculates that a 20% subsidy will ensure affordability in the property. At closing, the applicant will sign a "silent second" mortgage with the Town for \$35,000.00 which will be secured by a lien. The new homeowner will only be required to make monthly mortgage payments for the remaining balance of \$140,000.00

Housing purchased with NSP funds under this program must remain the principal place of residence of the borrower for a minimum period of time as defined by the amount of NSP funds invested and as shown below:

NSP Funds Invested Minimum Period of Affordability

New Construction: 20 years

- Year 5 – 25%
- Year 10 – 25%
- Year 15 – 25%
- Year 20 – 25%

Rehabilitated Property: 10 years

- Year 6 – 20%
- Year 7 – 20%
- Year 8 – 20%
- Year 9 – 20%
- Year 10 – 20%

Failure of the borrower to occupy the NSP-assisted unit as his or her principal place of residence for the applicable period shall cause the NSP loan to become immediately due and payable.

As of this Annual Action Plan process, 12 homeowners who purchased NSP homes have completed their time in the program and their liens have been released. Three (3) homeowners unfortunately lost their homes and one homeowner is currently in the Period of Affordability of the program. The Town has also sold a vacant lot that was purchased using NSP funds, and these funds have been receipted and will be used as Program Income towards the demo properties.

Eligible Property

Only Town-Owned NSP-Acquired and Redeveloped properties listed for sale are eligible for Redevelopment Program Subsidies.

Estimated Number of Units

Over the course of PY2021, the Town of Cicero Department of Housing will estimate to demolish approximately two (2) properties targeted as slum and blight by the Town of Cicero Building Department.

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

The Town of Cicero is part of Cook County HOME Consortium. Therefore, in preparing Cicero's 5 Year Consolidated Plan all issues relating to housing are subsumed by Cook County's 5 Year Consolidated Plan, which run concurrent with Cicero's - October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024. Cook County has prepared the County's Plan on behalf of, and with the assistance of, non-entitlement municipalities and the entitlement communities of Cicero and Berwyn. These jurisdictions make up the Cook County Consortium. Cook County is the official grantee, which receives the federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds from HUD on behalf of the Cook County Consortium. Cook County is responsible for the overall administration, planning, monitoring and reporting requirements for these programs. The following is taken from Cook County's 5 Year Consolidated Plan and updated with new data as available with the assistance from the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County:

Homelessness

One major responsibility of any locality is to ensure the health, welfare and safety of its residents. Planning is essential to coordinate the use of all available resources to aid in the eradication of homelessness in Suburban Cook County. A Homeless person is a person who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. To be considered or qualify as a Homeless person, an individual or family must be 1) Literally homeless; 2) At imminent risk of homelessness; 3) Homeless under other federal statutes; and 4) Fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence. There are limited emergency shelters, transitional housing facilities, safe havens and permanent supportive housing units in suburban Cook County to help aid homeless persons.

The primary purpose for an Emergency Shelter is to provide temporary shelter for a homeless person or family/household. Transitional Housing programs provide people experiencing homelessness a place to stay combined with supportive services for up to 24 months. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) provides housing (project and tenant based) and supportive services on a long term basis to formerly homeless people. HUD McKinney Vento funded programs require that the clients have a disability for program eligibility, and therefore, the majority of homeless persons in PSH have disabilities.

The most recent Point in time or PIT Survey for the Homeless population taken in Suburban Cook County was conducted on January 29, 2020. A total of 846 homeless persons were counted on that date. This is 51 less than last count's total of 897. From the 846 total homeless persons, almost all were housed in emergency shelters, transitional shelters, permanent supportive housing, or safe havens. There were a total of 118 homeless persons who were unsheltered. Any homeless persons with disabilities are housed in PSH.

