



# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

## **2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

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# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan is a one-year document outlining community needs, market trends, strategic goals, and funding allocations for federal funding received from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This document is a requirement by HUD, directly related to the City of Walla Walla's receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

The City of Walla Walla's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2026 Annual Action Plan (Plan) outlines the objectives and outcomes identified through extensive data analysis and public participation. The Plan presents an outline of community needs and a market analysis addressing housing, homelessness, special needs populations, and community and economic development. The purpose of the Plan is to provide a roadmap to guide the city in allocating CDBG resources to high-level priority needs, identified and prioritized by the CDBG Advisory Board and approved by City Council. Funding levels are expected to be approximately \$2 million by 2028, completing our 5-year Consolidated Plan timeline.

The 2026 CDBG allocation will address the three goals identified in the 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan:

- Affordable and Accessible Housing
- Community Development
- Basic and Economic Needs

### **Below information will be updated within final Annual Action Plan, following final funding allocation:**

The funding levels shown in this draft Plan demonstrate estimated amounts based on previous year allocations. The final plan will increase or decrease the funding amounts to the Affordable and Accessible Housing and Community Development goals to match the actual allocation provided to the City. The Affordable and Accessible Housing goal will adjust the award to fund one building abatement rather than the two currently budgeted. Additionally, the Community Development goal will receive decreased project funding, dependent on final allocation.

### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

**Please refer to the graph below.**

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

This is the third year of the City of Walla Walla's 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan. Projects were developed based on community needs and in response to the findings of the needs assessment, market analysis, resident participation, and project proposals from partnering entities. Projects that have responded to the current Consolidated Plan's above mentioned goals include:

- Park infrastructure improvements including a sidewalk connectivity project, ADA ramp installation, and capping of a retired pool
- Construction of public facilities for community needs, contributing to the Christian Aid Center Rebuild project
- A case management program for homeless individuals and individuals in danger of being homeless

These projects successfully met the needs of our community at both household and community levels.

Due to unforeseen challenges, most Program Year 2025 activities did not move forward but are now anticipated to move forward in 2026.

However, the Neighborhood Cleanup project was successful in 2025, successfully bringing resources from across City departments into a community, building relationship and trust, and ultimately removing more than 32,000 pounds of trash from one neighborhood. City staff identified this as an effective use of funds, strategically targeting neighborhoods with the greatest physical and financial need while fostering positive engagement between residents and City staff.

Projects that were not able to move forward in 2025 will move forward in 2026. These include homeowner repair activities, homeowner assistance, an early learning outdoor area, and public services for unhoused residences.

Homeowner assistance is a new project for the City of Walla Walla CDBG, and foundational procedures and documents were put into place in 2025. The homeowner repair activity is being implemented as a pilot, for the first time being overseen entirely by City staff. As a result, new documents, partnerships, and procedures were developed in 2025.

Finally, City priorities identified in plans that align with CDBG priority goals were researched and advanced from concept toward implementation.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The resident participation and consultation process were guided by the CDBG Resident Participation Plan. Entities that were consulted in the development of the Consolidated Plan were either contacted via email, survey participation, telephone, Zoom, or in-person meetings. The list of participating organizations is as follows:

- Baker Boyer Bank
- Blue Mountain Action Council
- Blue Mountain Community Foundation
- Blue Mountain Heart 2 Heart
- Catholic Charities
- CDBG Advisory Board Group
- City of College Place
- City of Walla Walla Departments
- Coldwell Banker Walla Walla
- Communities in Schools Blue Mountain Region
- Community Council
- Community Resilience Initiative
- Craft3
- Downtown Foundation
- Early Learning Coalition
- Hope Street
- Joe's Place
- Juvenile Rehabilitation
- Port of Walla Walla
- Power House Theatre Walla Walla
- Premier Mortgage Resources
- Providence Health and Services - Washington
- Residents of low-income neighborhoods
- STAR Project
- Sustainable Living Center
- The Health Center
- Walla Walla Community College
- Walla Walla County Department of Community Health

- Walla Walla Homeless Alliance
- Walla Walla Housing Authority
- Walla Walla Public Schools
- Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Walla Walla Valley Disability Network
- Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Walla Walla Valley Transit
- Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families
- YMCA
- YWCA

## 5. Summary of public comments

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

Input gathered during the development of the 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan came from public meetings, focus groups, and a dot survey shared during community parties located in three of the four city wards.

The full summary of comments can be found in the 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan, Section PR-15 Citizen Participation and within the Citizen Participation Comments Attachment, pages 147-157.

Five priority needs identified in this outreach include:

- Housing Needs
- Mental Health Services
- Homelessness and Support Services
- Childcare and Youth Services
- Public Facilities

The public hearing for the Draft 2026 Annual Action Plan was held on March 25, 2026.

**X comment was received from XXX, saying XXX.**

The 30-day public comment period was from February 21, 2026 through March 25, 2026.

