



2024 - 2025 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Polk County receives annual federal grant allocations from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Over the last several years the County has been using HOME ARP funds to complete multifamily projects as well. Polk County's Consolidated Plan is the five-year planning document required by HUD to identify priority needs and establish corresponding goals to address those needs. The Action Plan is the annual planning document identifying specific activities to be undertaken during the HUD Program Year for 2024-2025 by federally funded grants. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan also consider other sources of state and local funding that may be used to support, match, or leverage federally funded grants. A state source of funding is Florida's State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. Polk County's Consolidated Plan provides goals and coordinated strategies to address the housing and community needs of very low, low, and moderate-income residents. The preparation and administration of the Consolidated Plan offers opportunities to shape various programs into effective, coordinated neighborhood and community development strategies. The strategies become action-driven initiatives to foster positive changes for the county's lowest income neighborhoods and residents. The planning process emphasizes creating an environment for strategic planning and citizen participation while reducing duplication of efforts at the local level. As part of the community needs assessment in preparation of the Consolidated Plan, County staff reached out to area community organizations and neighborhood groups; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the opportunity for these types of meetings was limited. In-person meetings were held throughout the County along with three virtual meetings. Community surveys (hard copy and online) were distributed to gather more information on the needs and concerns of communities. Surveys and other citizen input indicate a need for: continuing infrastructure improvements including but not limited to drainage, roadway, and sidewalk improvements; providing access to high-speed internet; and providing access to neighborhood, special needs, and homeless services. Community feedback also reflected the desire to have safe, affordable housing.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The Polk County Five Year 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan will use CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds to address priority needs in very low, low, and moderate census block groups (target areas) across the County. In addition to unincorporated target areas of Polk County, funds

will be used in the County's nine (9) partner municipalities; Auburndale, Bartow, Dundee, Eagle Lake, Frostproof, Lake Alfred, Mulberry, and, Hillcrest Heights, and Winter Haven. Funds will not be used in the City of Lakeland, an entitlement city, or in cities that join the State Small Cities Program. The unmet needs for decent, safe, and affordable rental housing continues to outpace the ability of federal, state, and local governments to supply housing assistance. The Consolidated Plan and the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan includes long and short-term goals to meet the needs identified through Needs Assessment Surveys and community conversations, as well as input from community organizations. For the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, Polk County has established the following goals for funding decision-making. The goals focus on creating and maintaining a suitable living environment, by providing needed infrastructure improvements; access to improved public facilities; improving roads; and providing public services. Funding will be also directed to the demolition of blighted structures.

(1) **Neighborhood Improvements:** Provide funding for public facility improvements in target areas, and in very low-, low- and moderate-income areas to improve the quality of life and health of neighborhood residents.

(2) **Public Services:** Provide funding for operating expenses of public services benefitting very low, low, and moderate income, homeless, and/or special needs populations.

(3) **Housing:** Provide funding for the following activities:

- **Shelter for Homeless Population** – The acquisition, construction, and/or rehabilitation of shelter facilities and housing for the homeless.
- **Rental Assistance** – Rental assistance and security or utility deposits for income-eligible individuals and households. Rapid Rehousing (ESG) for individuals and households at risk of or already experiencing homelessness.
- **Housing Preservation** – Rehabilitation, and/or preservation of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents.
- **New Housing** – Acquisition, development, and construction of new affordable housing using State funds.

(4) **Emergency/Disaster Response** – Assistance to prepare for, protect during an event, mitigate loss, and aid with recovery prior to, during, and after a community emergency or disaster event.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan is the third year of the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2021 – 2025. The past year continues to be challenging due to the economic hardships because of the pandemic and the market conditions reflected in local rent increases. Polk County CDBG funds have primarily been used for public infrastructure improvement projects such as sidewalk improvements,

drainage improvements, and recreational facilities improvements in eligible low-income areas. Several projects are phased infrastructure projects and are planned to be completed during the Polk County 2021 to 2025 Five Year Consolidated Planning cycle and may be considered for the upcoming 2024–2025-year planning cycle.