According to the PIT Survey, a total of 36 homeless persons are Veterans. Of those 36 veterans, only 3 were unsheltered. 34 Veterans were male and 2 were female. All veterans were counted without children. There are 91 homeless persons reported to have a serious mental illness, and 55 are reported to have suffered or suffer

from substance use disorder. There are 8 adult homeless persons reported to have HIV/AIDS, and 106 adult homeless persons are reported to be survivors of domestic violence.

The Continuum of Care's Survey Research Process

92% of the data for the homeless count is taken from the point in time homeless count or PIT Count, and 8% is taken from shelter surveys. The PIT Homeless Count, which includes both sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations, is taken on one (1) single night during the last week of January and is conducted biennially. The process is mandated by HUD and is used as a data source in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress. The PIT count for Suburban Cook County was taken on January 29, 2020.

Sheltered Homeless Count

The Continuum of Care has identified an inventory of homeless housing providers that are made up of emergency shelters, transitional shelters, safe havens, permanent supporting housing, rapid re-housing, and other permanent housing. For this report, only the data from transitional housing, emergency shelters and permanent supporting housing taken from the PIT Count, was used.

The following table represents a brief summary of the Emergency Shelter system site name, location, bed capacities, and persons housed on the date of the Cook county Continuum of Care PIT Survey.

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAMS						
ES Program Provider Name	CoC Region (CBSA)	Beds for Households W/Children	Units for Households W/Children	Beds for Households W/O Children	Total Year-Round Beds	Point-in-Time Homeless Count
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	South	12	4	0	12	0
B.E.D.S. Plus Care, Inc.	West	0	0	0	0	78
Bethel Family Resource Center	South	0	0	0	0	36
Connections for the Homeless	North			18	18	16
Crisis Center for South Suburbia	South	25	1	10	35	30
Family Promise North Shore	North	14	4		14	11
Housing Forward/PADS	West	0	0	0	0	61
Housing Forward	West	6	2	4	10	10
Interfaith Action of Evanston	North					36
Journeys/The Road Home	North					81
Pillars Community Health	West	15	4	3	18	16
South Suburban PADS	South	0	0	0	0	57
The Harbour Inc.	North	0	0	5	10	3
Way Back Inn	West			6	6	0
Wings Program Inc.	North	30	10	5	35	31
YMCA Evanston/North Shore	North	24	8	8	32	24

The following table represents a brief summary of the Transitional Housing programs site name, location, bed capacities, and persons housed on the date of the Cook county Continuum of Care Point PIT Survey.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SHELTER PROGRAMS						
TH Program Provider Name	CoC Region (CBSA)	Beds for Households W/Children	Units for Households W/Children	Beds for Households W/O Children	Total Year-Round Beds	Point-in-Time Homeless Count
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	South	0	0	4	4	3
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	South			8	8	8
B.E.D.S. Plus Care, Inc.	West	14	4		14	8
Catholic Charities	North	24	8	0	24	14
CEDA Bloom Rich	West			12	12	6
Connections for the Homeless	North			2	2	2
Connections for the Homeless	North			2	2	2
Connections for the Homeless	North			4	4	4
Crisis Center for South Suburbia	South	23	11	7	30	30
Heartland Alliance Health	West	0	0	5	5	5
Northwest Compass, Inc.	North	16	5	3	19	16
South Suburban Family Shelter	South	29	10		29	29
The Harbour Inc.	North	16	8		16	13
The Harbour Inc.	North			9	9	8
The Harbour Inc.	North			6	6	2
WINGS Program Inc.	North	3	1		3	3
WINGS Program Inc.	North	6	2	0	6	6
WINGS Program Inc.	North	58	22	0	58	58