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

Some comments were not accepted due to the inability of the CDBG program to address them, including:

- Improve snow and ice removal from streets
- Improve traffic flow
- Designate bike routes
- Improve code enforcement
- Removal of abandoned cars

## **7. Summary**

The goals, objectives, and outcomes selected for the 2024- 2028 Consolidated Plan directly guide those for this 2026 Annual Action Plan. The City of Walla Walla, together with residents, service providers, and community stakeholders will continue to work together toward the city's mission to provide municipal services and programs essential to a desirable community in which to live, work, and play, with a common goal of improving the quality of life and well-being of all. The City of Walla Walla will use CDBG funding to help bring this about through the implementation of the CDBG National Objective of benefiting low- and moderate-income persons.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	Walla Walla	Support Services

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Walla Walla serves as the Responsible Entity for the CDBG funds.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Walla Walla consulted with multiple entities in order to capture a realistic and holistic picture of the nature of the community's housing, homeless, health, infrastructure, and human services delivery systems and unmet needs. The City will support the coordination of efforts by being present at community meetings and gatherings and bringing together identified stakeholders when implementing citywide strategies.

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

City staff are active members on the local Continuum of Care and the Council on Housing which includes knowledge experts and organizational leadership from the City of Walla Walla. These two examples of collaboration demonstrate efforts to maintain accurate and current understanding of the needs of Walla Walla residents.

The City initiated and continues to expand the Community Assistance Referral and Education Services (CARES) Team, a division of the Walla Walla Fire Department. They provide community outreach and assistance to residents to improve population health and advance injury and illness prevention within our community. The program identifies members of the community who use the 911 system or emergency department for low acuity assistance calls (calls that are nonemergency or nonurgent) and connects them to their primary care providers, other health care professionals, low-cost medication programs, and other social services.

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

In preparing the Consolidated Plan, the City met with Walla Walla County Department of Community Health (DCH), the local lead and representative for the State of Washington Balance of State Continuum of Care.

Walla Walla is a participant in an interlocal agreement designating Walla Walla County as lead agency in the oversight of the 5-Year Homeless Housing Plan. The Police Department participates in the annual Point-in-Time Count, also led by the County. Council members serve as ex-officio members of several community service providers boards, commissions, task forces, etc. This active participation in the community keeps the city abreast of resources and programs specifically designed for people

experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Additionally, the city participated in the Council on Housing rental assistance workgroup.

The City has recently been working with the County to identify local strategies to better serve the needs of unsheltered homeless individuals in the area. In 2015, the City opened an emergency sleep site that is overseen by a local non-profit, Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless; the City and the County provide financial support for the sleep site. The Sleep Center's 38 huts are often at capacity and are currently the only low-barrier sleep site in Walla Walla. Exit Homelessness and the Mobile Outreach Services Team both provide services there. Other housing providers for populations experiencing homelessness include the YWCA, the Christian Aid Center, and the Loft.

In addition, the City is working closely with the county and other community stakeholders working to address youth and young adult homelessness with the help of A Way Home Washington and the Office of Homeless Youth Anchor Community Initiative. The goal is to create a community-wide system that ensures youth (ages 12-24) experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness are quickly identified, monitored, and provided the assistance needed to secure housing a yes-to-yes system. The goal to achieve functional zero was realized in 2024, meaning that no youth or young adults are unsheltered and that those that are sheltered and/or unstably housed are able to secure permanent housing in 30 days or less from the point of identification.

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

The jurisdictions that serve the area do not receive HUD Emergency Service Grants to allocate.

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

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Walla Walla
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local Grantee Department
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Several of the department heads from the City of Walla Walla responded to the survey. Additionally, interviews were given to the directors of Development Services and Parks and Recreation, as well as to City staff that work directly with homeless individuals, one of our long time Code Enforcement Officers.- Parks and Recreation Director spoke to short term goals to improve city parks and long term goals include the transition of the Walla Walla Senior Center, a City-owned property, to transition to an all ages community center- Development Services Director spoke to the possible abatement of condemned houses for construction of affordable housing, using CDBG for permit fee waivers, and for neighborhood cleanups- Code Enforcement Officer - She works closely with homeless populations. Spoke to prioritizing beds for homeless women, childcare that accepts state payments, and supportive housing. Interview with the Mayor, Tom Scribner, and Council Members Steve Moss and Gustavo Reyna. The priorities identified by these representatives include mental health, youth services, and childcare.

2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Walla Walla Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The director responded to the Homeless Needs, Public Facilities, and Public Services surveys. The executive director is also a member of the CDBG Advisory Group to improve coordination and communication. Similarly, the CDBG Coordinator and WW Housing Authority Director are both on the Council on Housing and Homeless Housing Plan subcommittee.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Walla Walla County Department of Community Health
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy

	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>CDBG Coordinator is in consistent contact with the Homeless Housing System Engagement Coordinators to understand and contribute to current goals and projects through shared participation in the Council on Housing and the 5-Year Homeless Housing Work Group. Lack of affordable housing and rental units identified as highest needs. Case management has been identified a high priority. Consultation also was completed through survey completion: homeless needs, public facilities, public services.</p>
4	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>Blue Mountain Action Council</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Housing  Services - Housing  Services-Elderly Persons  Services-Persons with Disabilities  Services-homeless  Services-Education  Service-Fair Housing  Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment  Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless  Homeless Needs - Families with children  Homelessness Needs - Veterans  Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth  Homelessness Strategy  Non-Homeless Special Needs  Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation through survey completion: homeless needs, housing, public facilities, and public services). Interviewed organization's CEO. We discussed the priority needs in the community and specifically called attention to the priority needs that already have funding sources and the activities that have limited funding sources. Additionally, within BMAC, the Commitment to Community community organizers were also interviewed. Regular meetings were determined to be a means to keep current with evolving community needs. Currently those were identified as mental health, youth centers, homelessness services, and security lights.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Met with CEO, learned about the challenges they faced supporting the area businesses during COVID, especially the small- and entrepreneurial businesses. To this, he mentioned the services of Mercy Corps and their role in both reaching the community members the Chamber misses otherwise and providing resources for them to grow their goals into growable businesses. The Chamber offers regularly meetings cafes and roundtables which provide a great opportunity to meet with different stakeholders and be kept up to date on their priority needs.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Community Council
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Regional organization Civic Leaders