The county recognizes the need to concentrate revitalization efforts in targeted areas to provide results that are coordinated, tangible, and visible to the community. Polk County has identified local target areas in unincorporated Polk County such as the Bradley Junction Neighborhood, Wabash Neighborhood, and Crystal Lake Park. Other areas include Rifle Range Road, near Bomber Road to Eagle Lake Loop Road in the Wahnetta Community, and our municipal partner cities. On an as needed basis the Housing and Neighborhood Development Office collaborates with the County Office of Planning and Land Development on local community planning efforts.

Because the need for infrastructure improvements and public facilities are so great in unincorporated Polk County as well as the low- and moderate-income portions of our partner cities, the Polk County CDBG program remains committed to providing funding for necessary infrastructure improvement projects. In addition to infrastructure improvements CDBG funds are also used to provide public services to eligible agencies that provide services for youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, persons with mental illness and homeless populations. CDBG funds are also used for demolition of blighted structures and emergency minor repairs of owner-occupied units.

In the post pandemic atmosphere, the current Action Plan for October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, continues to address three Consolidated Plan Goals. **The first goal addressed** is Affordable Housing which is met by completing emergency repairs to owner-occupied low-income housing units, providing substantial repairs which may include reconstruction of a house, and by using CDBG funds to support the Case Management for the provision of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for elderly and disabled clients. **The second goal addressed** is providing for a Suitable Living Environment/Quality of Life. This goal was met this year by completing needed infrastructure improvements in various target areas in the low-income communities in Polk County. Our Municipal Partners complete projects that address infrastructure and public facilities improvements. This goal is also met by reducing blighting influences on a spot basis countywide. **The third goal addressed** is expanding the Economic Opportunity/Self Sufficiency. Public Services dollars are expended on programs through our subrecipients to provide job skills training and promote employment opportunities for low-income residents.

As we plan for the upcoming 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan the affordable housing needs, quality of life, and self-sufficiency remain high priorities. Approved projects and activities reflect addressing these goals in the upcoming year.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Two public input meetings were held during the FY 2024 - 2025 Action Plan planning process. The first public meeting for citizen input was held Thursday, February 23, 2024. This was advertised in the Lakeland Ledger on Monday, February 13, 2024, with the estimated available funding for the upcoming 2024- 2025 planning year, and outlined the objectives developed in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan's long and short-term strategies. Potential projects and activities were discussed with attendees that would meet the identified needs from the Community Needs Assessment Surveys, feedback from community organizations, and other needs identified in local collaborative planning initiatives.

The second public meeting was held during the 2024-2025 Action Plan draft 30-day public comment period. This meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2024, in the Carver Center in the City of Bartow. A draft of the strategies, objectives, projects, and activities along with proposed budgets was presented in detail during the meeting. This meeting was held in person in the Commission Chambers which allows for social distancing.

Meetings were held with social services agencies such as the Homeless Coalition of Polk County and the agencies submitting applications for CDBG public services dollars. Housing and Neighborhood Development staff attended several community meetings during the planning process. Recently Housing and Neighborhood Development staff were asked to present at local nonprofit service providers such Liberty Link Foundation, the Homeless Coalition, Florida Rural Legal Services, and The Agency Connection Network.

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.

Two public meetings were held during the development of this plan. The second public meeting was held during the 30-day public comment period for the draft plan. All comments were received and accepted.

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

After the public input meeting all comments are received and accepted.

7. Summary

All comments were accepted during the planning process for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. All comments were accepted during the planning process for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan

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. **Narrative (optional)** Polk County is designated as an Entitlement Urban County. The Polk County Board of County Commissioners designated the Housing and Neighborhood Development Office as the lead agency in developing and implementing the Consolidated Plan and yearly Action Plans.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development Office is located at 1290 Golfview Ave. Suite 167, Bartow, FL 33830. Materials are also available on the Polk County website www.polk-county.net.