The following table represents a brief summary of the Permanent Supportive Housing programs site locations, bed capacities, and persons housed on the date of the Cook county Continuum of Care Point Prevalence Survey.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS						
PSH Program Provider Name	CoC Region (CBSA)	Beds for Households W/Children	Units for Households W/Children	Beds for Households W/O Children	Total Year-Round Beds	Point-in-Time Homeless Count
B.E.D.S Plus Care, Inc.	West			20	20	15
Catholic Charities	North			19	19	17
Catholic Charities	North	29	9	3	32	30
Connections for the Homeless	North	67	19	2	69	69
Connections for the Homeless	North			34	34	33
Heartland Alliance Health	West	14	4	13	27	27
Housing Authority of Cook County	ALL	214	54	557	771	609
Housing Forward	West	30	6	70	100	79
Housing Forward	West	29	7	72	101	97
Housing Forward	West	21	7	68	89	76
Housing Opportunity Dev. Corp.	North			7	7	7
IBHP Housing Options	North			10	10	7
IBHP Housing Options	North			26	26	25
Interdependant Living Solutions Center	South			10	10	8
Northwest Compass, Inc.	North	0	0	12	12	12
Respond Now	South			12	12	11
South Suburban PADS	South			16	16	15
South Suburban PADS	South	14	4	4	18	14
South Suburban PADS	South	2	1	26	28	8
Thresholds Inc.	North			34	34	31
Thresholds Inc.	North	8	2		8	8
Together We Cope	South	18	5		18	18
WINGS Program Inc.	North	17	6	4	21	21
YWCA Evanston/North Shore	North	17	7	8	25	24

Homeless Demographic Data and Subpopulations

The Cook County’s Continuum of Care homeless Count taken on January 29, 2020, produced some of the most accurate data to date. This is primarily due thanks to participation of community partners and a more focused methodology of the Count Coordinators. As previously stated, 92% of the data for the Homeless Count is taken from the point in time homeless count (PIT), and 8% is taken from Shelter Surveys. The PIT Count includes the data from both sheltered and unsheltered persons. A total of 846 Homeless persons were counted, and from the 846 homeless persons, almost all were sheltered. There was a total of 118 homeless persons unsheltered. A total of 36 homeless persons were veterans. There were 91 adult homeless persons reported to have a Serious Mental Illness and 55 adult homeless persons have suffered or suffer from Substance Use Disorder, which is also known as Drug Use Disorder. This means that the homeless person is suffering from a medical condition in which the use of 1 or more substances leads to a clinically significant impairment or distress. Also, a total of 8 adult homeless persons were reported to have HIV/AIDS, and 106 adult homeless persons were Survivors of Domestic Violence.

Out of the 846 homeless persons counted, there were 292 that were considered households or families with children. The number of children under the age of 18 was reported at 180. A total of 75 persons were between the ages of 18 and 24 years, and 591 homeless persons were over the age of 24 years. There is a total of 49 unaccompanied youth. According to the PIT Count, a total of 343 homeless persons were female and 502 were male. Only 1 person identified as transgender.

It is estimated that the total number counted is less than actual number of homeless persons out there in the streets. This could be due to the unique characteristics of Suburban Cook County. Suburban Cook County is made up of vast urban, residential and rural areas. Some undeveloped areas such as forest preserve become “Camp grounds” of sorts for homeless persons and could create a very dangerous atmosphere for count volunteers without the escort of law enforcement.

The McKinney-Vento homeless Assistance Program refers to a set of federal programs that were created by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Those programs administered by HUD are The Emergency Solutions Grant or ESG and the Continuum of Care or CoC. The McKinney-Vento programs provide outreach, shelter, transitional housing, supportive services, short- and medium-term rent subsidies, and permanent housing for people experiencing homelessness and in some cases for people at risk of homelessness. Funding is distributed by formula to jurisdictions for the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program, and competitively for the Continuum of Care (CoC) process. HUD requires that the clients have a disability for McKinney–Vento funded programs in order to be eligible, so the majority of homeless persons in Permanent Supportive Housing have disabilities.