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: homeless needs, public facilities, public services. This nonprofit previously shared research on our region's Affordable Housing needs and is currently working on researching and advocating on a project called Internet for All: Resources to Close the Digital Divide.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	An individual from this department and familiar with Walla Walla responded to the survey.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Walla Walla Community College
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Foundation Major Employer
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: homeless needs, public facilities, public services. An interview with the director also highlighted the importance of their food bank for their students.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Walla Walla Public Schools
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	A representative responded to the Homeless Needs, Public Facilities, and Public Services surveys.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Walla Walla Valley Disability Network
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	A representative responded to the Public Services survey.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	YWCA
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	A representative responded to the Homeless Needs survey. They also distributed our homeless survey to clients currently engaged with them and returned completed surveys. Finally, the Director of Client Services was interviewed, and she agreed that the survey results aligned with her understanding of community needs.
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Walla Walla Homeless Alliance
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation through survey completion (homeless needs and public services), supported the dissemination of homeless or in danger of being homeless survey and interview and tour with the Director. The Director commented on the limited units available that accept housing vouchers, the need for transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and lower rental costs, and the high need for medical services outreach and offerings. Regular communication continues through the Council on Housing and 5-Year Homeless Housing subcommittee involvement.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Hope Street
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Met with the director of this Women's recovery home. She identifies childcare and housing that provides community as needs in the community, as well as local detoxification facilities and mental health care. Consultation was also conducted through survey completion: homeless needs, public facilities, and public services.
14	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation conducted through survey completion: housing, public facilities, and public services. Interview with a planner, who identified planning priorities that they have which overlap with CDBG priorities, including transportation that considers childcare needs. Also identified funding sources that could leverage CDBG funds.
15	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Craft3
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Business Leaders Community Development Financial Institution
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Interview with local representatives identified using their services as a bridge to use Commerce childcare funds, specifically for renovation or to facilitate Attached Dwelling Unit funding. They also provide low interest loans for home repair projects to income eligible individuals.

16	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Walla Walla Valley Transit
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation was made through survey responses, public facilities and public services.
17	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Communities in Schools Blue Mountain Region
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children Services-Education Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation conducted through survey completion: Homeless needs, public facilities, and public services
18	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	The STAR Project
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: homeless needs, public facilities, public services. We have discussed have begun having quarterly meetings to improve coordination and align our shared goals.
19	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Coldwell Banker Walla Walla
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Business Leaders Private Sector Banking / Financing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: housing.
20	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Community Resilience Initiative
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: homeless needs, public facilities, public services.
21	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Power House Theatre Walla Walla
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Nonprofit agency
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: public facilities.
22	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Premier Mortgage Resources
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Private Sector Banking / Financing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: housing.
23	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Providence Health Care Foundation Eastern Washington
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: Homeless needs and public services.
24	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Sustainable Living Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Education Energy efficiency
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: housing and public services
25	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Fort Walla Walla Museum
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consultation completed through survey completion: public services.
26	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Baker Boyer Bank
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Business Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Interviewed organizational representative to discuss economic development needs which include entrepreneur support and financial literacy.
27	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of College Place
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted with the City Administrator of the neighboring jurisdiction for feedback on shared priority needs and potential to partner in future projects.

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

Not applicable

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Walla Walla County	Homeless prevention needs
Right of Way ADA Transition Plan	City of Walla Walla	Remove physical barriers present in sidewalks
Broadband Feasibility Study	Blue Mountain Action Council	A regional Broadband Action Team identified the connectivity and accessibility needs of the region. Connectivity needs within the city's jurisdiction are low and are not included in this strategic plan.
Walla Walla Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Review	City of Walla Walla	20-year plan identifies strategies for housing (support a variety of housing types, address homelessness) and public improvement (recreational facilities enhance quality of life, transportation systems for diverse modalities)
City of Walla Walla Residents Survey, 2022 & 2024	City of Walla Walla	Sidewalks, family activities, mental health services, and childcare
Affordable Housing Report	Community Council	Affordable housing
Walla Walla County Homeless Action Plan 2021 & 2025	Walla Walla County Dept. of Health	Support development of adequate affordable housing and permanent supportive housing
Walla Walla County Comprehensive Plan	Walla Walla County	Diverse affordable housing options and public services to meet community needs
Walla Walla Regional Housing Action Plan	Cities of Walla Walla, College Place, Waitsburg, and Dayton	Housing rehabilitation grants, range of housing types, homelessness