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

1. Introduction

The Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development Office (HND) is strongly committed to obtaining input from all housing and social service provider partners. Each agency plays a role in the provision of services and assistance to very low-, low- and moderate-income residents. Throughout the five-year planning cycle, the County's goals and objectives are met in partnership with these agencies.

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))

Polk County will fund this program a second year. The pilot program for an additional five (5) vouchers for the Homeless Coalition to administer will be funded a second year. This program was added to the HOME TBRA program last year. This program was designed to target homeless families and last year's pilot program was considered a success for the Coalition.

Additionally, throughout the planning process Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development Office coordinates with various private and nonprofit agencies whose missions are to assist in the provision of housing and social services, including mental health providers. These agencies focus their efforts on very low-, low- and moderate-income people. Additional consultations were conducted over the phone, through emails, and during one-on-one meetings with various agencies. During the 2024-2025 planning cycle Housing and Neighborhood Development staff attended various meetings to facilitate neighborhood planning for the Florence Villa/Boggy Bottom area, and the Wahneta Neighborhood of Polk County. Staff reviewed the planning process at the first public meeting conducted this year. Information about upcoming programs/projects were explained. HND staff members regularly attend various neighborhood meetings.

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.

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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

In addition to representation at regular homeless coalition meetings, the Homeless Coalition of Polk County (HCPC) serves as the Continuum of Care. HCPC provides HMIS data tracking for the County Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Over the past 5 years Polk County has allocated \$30,000 annually for HMIS services. For a second year a total of \$35,000 will be dedicated to assisting with client tracking software ClientTrack by ECCOVIA. The majority of the ESG funding for homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, and a limited number of essential services for shelters. Program administration for this grant is 7.5%. The ESG program administration funds are used by Polk County HND staff. The funding allocated for HMIS services for the COC lead agency is used primarily for payroll and server equipment to keep the HMIS systems up to date. Housing and Neighborhood Development staff participated in the Point In Time Survey this year. Polk County's Housing Administrative Coordinator serves on the Board of Directors for the Homeless Coalition of Polk County. Polk County was awarded a second round of ESG RUSH funding in the amount of \$207,100.

Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development Program Managers work closely with the ESG subrecipients to develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities. Each year ESG funds are awarded following a Request for Application (RFA) process. This year the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) reviewed and ranked the applications using a virtual meeting format to award funds for the 2024-2025 Action Plan year. The following chart outlines the groups, organizations, housing, and social service agencies consulted during this process.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Polk County will receive a total of \$3,995,282 in CDBG funds, \$1,358,632 in HOME funds, and \$356,323 in ESG funds, and this year a second round of ESG RUSH funding was allocated in the amount of \$207,100. CDBG funding includes \$200,000 in anticipated program income, and \$100,000 anticipated program income from the HOME program is budgeted for this year. These are yearly entitlement amounts and are used to estimate priorities over the next five- year period of this Consolidated Plan and this year’s Action Plan.

Polk County will receive a total of \$3,947,457 in CDBG funds, \$1,568,130 in HOME funds, \$5,105,519 in HOME-ARP funds, and \$345,345 in ESG funds, which includes \$ 200,000 in anticipated program income from the CDBG program, and \$100,000 anticipated program income from the HOME program. These are yearly entitlement amounts and are used to estimate priorities over the next five- year period of this Consolidated Plan.

POLK COUNTY
FY 2024-2025 ACTION PLAN
PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

CDBG NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Countywide Demolition and Clearance - \$200,000

Funds will be used for demolition services and program delivery costs such as salaries. It is estimated that 40 units will be demolished in FY 2024-2025.

Neighborhood Improvement Projects –

Bradley Junction Park Improvements - CDBG - \$50,000 - 609 Pine Street, E., Mulberry FL 33860 funds will be used for improvements at Bradley Junction Park to include the purchase and installation of a new playground, sidewalks and other miscellaneous items not limited to benches and garbage cans which will help sustain and enhance the recreational possibilities for area residents.