The following chart shows the organizations and their projects that may or may not receive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance and the PIT Count of beds that are available year round in each:

Organization	Project Name	McKinney-Vento	Beds Year Round
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	On your own Emergency Shelter	No	12
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	Homeless Youth Program	No	4
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	Independent Place	Yes	8

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B.E.D.S. Plus Care, Inc.	Emergency Overnight	Yes	0
B.E.D.S. Plus Care, Inc.	LATH	No	14
B.E.D.S Plus Care, Inc.	Ogden Avenue Supportive Housing	No	20
Bethel Family Resource Center	G.R.I.P.P: Grooming Races in Poverty Places	Yes	0
Catholic Charities	New Hope Apartments-First Stage	No	24
Catholic Charities	NorthWest PSH Partnership	Yes	19
Catholic Charities	NHA-Family PSH	Yes	32
CEDA Bloom Rich	South Suburban Housing Initiative	Yes	12
Connections for the Homeless	Hilda's Place Emergency Shelter	No	18
Connections for the Homeless	Family Supportive Housing	Yes	69
Connections for the Homeless	PSH Individuals Evanston	Yes	34
Connections for the Homeless	Our House	No	2
Connections for the Homeless	Bridges to Home	No	2
Connections for the Homeless	Our House RHY TLP	No	4
Crisis Center for South Suburbia	Crisis Center for South Suburbia- TH	No	30
Crisis Center for South Suburbia	Crisis Center for South Suburbia Emergency Shelter	Yes	35
Family Promise North Shore	Family Shelter	No	14
Heartland Alliance Health	HAH Shelter Plus Care	Yes	27
Heartland Alliance Health	Transitional Scattered Sites	No	5
Housing Authority of Cook County	VASH Vouchers	No	771

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Housing Forward	PADS	Yes	0
Housing Forward	Sojourner House	No	10
Housing Forward	Open Door Housing	Yes	100
Housing Forward	Project West Cook Housing Initiative Partnership(WCHIP)	Yes	101
Housing Forward	WIN Supportive Housing	Yes	89
Housing Opportunity Dev. Corp.	Claridge Apartments	No	7
IBHP Housing Options	Claire/Ganey Houses	Yes	10
IBHP Housing Options	Pathways	Yes	26
Interfaith Action of Evanston	Emergency Shelter	No	
Interdependant Living Solutions Center	Genesis Place	Yes	10
Journeys/The Road Home	Emergency Shelter (Seasonal)	Yes	
Northwest Compass, Inc.	Community Family Homes Initiative I	Yes	19
Northwest Compass, Inc.	Community Family Homes Initiative IV	Yes	12
Pillars Community Health	Constance Morris House	Yes	18
South Suburban Family Shelter	The Sanctuary	Yes	29
Respond Now	Responding With Care	Yes	12
South Suburban PADS	PADS	Yes	0
South Suburban PADS	CCH Wellness Center	Yes	16
South Suburban PADS	NSP	No	18
South Suburban PADS	Southland Supporting Housing	Yes	28
The Harbour Inc.	Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter	Yes	10

The Harbour Inc.	STEP	No	16
The Harbour Inc.	Youth In Transition	No	9
The Harbour Inc.	Youth In Transition Phase 2	No	6
Thresholds Inc.	Esperanza	Yes	34
Thresholds Inc.	Family Project (fka PHHH)	No	8
Together We Cope	Families First PSH	Yes	18
Way Back Inn	HCHV/CERS Homeless Veterans Housing	No	6
Wings Program Inc.	Safe House	Yes	35
WINGS Program Inc.	Can-Dota Apartments-LCMM	No	3
WINGS Program Inc.	McCabe House Shared Living	No	6
WINGS Program Inc.	Transitional Housing	Yes	58
WINGS Program Inc.	Permanent Housing Program	Yes	21
YMCA Evanston/ North Shore	YMCA Domestic Violence Services Emergency Shelter	Yes	32
YMCA Evanston/ North Shore	Permanent Supportive Housing	No	25

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)