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Community Needs Assessment	Blue Mountain Action Council	Affordable housing, support for youth and projects in low-income neighborhoods
Internet for All Report	Community Council	Broadband needs for this jurisdiction discussed within this report
Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan	Walla Walla County	Community dynamics, resources, and vulnerabilities
Continuity of Operations Plan	City of Walla Walla	Identifies community vulnerabilities
Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan	Walla Walla County	Confirmed jurisdiction's natural hazard risks, the highest being earthquakes, severe storms, and flooding
Walla Walla County Flood Response Plan 2022	Walla Walla County	Identified vulnerable and at-risk populations, specifically in relation to flood preparedness

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

### **Narrative (optional)**

The City partners with the City of College Place, our neighboring jurisdiction, to best address our collective needs and conduct research that accurately reflects those needs. One example of this partnership is the Walla Walla Regional Housing Action Plan and collaboration continues to expand through shared Interlocal agreements and Memorandums of Understanding. The City has regular meetings with the Walla Walla County to identify and address our community’s mental and physical health needs including through the Council on Housing and the Walla Walla County Homeless Action Plan 2025 5-year Plan. The Port of Walla Walla conducted a Broadband Feasibility Study that provides information on internet needs within the City.

Strong working relationships with regional agencies, jurisdictions, and nonprofit organizations as well as significant outreach efforts to our community partners have identified and prioritized our community’s highest needs. Through continued engagement in these relationships, the City’s CDBG program will explore how to best address these needs through partnerships and collaboration in the coming years.

## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

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

The 2024-2028 Resident (Citizen) Participation Process was extensive in its efforts to include participation from jurisdiction residents through a diversity of interfaces, including:

- Newspaper
- Radio
- Social media posts
- Emails to self-identified interested community members
- One on one conversations with area leaders
- Focus groups
- Public Hearings
- Dot voting process at community events
- Surveys

These diverse data gathering processes provided qualitative and quantitative data that staff and CDBG Advisory Board utilized to generate a priority needs sheet. These priority needs contributed to guiding the application process, increasing the score for applications that most closely aligned with the jurisdiction's priority goals.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
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1	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p>	<p>This meeting was held all in Spanish. Approximately 15 community members from the Edith, Carrie, and Washington Park neighborhoods were present.</p>	<p>Many of their primary concerns relate to safety. Similarly, there was interest in efforts or activities that would provide opportunities for individuals and families to do more activities that, responding to the need for mental health support and as an alternative to causing issues. Interest in places with family activities, community cleaning efforts, mental health support, shelter for the homeless, cameras in the alleys, improved streets, affordable housing especially for the youth and</p>	<p>Removal of abandoned cars (unless we address it through camera placement), addition of Neighborhood Watch Program, promote participation of Hispanic community, improve removal of snow and ice on streets.</p>	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
				first time home owners, fix sidewalks with issues, affordable childcare, security lights.		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Minorities  Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	This meeting was held in English and Spanish. 600 flyers were left on houses to invite individuals to this meeting. Approximately six community members attended representing the Blue Ride, Cherry Street, and Garrison Neighborhoods.	Topics covered a significant range but shared threads in increasing affordability, specifically for housing and childcare. Support for finding/accessing financial aid (public service), youth center, affordable childcare, sidewalks for all abilities, affordable housing (suggested through nonprofits, land trusts, multifamily units, and down payment support), alley and street lights, support work exchange (public services), home repair, and support in lowering crime.	Efforts to impact traffic flow and designate bike routes.	

3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Sixty (60) responses were collected after being promoted through QR codes and internet promotion.	The top two highest priority needs identified are as follows: Housing Needs Actions: Utilize neglected or abandoned property (141 points) and Acquisition of property for permanent housing (107).Homelessness Prevention Services: Childcare (141) and Food (123)Public Services: Mental health services and services for abused and neglected children (both 152) followed by Youth Services (138)Public Facilities: Childcare Center (117) and Youth Center (111)Public Infrastructure:	Not applicable	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
				Streets (138) and Sewer line (136)		

4	Internet Outreach	Organization heads of partner organizations	Thirty-four (34) responses were collected and scored by allocating points to each possible response.	<p>The top two highest-priority needs identified are as follows: Housing Needs Actions: Home owner-occupied rehab and utilize neglected or abandoned property (both 19) and renter occupied rehab (17) Homelessness Prevention Services: Apartment Deposit and Childcare (both 75) and Rent-Partial (71) Public Services: Mental health services (98) and Childcare and services for abused and neglected children (both 89) Public Facilities: Childcare Center (76) and Youth Center (73) Public</p>	Not applicable	
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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
				Infrastructure: Sidewalks (69) and Streets (66)		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Three responses were received from the two public hearings.	General approval of the consolidated plan. Observations were made calling attention to future partnering with the NW Justice Project, questioning sidewalk funding following Federal homeless guidance which does not include the need for sidewalks or access, and calling attention to climate change and the need for funding mitigation and adaptation efforts in our community. Finally, comment was made on the high need for childcare and for family-oriented facilities/amenities.	Not applicable	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
7	Focused Outreach to community partners	Broad community outreach within the geographic area of City wards	An easel with priority needs was set up at the East, West, and South Ward block parties. Community members from each of the wards attended, ranging from 300-500 at each gathering, and individuals ranging from 7- 80 years old were given dots to vote for their highest priority.	The top two of each of the following categories were:- Housing needs: Utilize neglected or abandoned properties and home-owner-occupied repair- Public facilities: childcare centers and youth centers- Public services: Mental health services and services for abused and neglected children.- Homeless prevention resources: Childcare, food, and apartment deposit	Not applicable	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
8	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Links to information on the public hearing and other pathways to provide comment were shared through partners' community newsletters. Three comments were received during public comment period and could be attributed to this outreach.	Focused consultation from agencies that work with seniors should be included in future efforts. Additionally, street lighting needs to be improved. Concern was raised on how assistance in rental units rehabilitated will be conducted.	General code enforcement perceived as needing to be improved throughout Walla Walla, specifically for sidewalk and clearance of snow and ice. Questions were asked that were responded to through conversations and emails.	
9	Radio	Non-targeted/broad community	Aired on Sunday morning, December 3, 2023 on Stephens Media Group's Tri-Cities stations (99.1,94.9,106.5, 95.7, and 106.1 FM, and 1340 AM). Community was informed about the public hearing and the website to locate the documents.	Not applicable	Not applicable	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