Crystal Lake Park Improvements – CDBG - \$200,000 - 2500 Crystal Lake Drive, Lakeland, FL 33801- CDBG funds will be used to complete the work to repair and replace approximately 600 feet of boardwalk and supporting pilings for an area recreational fishing facility which functions as a community meeting place.

Wabash Resource Center Park Improvements - \$250,000 - 1230 Southern Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33815 CDBG funds will be used for the installation of a lighted basketball court, a driveway entrance to the property, sidewalk improvements, and other miscellaneous site improvements such as sidewalks to the basketball court, garbage cans, benches adjacent to the court, bicycle racks, and fencing which will sustain and enhance the recreational possibilities for area residents.

Design of North Rifle Range Road Drainage & Sidewalk Improvements – Wahneta - \$ 1,000,000 - Rifle Range Rd (6th Street to Eagle Lake Loop) Provide design and engineering services to upgrade the existing drainage infrastructure along Rifle Range Road (from 6th Street to Eagle Lake Loop).

MUNICIPAL PARTNERS

City of Auburndale –\$103,450

#1- Cleveland Street Parking Lot Project - \$103,450 - City of Auburndale will use CDBG funds for the Cleveland Street Park Lot to acquire/demolish two parcels & construct an asphalt parking lot for additional parking for the Community Center/Gym.

#2- Earl Wright Park Improvement Project - 203 Bridgers Avenue, E., Auburndale, FL 33823 City of Auburndale will use CDBG funds to create an ADA accessible parking spot, lighting improvements within the park, replace and install a new playground and resurface the playground from rubber mulch to a durable in place rubber.

City of Bartow - \$96,781 – Requested to Roll over funds to 2025-2026

Town of Dundee – \$ 30,954 - Requested to Roll over funds to 2025-2026

Eagle Lake Park Improvement Project - \$16,565 - 370 Eagle Avenue, Eagle Lake, FL 33839 - City of Eagle Lake will use CDBG funds for the to acquire and install ADA accessible and non-accessible playground equipment and surfacing to integrate into existing playground at Eagle Lake.

The City of Frostproof – \$ 15,203 Requested to Roll over funds to 2025-2026

City of Lake Alfred - \$32,809

Gardner House ADA Access Project - 275 N. Rochelle Avenue, Lake Alfred, FL 33850 - City of Lake Alfred will used CDBG funds to create an ADA compliant access and an ADA van accessible parking space by widening the driveway, grading, and paving the parking area and driveway. For additional access a ramp and rails will be installed to create another access to the Gardner House.

City of Mulberry – \$19,866 - Requested to Roll over funds to 2025-2026

Town of Hillcrest Heights – \$1,294 Did not accept these funds for the 2024-2025 year.

City of Winter Haven –

Winter Haven Neighborhood Service Center Renovation- \$279,221- 608 Avenue S, NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881- The City of Winter Haven will use CDBG funds to complete ADA upgrades, expanding services accessibility in and outside the building and alleviating areas of flooding. Upgrades include but not limited to roof replacement, updated plumbing, parking improvement.

PUBLIC/HOMELESS SERVICES

Boys and Girls Clubs - \$60,000

Boys and Girls Clubs programs integrate homework help, tutoring, physical fitness, healthy eating, social skills, youth voice, social advocacy, workforce readiness and family engagement to provide at risk youth with skills and resources they need to become successful citizens. In addition to a wide variety of programming based on the needs of our youth, the organization also provides daily access to hot meals, parent resource nights, and mental health services. This funding is **anticipated to serve 60 at-risk youth** at our Clubs in Bartow, Mulberry, and Winter Haven.