The Town of Cicero will be receiving an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) for Program Year 2021 (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022) in the amount of \$145,250.00, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This grant will be used to address the needs for homeless prevention in the Town of Cicero. Homelessness is an area of focus for the Town of Cicero. The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (the Alliance) is the nonprofit organization responsible for planning and coordinating homeless services and housing options in suburban Cook County and leads the local Continuum of Care (CoC). The Alliance, as the CoC, coordinates annual funding applications for and distribution of HUD Shelter Plus Care and Supportive Housing Program dollars to address the needs of homeless persons, and those at risk of homelessness throughout suburban Cook County. The Alliance recently completed a strategic plan, providing a comprehensive look at homeless trends in suburban Cook County. The Alliance found that while homelessness is predominantly an issue afflicting single-individuals, a growing share of the homeless population is in families. More than 1/5 of those who are homeless suffer from Serious Mental Illness and about 12% struggle with Substance Use Disorder. If all people in suburban Cook County who are residing in “doubled-up” living situations (e.g., living with relatives or friends typically temporarily) were considered homeless, the number of homeless would be far higher.

The Alliance’s plan emphasizes the role that structural factors such as housing costs and employment opportunities play a role in homelessness trends. Nearly 13% of the known homeless population in suburban Cook County is considered chronically homeless, meaning he or she has been homeless for an extended period of time or has cycled in and out of homelessness repeatedly. Over 11% are veterans, and over 10% are leaving domestic violence situations. A substantial share has a disability, such as substance use (17%) or a mental illness (21%). When the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness in the county were surveyed, nearly ½ reported having spent time in a jail or prison in the past.

Since the inception of the Alliance, the supply of permanent supportive housing has quadrupled, while chronic homelessness has decreased by almost ⅔. These trends can be attributed to a number of factors, including the

success of the national 100,000 Homes Campaign and stimulus funding for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing. As a result, one of the Alliance’s main goals is ending chronic homelessness in suburban Cook.

The Cook County Consortium and the Alliance have an existing strong partnership related to homeless programming, funding, and special initiatives. During the development of this plan, the Town of Cicero consulted with the Alliance to determine the needs of homeless persons or persons at risk of homelessness. This consultation and coordination will continue throughout implementation.

Homeless Strategy

The Town of Cicero will work closely with the suburban Cook Continuum of Care (CoC) and its lead agency, the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County (the Alliance), to align our use of ESG with the CoC’s efforts. The Town of Cicero collaborates with the Alliance to set targets for the use of ESG funding by ESG component. The Town also emphasizes the outcome-focused performance standards that have been developed in consultation with the CoC during our annual ESG application process and as we monitor Subrecipients throughout each program year. The Town will support specific homeless activities.

Homeless Prevention.....	\$ 30,450.00
Rapid Re-Housing.....	\$ 75,000.00
Street Outreach.....	\$ 12,000.00
Emergency Shelter.....	\$ 17,000.00
Administration.....	\$ 10,800.00

PROGRAM COST TOTALS.....\$ 145,250.00

- 1) Street Outreach is directed toward finding people experiencing homelessness who might not use shelter or services. It includes building relationships, checking on and monitoring clients’ welfare, assessing vulnerability, linking to services, and providing follow-up case management to ensure successful linkage to services. Outreach is a critical first step in connecting chronically homeless people with the services they need and reducing the length of time they spend homeless. This is a challenge as a result of limited resources available to support such services. The Alliance has been making strides in expanding outreach, and through the work of the Alliance staff and street outreach providers, the Town will focus in partnership towards increasing the geographic coverage of street outreach and securing adequate resources for street outreach.

- 2) Emergency shelters in suburban Cook County are largely operated on a seasonal basis, in rotating congregations and staffed primarily through volunteers. They operate within a funding and practice context that is moving away from using shelters as a housing solution and with growing recognition that, for many people who end up in shelters, their homelessness could have been prevented in the first place. In order to respond to this context and to meet the goals of reducing how many people enter the homeless system, the Alliance will focus on strengthening assessment and referral practices to connect people to housing as quickly as possible and divert emergency shelter stays whenever possible.