Anticipated 2026 CDBG funding is based on the previous 5-year average and includes an estimate of reallocated funding available from previous years.

Additional funding resources diversified during the last Consolidated Plans and efforts will continue to seek innovative and diverse funding and

partnering opportunities.

**UPDATE AMOUNT**

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	409,000.00	0.00	0.00	409,000.00	800,000.00	Funding amounts are established by HUD. Available funds will be used to make comprehensive improvements citywide

**Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table**

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

These funds do not have a matching requirement, however leveraging is a component of project application scoring.

**Private, state, and local funds are anticipated to leverage these projects, including:**

- **Local funds are expected to be contributed to complete the Community Development and Basic and Economic Needs Goals including**

**but not limited to City staff time.**

- **Private funds contributed by partner organizations are expected to contribute to the Affordable and Accessible Housing Goal**
- **This section will be updated upon final allocation of funds**

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

The 2021 Walla Walla Regional Housing Action Plan identified leveraging under-utilized or surplus public lands as a priority action for the City to consider for possible affordable housing. Since then, the City's Housing Ad-Hoc Committee has identified a property and is in the process to make them available for affordable housing projects. The City continues to look for additional strategic land acquisitions and creative partnerships to create future affordable housing opportunities.

**Discussion**

The City hopes to continue to leverage CDBG funds to multiply the community impact and continues to explore resources previously not identified as ways to address our community's priority needs.

Finally, the City of Walla Walla may incur costs prior to the effective date of the Grant Agreement. Such costs are necessary for the planning and administration of the CDBG program and for activity delivery costs, in compliance with all applicable regulations in 24 CFR Part 570 and 2 CFR 200. The City of Walla Walla intends to reimburse itself for these allowable pre-award costs, not to exceed 25% of the grant amount from the FY 2026 CDBG Allocation.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable and Accessible Housing	2024	2028	Affordable Housing Public Housing	City Wide	Affordable and Accessible Housing	CDBG: \$80,000.00	Rental units rehabilitated: 16 Household Housing Unit
2	Community Development	2024	2028	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City Wide	Basic and Economic needs	CDBG: \$235,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1420 Persons Assisted
3	Basic and Economic Needs	2024	2028	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City Wide	Basic and Economic needs	CDBG: \$12,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1200 Persons Assisted
4	Planning and Administration	2024	2028	Planning and administration	City Wide	Suitable Living Environments	CDBG: \$81,800.00	Other: 1 Other

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Affordable and Accessible Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Activities within this goal may include lead-based paint abatement on rental units and other related eligible activities.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Community Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p>Possible project activities may include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shade installation for a municipality-owned public pool</li> <li>• Installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) infrastructure for a crosswalk</li> <li>• Other eligible activities</li> </ul>
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Basic and Economic Needs
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p>Possible funding activities may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborhood cleanup in income eligible areas</li> <li>• Other eligible activities</li> </ul>
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Planning and Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Planning and administration needs to manage the grant program.

# Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

The priority needs identified within the Consolidated Plan include Affordable and Accessible Housing, Basic Needs and Suitable Living Environments, which this Annual Action Plan intends to address through four (4) projects. All of these projects will serve the National Objective to benefit low- to moderate-income persons and areas.

### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Neighborhood Cleanup
2	Michael's Haven - Lead Paint Abatement
3	Memorial Pool Shade Enhancements
4	Rose St. Crosswalk Light

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

These allocations reflect the prioritized needs identified through data analysis and resident participation and are partnerships with entities that submitted applications with the goal to partner with the City of Walla Walla and the CDBG program.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Neighborhood Cleanup
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Basic and Economic Needs
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Basic and Economic needs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$12,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	This public service plans to partner with the City's Development Services Department to provide two (2) area cleanups in low- and moderate-income areas. This project addresses sanitation concerns and increases community pride, factors that drive safety and influence continued care. The two 2025 neighborhood cleanups removed an average of 31,500 lbs of junk and 3,400 lbs of tires from each neighborhood, providing a service to residents who lack the means to transport their waste and have the greatest physical and financial need.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 1200 families will benefit from this activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	These neighborhood cleanups will be located within two low- and moderate-income areas as identified by the 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-year average.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	This activity will entail City staff planning and organizing two neighborhood cleanups. The funding will provide 30-yard dumpsters and their tipping fees.
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Michael's Haven - Lead Paint Abatement
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Affordable and Accessible Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable and Accessible Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$75,000.00
	<b>Description</b>	Inspection has confirmed lead paint, a hazardous source for lead poisoning. This activity not only addresses and eliminates the current hazards but also responds to the maintenance needs of the buildings, keeping the buildings in good condition for future use.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/30/2026