Central Florida Speech & Hearing Center - \$60,000 –

The "SAY" program provides speech/language therapy for children with communication difficulties through initial assessments and ongoing speech therapy. This program will provide services to a **minimum of 60 children in need of services with low and moderate-income.**

Gospel Inc. - \$60,000

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated to Gospel; Inc. will be utilized to provide operational support for the holistic care of formerly chronically homeless residents at Gospel Village. These funds will enable the implementation of a comprehensive program that adopts a community-first approach to housing, skill and development integration, case management, healthcare support, community engagement, and long-term solutions aimed at empowering participants to rebuild their lives in permanent housing. Through the establishment of **permanent supportive housing for 43 residents** at Gospel Village and the delivery of essential services, Gospel, Inc. anticipates facilitating access to a brighter future for its participants.

Lakeland Volunteers In Medicine - \$60,000 -

Lakeland Volunteers In Medicine (LVIM) will provide FREE outpatient medical, dental, and mental health care to **525 working uninsured**. Low and moderate-income individuals will benefit from an affordable public service – FREE ongoing and holistic, quality medical, dental, and mental healthcare provided by LVIM. By responding to our community’s need, LVIM seeks to improve the health and well-being of 525 uninsured residents of Polk County who live in unincorporated Polk County, or Polk County CDBG Municipal Partner Cities. LVIM helps these patients get well and stay well, enabling them to work, support themselves and their families, and actively contribute to their community. By ensuring our patients have continuous access to medications and medical professionals, we help prevent unnecessary emergency room or urgent care visits for non-urgent issues, which can be expensive. The services LVIM provides make healthcare available to individuals who otherwise could not afford it.

Lighthouse for the Blind- Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired \$60,000

The Rehabilitation Program’s Independent Living and Workforce Components will equip up to **143 blind and visually impaired persons** (an increase over the current contract year) **(including a minimum of 25 on the job and/or college or school campus)** with the skills needed to maximize their independence in the home, on the job or school campus, and in the community. Independence is defined as being able to clean, cook, take care of personal hygiene, use cues to identify location, handle money, pay bills, access transportation, use a computer/internet, shop, access needed resources, and other activities of daily living and/or remain or become employed or attend college or a technical school due to training in the use of adaptive equipment and software, modified school and work-site equipment, scripting of programs individualized for each employer as needed, supportive employment activities with follow-along services by staff, placement services and vocational computer training in the latest office applications.

Peace River Center - \$60,000

The Care Coordination Program at Peace River Center assists behavioral health clients in coordinating their comprehensive care, provides linkage and referrals to community resources, and performs follow-up efforts with clients after hospital discharge. Care Coordinators ensure clients experiencing serious mental illnesses or serious emotional disturbances can have suitable living environments and economic opportunities while managing their behavioral healthcare. Of the more than 300 individuals served by the Care Coordination Program on an annual basis, approximately 74% are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. Research shows that individuals who are at risk of homelessness or multiple hospitalizations are often unable to focus on bettering their physical and mental health. Care Coordinators work with our highly vulnerable client population to meet the needs of each unique individual. **Funding is requested for support of a Care Coordinator who will support approximately 80 individuals in Polk County annually**

The Salvation Army - \$60,000 –

The Salvation Army HALO Child Enrichment program will provide at-risk Childcare Program for children between six weeks and thirteen years of age experiencing homelessness. **A total of 130 children will be served** in a safe, educational environment where they can increase their educational knowledge and growth. HALO Child Enrichment Center is a DCF licensed childcare facility which provides childcare and after-school tutoring to homeless families residing at the Community of Hope programs. The center provides essential, accessible, free childcare to homeless children starting at six weeks to twelve years old.

Talbot House- Employment Solutions for the Disabled -\$60,000

Talbot House Ministries **will provide employment assistance to 130 homeless**, low-income, and/or disabled adults through its dedicated employment department, "Solutions", over the term of this grant period. The Solutions employment assistance program activities/services that will address the identified need include receiving intake referrals from Case Management, completing employability assessments, and developing employability success plans. Employability assessments are comprehensive reviews that explore tangible and intangible factors that affect clients' readiness to work, such as clients' educational attainment, work history and relevant experience, skills, or certifications, and mental and physical health.