- 3) Homelessness prevention activities are designed to reduce the number of people who become homeless for the first time. Activities include short or medium-term financial assistance and services as well as tenant and legal services. In addition it includes systems prevention efforts with institutions that may discharge people without stable housing lined up. A newly emerging area of prevention work is identifying the situations that make a person most likely to become homeless and intentionally targeting households with those situations. This reinforces the importance of assessment in the process.

- Transitional housing is itself going through a transition across the nation. Through research and the emergence of newer housing and service models, it is becoming clearer that transitional housing should prioritize individuals and families going through transitional periods in their lives. Their service needs are acute but not indefinite. Examples include survivors of domestic violence, people in recovery or in treatment, and young adults with a history of child welfare involvement. In order to create the right mix of housing types for those within the homeless system and to promote housing stability and success, the Alliance will focus on redefining the role of transitional housing within local housing continuum and developing alternative funding and service models for transitional housing. The Town of Cicero will participate in and support these efforts as appropriate.
 - Permanent supportive housing is broadly understood to effectively end homelessness for those with disabilities, especially chronically homeless individuals and families. The expansion of permanent supportive housing has been a core feature of the Alliance's work since its inception. The 150 Homes campaign has reached new people and established processes to get chronically homeless off the streets quickly and housed permanently. In short, persons who are assessed and score low will be provided with services only. Those who score in the middle will be targeted with rapid re-housing, and those who score high will be targeted for permanent supportive housing. The Alliance has been working very closely with the Veterans Administration on this initiative. Moreover, the Alliance believes that ending chronic homelessness is attainable in suburban Cook County with more newly created and newly targeted permanent housing. The Alliance will also focus on ensuring that permanent supportive housing targets populations with intensive service needs, those who experience long-term homelessness, those who are vulnerable, and those who are the hardest to house. The Town of Cicero will participate in and support these efforts as appropriate.
- 4) Rapid re-housing, short to medium term rental assistance with limited services, is the newest player in terms of interventions on the housing continuum targeted at people experiencing homelessness. While it has many features similar to transitional housing, in rapid re-housing the assistance is temporary but the housing is meant to be permanent. The rapid re-housing programs in suburban Cook County are small given the limited amount of funds available. The Alliance sees rapid re-housing as a key tool to shorten the duration of homelessness, and through staff leadership and the work of many committees and providers, the Alliance will focus on increasing rapid re-housing capacity, ensuring that rapid re-housing targets populations with low to moderate service needs, and developing standards and procedures for rapid re-housing.
- 5) Administration – Up to 7.5 % of the ESG funds can be used for administrative activities. These activities include general management, oversight, and coordination on reporting on the program.

Under the 2021 Annual Action Plan, the Town of Cicero will aim to address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons through the deployment of ESG resources to agencies that provide said housing options as noted.

Additionally, The Town of Cicero will be committed to helping homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living as well as to shorten the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness. To shorten the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, the Town of Cicero will support rapid-re-housing assistance that helps participants quickly obtain and sustain stable housing through the ESG program.

The Town of Cicero will enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Cook County to administer this ESG grant. Cook County will be a subrecipient to the Town of Cicero and will administer the ESG funding appropriately while submitting the required reporting documentation pertaining to the grant.

Community Development

As part of the development of the Town of Cicero's 5-year Consolidated Plan, the Town identified community development needs that directly and indirectly impact housing. Only a limited amount of CDBG funds will be used for these improvements. The remaining funds necessary to complete these improvements will come from motor fuel tax monies, TIF monies, the Town of Cicero's general operating fund, and a possible bond issue.