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	<b><u>CONFIRM AFTER FINAL ALLOCATION</u></b>  Two of the four houses managed my Michael's Haven will receive lead based paint abatement, benefitting 20 low- and moderate- income homeless Veterans and their families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	This activity is located on the Walla Walla Veterans Affairs grounds.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	This activity will complete lead-paint abatement and repainting of the buildings.
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Memorial Pool Shade Enhancements
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	This project responds to the public pool facility's need for shade, which has been consistently requested since reopening in 2017. This low-barrier facility serves approximately 500 youth and 500 adults each day and is located within a low- and moderate- income area. The structure will allow for users of all ages to interrupt their exposure to harmful ultraviolet rays without needing to leave the pool facility.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	The Memorial Pool is located at 505 E Rees Ave, Walla Walla WA
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	This activity will support the purchase and installation of a new cantilever shade structure at the City managed Veterans Memorial Pool. The structure will provide approximately 2,450 sq ft of shade to the pool deck and a portion of the leisure pool.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Rose St. Crosswalk Light
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Community Development
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Suitable Living Environments
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$60,000.00

<b>Description</b>	This activity addresses basic safety and pedestrian accessibility with the installation of public infrastructure, connecting low- and moderate-income populations in this area to services. There is currently no dedicated crosswalk, street markings, crosswalk sign, or crosswalk light to aid pedestrians crossing Rose Street between 2nd and 9th Ave, which will be remedied by this activity.
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2027
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	This project will benefit persons who live in the areas to the north and south of the proposed project, benefitting approximately 895 persons.
<b>Location Description</b>	This project is located on the corner of 6th Ave and Rose St, Walla Walla.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	This activity will parter with the City's Public Works Department to install a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalk at the corner of 6th Avenue and Rose Street.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

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

Assistance will be distributed throughout the entitlement jurisdiction. The areas currently identified as low-income by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data are the 10 following block groups:

- 9205.003
- 9205.002
- 9206.002
- 9207.011
- 9207.012
- 9207.013
- 9207.014
- 9208.014
- 9208.021
- 9208.023

Of these area eligible block groups, the included projects will most directly impact block groups:

- 9205.003 - Veteran's Memorial Pool Shade Enhancement
- 9205.002 and 9206.002 - Rose Street Cross Walk
- Potentially two more low- and moderate- income block groups will be impacted by the Neighborhood Cleanup project. Final locations will be determined in 2026 with approval from the CDBG Coordinator.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
City Wide	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The City of Walla Walla does have areas of higher concentration of low-income households, however low-income households and neighborhoods exist throughout the jurisdiction. Because of this, there is

no geographic priority of allocation for this annual action plan.

**Discussion**

City-wide distribution of these funds will best address the highest needs of our community members, which exist throughout the city.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

Sixteen (16) households will be supported by the Lead Paint Abatement project at St. Michael's Haven. This project not only removes toxins in households currently occupied by children, but it is also necessary maintenance and a key component to ensuring the longevity of this affordable housing resource is available in future years.

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	16
Special-Needs	0
Total	16

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

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	16
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	16

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

#### Discussion

Walla Walla CDBG funds will be directed toward the rehabilitation of sixteen (16) rental units, benefitting Veteran households through lead based paint abatement of the buildings they live in. Rehabilitation ensures that these affordable rental units are maintained for future use and community need.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The Walla Walla Housing Authority (WWHA) completed 50 units to their housing stock in 2025. CDBG funds were not allocated toward this project. Additionally, they plan to conduct rehabilitation and maintenance on existing units in 2026.

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

The 2026 Annual Action Plan does not include actions to address the needs of the WWHA.

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

The WWHA does have downpayment assistance available for households ready to purchase a home. Additionally, the new housing land trust in Walla Walla, Common Roots, also is in a position to apply for downpayment assistance funds. The Department of Housing and Urban Development does offer housing counseling resources that local organizations are able to apply for and provide to the area.

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

N/A

### **Discussion**

Regular communication with the WWHA ensures that communication continues and opportunities for the CDBG program partner on a project are considered.

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

### **Introduction**

The City of Walla Walla will continue to partner with public partners such as Walla Walla County, the VA Medical Center, and the Walla Walla Housing Authority, as well as private and non-profit partners like the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless to better assess and address the needs of homeless persons in the community. The City will continue to provide support to and participate in the local Continuum of Care and the Youth Alliance, two agencies whose goal is to address needs of individuals, families, and youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. Walla Walla has also become a Built for Zero community as well, further providing Walla Walla with state-level contacts who will provide technical assistance.

The City of Walla Walla is also engaged with the Early Learning Coalition, a subcommittee of the United Way of the Blue Mountain's Elevate Initiative. Through this engagement, the City can stay informed on opportunities for how to address childcare needs. Childcare is not only a priority for the community overall but has also been identified as a necessary element to keep families housed. Additionally, the City participates in a Childcare Workforce subcommittee.