The Town of Cicero has also made a commitment to the redevelopment of its commercial and industrial areas. Historically, the Town of Cicero has been a blue collar and industrial community and at one time was the largest exporter of heavy, industrial goods in the State of Illinois outside of the City of Chicago. During the 1980's, many of the Town's largest industrial plants ceased operations. In 1985, in response to the loss of industry, the Town of Cicero began to develop and implement strategies for economic development that included the adoption of a Tax Increment Financing District. The Town of Cicero continues to identify sites, which are appropriate for redevelopment, and offers incentives to businesses and industries that desire to relocate to the Town of Cicero, or expand current operations and increase the employment opportunities available within the Town. The Town of Cicero desires to continue its efforts to develop and redevelop both commercial and industrial areas within its corporate limits.

There is a need for additional affordable housing for the entire population of Cicero; in particular: the elderly, handicapped, low-income, and other special needs populations. The Town of Cicero has provided many programs to help low-income homeowners with repairs needed on their homes, including roofs, windows, tuck pointing and concrete work. These programs have helped low-to-moderate income homeowners throughout the years to maintain their homes they otherwise would have difficulty in paying for the repairs.

Recently the Town of Cicero accepted applications from Social Service Agencies and other local Non-Profit Agencies. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing received 10 completed applications in total. These 10 applications requested \$411,295.00 in Public Service activities, and \$597,000.00 in Public Facility projects. The Town of Cicero Department of Housing reviewed all applications for HUD activity eligibility and feasibility. The Town of Cicero was able to include most of the applicants in this year's budget, and fund their Public Service activities for PY2021. In addition, there was a demand for Public Facility funds being requested, totaling \$597,000. The Public Facility funds being requested would go towards infrastructure work on dilapidated alleys throughout the Town.

HUD eligibility was not the only consideration. Following the 5-year Consolidated Plan's priorities/objectives was also taken into consideration. The Priorities/Objectives are:

1. Priority 1: Housing
 - 14A Single Family Rehabilitation
 - 14H Rehabilitation Administration
2. Priority 2: Lead Hazard Reduction
 - 14I Lead-Based/Lead Hazard Test/Abatement
3. Priority 3: Service to Non-Homeless Persons with Special Needs
 - 05 Public Services
 - 05A Senior Services
 - 05B Handicapped Services
 - 05D Youth Services

- 05L Child Care Services
 - 05M Health Services
 - 05O Mental Health Services
4. Priority 4: Improvements to Public Facilities
- 03 Public Facility and Improvements
 - 03B Handicapped Centers
 - 03K Street Improvements
5. Priority 5: Program Administration

PY2021 Agencies Contacted

#	Agency Name
1	The Boys Club of Cicero
2	CEDA
3	Children’s Center of Cicero-Berwyn
4	Cicero Youth Commission
5	Community Chest of Cicero
6	Community Support Services
7	Corazon Community Services
8	Family Service & Mental Health Center of Cicero
9	The President's Office for Literacy
10	Sarah's Inn
11	UCP Seguin Services(United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago)
12	TOC – Clerk's Office/Alley Repavements

PY2021 Applications Received

PY2021 Applications Received					
#	Name of Agency	Date Sent	Date Rcvd	Public Service	Public Facility
1	Boys Club of Cicero	4/6/2021	4/8/2021	\$ 30,000.00	
2	CEDA	4/14/2021	4/20/2021	\$ 10,000.00	
3	Community Support Services	4/12/2021	4/21/2021	\$ 20,500.00	
4	Children's Center	3/23/2021	4/22/2021	\$ 36,195.00	
5	Corazon Community Services	4/19/2021	4/22/2021	\$ 30,000.00	
6	Cicero Youth Commission	4/19/2021	4/22/2021	\$ 80,000.00	
7	President's Office of Literacy	3/25/2021	4/7/2021	\$ 100,000.00	
8	Family Services	3/22/2021	4/22/2021	\$ 67,000.00	
9	UCP Seguin Services	3/22/2021	4/15/2021	\$ 37,600.00	
10	TOC Alleys	4/19/2021	4/21/2021		\$ 597,000.00

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The following lists are the Proposed CDBG Projects that will be funded with CDBG funds to help continue The Town of Cicero's Community Development needs. The Town of Cicero also uses HUD's Performance Measurement Outcome Statements for each project of a Program Year.

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Project	Agency	Project Description	Priority	Performance	Service Area	Budget
2021-0001	Town of Cicero	General Administration	5	N/A	Town-Wide	28,000.00
2021-0001	Town of Cicero	Admin Staff Salaries	5	N/A	Town-Wide	315,000.00
2021-0002	Town of Cicero	Housing Rehab Program	1	DH-3	Town-Wide	250,000.00
2021-0002	Town of Cicero	Housing Staff Salaries	1	N/A	Town-Wide	350,000.00
2021-0002	Town of Cicero	Emergency Heat Program	1	DH-1	Town-Wide	50,000.00
2021-0002	Town of Cicero	Accessibility Program	1	DH-1	Town-Wide	50,000.00
2021-0003	Town of Cicero	Lead Hazard Reduction	2	DH-3	Town-Wide	85,000.00
Total						\$1,128,000.00

Public Service						
Project	Agency	Project Description	Priority	Performance	Service Area	Current Budget
2021-0004	Boys Club	After-School Program	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	30,000.00
2021-0005	Children's Center	Day Care Services	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	32,000.00
2021-0006	Youth Commission	After-School Program	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	67,000.00
2021-0007	Family Services	Mental Health Services	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	65,000.00
2021-0008	Literacy Program	Youth Program	3	SL-3	Town-Wide	40,000.00
2021-0009	CEDA	Housing Counseling	3	DH-3	Town-Wide	10,000.00
2021-0010	Community Support Services	Handicapped Services	3	SL-1	Town-Wide	20,000.00
Total						\$264,000.00

Public Facilities						
Project	Agency	Project Description	Priority	Performance	Service Area	Current Budget
2021-0011	Town of Cicero	Alley Repavements	4	SL-3	Town-Wide	372,849.00
Total						\$372,849.00
Total Entitlement						\$1,764,849.00

Antipoverty Strategy

The Town of Cicero's strategy to eliminate poverty is to assist persons and households to obtain and keep employment. Through a general assistance program, the Town provides income maintenance and food distribution tied to participation in vocational training and job searches. Through its economic development function, the Town tends to create new employment and encourage businesses to use Cicero residents as a first source for its labor needs.

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

Services to this particular population require the coordination and collaboration of both governmental and non-for-profit agencies. Persons served include the developmentally disabled, the mentally ill, victims of domestic violence, victims of sexual abuse, and youths in need of daycare services, after school programs, summer programs, and cultural awareness programs.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

Not Applicable

Rationale for Geographic Distribution of Assistance

The Town of Cicero does not specifically target any particular area for CDBG assistance. As seen from the Town of Cicero's Census Tract Data, all but one (1) census tract have low/mod concentrations greater than 50%. Using this information, The Town of Cicero has adopted the policy to offer CDBG assistance "Town Wide". If demographics change within the boundaries or Town of Cicero, the local government will revisit this policy and amend as needed, to ensure those who need assistance most will benefit from the programs offered.

Under-served Needs

Funding seems to be the largest obstacle for under-served needs, as well as building collaborative relationships with outside agencies.

The Town of Cicero's Grant Writer is working closely with the Department of Housing and will be able to determine the unmet needs in order to apply for outside funding. The Grant Writer will also be instrumental in developing our next strategic plan, and performing a local needs assessment.

The Town of Cicero Department of Housing CDBG staff continues to work on building collaborative relationships with outside agencies such as PADS, the Continuum of Care, Cook County, and neighboring communities.

Forming collaborative relationships will allow all parties to strategically plan, and take a proactive approach to issues rather a reactive stance. Needs are not isolated to individual communities, and most issues tend to be regional. By forming regional relationships, communities can share success stories, and learn from one another.

XI. CERTIFICATIONS/Applications

- 1. Form SF-424-Application for Federal Assistance**
- 2. Certifications**

XII. EXHIBITS

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