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

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

The Walla Walla County joined the Built for Zero national movement in 2024. County, City, and community partners have received training to move this project, goal, and vision forward. The Goal is to end homelessness by achieving “functional zero” homelessness using real-time data and strategic housing investments.

The city’s involvement in the Sleep Center will include ensuring case management services are provided to all persons utilizing the sleep center, that data is entered accurately into HMIS, tracking when housing placements are secured by Sleep Center residents that receive housing vouchers, and encouraging participation in the Exit Homelessness program provided by the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless.

The city also supports the Anchor Community Initiative in actively developing and refining the coordinated entry system for youth and young adults ages 12-24. Part of this initiative includes adapting youth-centered assessments and involving youth and young adults in the decision-making process so that services and agencies are better positioned to serve the particular needs of youth. This initiative has been very successful in improving their measurement tactics, providing real-time counts of homeless youth in our community. Lessons learned from this organization are planned to help develop

similar real-time counts of our adult homeless population.

The newest program created to assess the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness is The Mobile Outreach Services Team (MOST), a formal collaboration with the Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) and Providence St. Mary's Population Health. This new program will bring outreach services to those who are homeless, exactly where the services are needed. From the M.O.S.T., the Walla Walla Alliance for the Homeless will help clients obtain ID, apply for and find housing, assist with job searches and connect them with other agencies. BMAC will provide case management, coordinated entry and navigation to other needed services. Population Health will provide preventative health screenings, health education, screening for the social determinants of health and connect clients to health services.

These outreach services will assist those who are homeless, whether they reside in a shelter or are living outdoors. The Mobile Outreach Services Team will be at the Sleep Center two or three days each week. On other days, it will bring services to those who are unsheltered and to surrounding communities that lack support including the Valle Lindo Clinic and BMAC Clinic.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The City committed \$275,000 over three years, starting in 2024, that went to rebuilding the Christian Aid Center's men's shelter. Additionally, approximately \$100,000 in CDBG funds went to this same project toward development fees. This was an improvement of the current shelter, increasing dignity and the number of beds available, and expanding their kitchen and dining area. Their new building also includes flexible quarters for families or other situations that benefit from their own space.

Moreover, the City of Walla Walla continues to support and explore efforts to increase affordable housing stock, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing by way of its participation in the Council on Housing, the local Continuum of Care oversight body, and a Housing Ad-hoc Committee. It will continue to provide oversight and funding to the Sleep Center that is located on city property. The Anchor Community Initiative has very specific goals to reduce youth and young adult homelessness by creating more youth-centered transitional housing alternatives.

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

The City of Walla Walla is not a direct provider of housing; however, the city will continue to do what it

can to support public and private partners that address these issues directly. The City of Walla Walla is a signatory and supporter of the 5-year Homeless Housing Plan and will participate in bringing in trainings and outside resources in to help support local efforts to reduce and end homelessness. In addition, the city is a participant in Walla Walla's Anchor Community Initiative along with A Way Home Washington and the Washington State Office of Homeless Youth and is actively working on achieving functional zero, or “yes to yes,” through 6-month workplans that can positively impact unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness.

The partnership between Blue Mountain Action Council and Providence Medical Center’s Population Health will provide coordinated entry and other services needed to enable clients to move more quickly from homelessness to housing.

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

Efforts undertaken by the City of Walla Walla to increase affordable housing will help to reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness. The city will partner with agencies involved with the Continuum of Care and the Anchor Community Initiative, including the State Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Children, Youth, Families, and Juvenile Rehabilitation, to ensure that care and housing is coordinated and funded appropriately by local agencies. The City also funds a Community Paramedic within the Fire Department. This person uses direct outreach to support community members in need, including homebound and homeless individuals. Data shows that their intervention has helped minimize hospital bills and increased the health of community members by identifying and addressing their needs as soon as possible, both helping individuals and families avoid becoming homeless.

The local Council on Housing/Continuum of Care, which the City is involved in, is working body is comprised of individuals from a diversity of organizations. These regular meetings help increase awareness between service providers between the fluctuating needs and priorities as well as the fluctuating funding available for them. This helps focus area fundraising efforts on the highest needs to best address the individuals and family problems before they reach the level of homelessness through prevention and diversion.

The city is exploring other alternatives to support families and individuals at-risk of becoming homeless

as they align with the goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

## **Discussion**

As the Continuum of Care convener, the Walla Walla County Department of Health's 5-year Homeless Housing Plan is the most pertinent document that outlines the coming year's goals for addressing, reducing, and ending homelessness. The 2026 goals include:

- 1.1 Develop local written standards with shared definitions, policies, and procedures for the homeless housing system.
- 1.2 Publish Annual Homeless Housing Fund & Performance Report
- 1.3 Improve HMIS data quality to increase utility for data-informed decision making
- 1.5 Achieve a comprehensive, real-time, quality By-Name List of people experiencing homelessness in Walla Walla County
- 2.4 Launch by-name list homeless case conferencing for single adults with participation from representatives across systems
- 4.2 Improve community understanding of coordinated entry and referral processes for people experiencing homelessness

No one solution exists to addressing the increasing need for affordable housing and the ways to address the needs of the homeless or individuals and families in danger of becoming homeless. The City endeavors to identify what is within its power to make changes, open to innovation and actionable steps as seen through the work of the Housing Ad-Hoc Committee. Continual engagement of partners and collaborators allows our community as a whole to identify the challenges, our unique roles that can impact those challenges, and take actionable steps towards improving the options and situations for our residents.

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

### **Introduction:**

The City will continue to review building codes, fees and charges, zoning and development ordinances, and other policies to identify opportunities to ameliorate barriers to affordable housing. The city is dedicated to ensuring fair access to housing not only in affordable units but also throughout the entire housing market. The 2021 Walla Walla Regional Housing Action Plan's specifically the identified top 5 housing issues as:

1. Housing cost/affordability
2. Inadequate housing availability
3. Homelessness
4. Range of housing types
5. Housing quality

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

In 2018, the city underwent a substantial revision of zoning, land use, and building codes and regulations that will allow for more flexibility when building housing. It continues to investigate incentives that it can use to encourage and attract more multifamily developments in the central business district and citywide. A Housing Ad-Hoc Committee presented recommendations to the City Council for review that point to new policies that encourage the development of affordable housing. Alternative resources for affordable housing construction are being explored at the jurisdictional and county level.

In 2020, a non-profit community land trust, Common Roots, was established in Walla Walla and has begun to establish affordable housing policies and build the community land trust across the valley to provide low-income residents the opportunity of homeownership and build equity as well as create a supply of permanently affordable homes. An Executive Director was hired to guide this work in 2023.

The City of Walla Walla also currently offers Utility Rate Discounts to provide water and sewer utility rate discounts to low-income citizens to increase housing affordability.

### **Discussion:**

The City and its private and public funders continue to explore opportunities that will make housing more affordable and accessible for its residents. In 2026, the City is convening conversations with diverse community stakeholders to explore partnerships and uses that best address housing needs, potentially using a piece of property that the city could surplus for affordable housing. This is the first

time the City has identified a piece of property and is organizing a convening like this, and the City hopes that it generates new public-private partnerships to address our priority needs for affordable housing.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

After carefully considering public feedback, data, and the recommendations expressed by partners and stakeholders, the projects previously described in this Action Plan will address the priority need for affordable housing, basic needs, public services, and community development.

The City will continue to reach out and strengthen relationships with local partners and organizations serving low- and moderate-income individuals and families across the city. Regular interaction and conversations with the public in English and Spanish continue to be part of this strategy.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

Through the many community work groups with which the City is involved, previously mentioned. The city will continue the dialogue with the public and service providers to ensure that City policies and practices are in concert with community efforts to overcome obstacles to the previously identified needs and their evolution in our community.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Our highest priority goal is to reduce cost burden, which includes many actions intended to foster and maintain affordable housing. These include:

- Support the acquisition, preservation, and development of housing units affordable for low-income residents.
- Maintain the City's proactive role in affordable housing development through policy, zoning, and otherwise.
- Support homeownership for low to moderate income households, especially for households with young children.
- Offer home rehabilitation grants and explore rental rehabilitation programs

The City will communicate regularly with current and potential property owners and managers to identify potential barriers to maintaining affordable housing and use that information to inform annual updates of the consolidated plan and potential revisions to city policies and practices. The 2021 Walla Walla Regional Action Plan has also been developed by the City in partnership with neighboring municipalities to determine highest needs and actions to address them.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

In 2026, CDBG funding is being allocated toward a lead-based paint hazard abatement activity for low-

and moderate- income veterans and their families.

Otherwise, the City will incorporate remediation of lead-based paint (LBP) hazards, if conditions dictate. The building inspectors are currently researching how to improve their LBP hazard protocols internally. City staff are connected with County staff who oversee these hazards and have begun conversations on potential future partnerships to raise awareness on the hazards and fund responses to hazards identified.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

Our local Small Business Development Center has recently expanded their offering by bringing on staff to connect. A four- week long class is a key component of this class which will provide tools for self-driven economic development to a more diverse population in our community.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

United Way of the Blue Mountains is the home of the Elevate initiative, which is a community, cross-sector partnership to strengthen the educational pipeline. In this role, they convene the Early Learning Coalition which is committed to diversifying and increasing early learning opportunities, including the childcare need as identified as a priority in this jurisdiction. The City is one of the partners engaged in this work.

Together with community partners, the City will improve institutional structure by helping to develop a more user-friendly approach to navigating the social service system.

The City has brought on a text message service. Our local partners agree with research, texting is a great way to communicate with the entire community, replicating a well used system used by the jurisdiction's school district.

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

See sections SP-55, SP-60, and SP-70 for explanation of coordination between public and private housing agencies. Some of the actions recently identified by our stakeholders are:

- To improve real-time data between funders and agencies to support proactive planning.
- Establish continuous check-ins between funders and community service providers

Additionally, collaborative planning will take place among key stakeholders to plan and implement diverse methods of sharing information; methods may include web-based, social media, written materials, and radio outreach. To ensure inclusiveness, information will be shared in English and Spanish and efforts made to accommodate information sharing with special needs populations that may require alternative methods, such as for those who are visually or hearing impaired. This will be an ongoing

effort over the span of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

**Discussion:**

In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, the need of affordable housing and support for the low- and moderate- income population has increased. Simultaneously, thanks to outreach and advocacy work of local organizations and our local media, awareness of these challenges have also increased. If this source of funding did not continue, there would be a reduction in the level of housing and services the City is able to support.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

Not applicable

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	0.00%

Not applicable