The immediate accomplishment of the employment assistance program will be in providing services to 130 clients, placing 80 clients in a certification program or employment, and supporting their success throughout their tenure in the program. The accrued benefits will be resources they have been equipped with that support their long-term self-sufficiency, helping them to remain employment long after this grant term concludes.

Women's Resource Center- \$59,000

The Back to Work Program is projected to **assist up to 40 clients with job skills**, job searching, resume writing, onboarding to get back to work, promoted, or new employment. Our Pregnancy Kits will assist up to 100 new mothers with essentials to get started on their journey to motherhood. Up to 100 potential new clients will benefit from our blessing bags (hygiene/essentials) to help bring them to the WRC to introduce them to us and our expanded services. Our new computer lab and its setup/PT Computer Technician/Skills Applications software will help at least 40 clients from our Back to Work Classes, up to 8 students from our Financial Capabilities Class and so many more future clients who have yet to hear about our expanded services.

VISTE – (Volunteers In Service To The Elderly) - \$60,000

CDBG funds are requested to purchase hot meals for seniors in need living in western Polk County. VISTE volunteers deliver these meals two times each week directly to clients in their own homes. These funds are requested to help offset the rising cost of hot meals while continuing to expand services to a rapidly increasing elderly population.

Providing Hot Meals, In-home Care, and 24/7 Emergency Monitoring Service for elderly Polk County residents. It is estimated that **over 795 elderly clients will be assisted with services this year.**

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM

Homeless Coalition of Polk County -Emergency Solutions Grant HMIS Services- \$ 35,000

Emergency Solutions Grants funds will be used for HMIS services. Funds will be used for equipment and staffing for the provision of required HMIS participant tracking and reports for the ESG program.

Talbot House Ministries Inc.- Affordable Housing Now- \$65,000

Talbot House Ministries will provide low-barrier emergency shelter for adults serving homelessness **(1,600 nonduplicated clients)** and rapid rehousing services for at **least eight (8) clients over** the term of this grant period. ESG funding for the Emergency Shelter will be used to provide utilities to support the program. The average **(Shelter Operations) utility costs** of the Emergency Shelter range from **\$12,000- \$15,000 per month. Utilities such as water and electric** are mission-critical to services such as air conditioning/heating, operating our laundry that cleans bedding and clothing, operating our

community kitchen that serves dinner and breakfast to guests, along with other services for over 100 guests each night.

Women’s Resource Center- \$65,000

Utilizing ESG grant funding, WRC proposes to serve **10 individuals or families** who are currently living in Polk County and facing homelessness by helping with rent, utility assistance, and case management.

The Salvation Army - \$65,000

The requested funds will be used for Emergency Shelter services to cover a portion of salary costs for Shelter Resident Monitors, shelter supplies, and shelter utilities (**\$10,000-Shelter Operations**). Requested funds will be used for Homeless Prevention assistance: Short term and Median term Rental Assistance and Housing stability case management salary.

Funding will be used for salary for two Shelter Resident Monitors who monitor the shelter and aid shelter clients. Funding is also requested for shelter supplies including shelter kitchen/bathroom/living supplies and shelter utilities, essential for operating emergency shelter. Funding requested for Homeless Prevention Assistance includes Homeless Prevention Rental Assistance- payment of rental and/or utilities for clients at-risk of homelessness and Housing Stability case management salary to provide case management to families being assisted with housing. Funding helps families referred through the Homeless Coalition in need of help to prevent homelessness. It is **estimated that 150 families with 600 individuals** will receive shelter during the upcoming year.

Saint Vincent de Paul - \$65,000

The Funding for SVdP CARES ESG Rapid Rehousing Polk Program will provide permanent housing for up to **10 households** in our community who are currently experiencing homelessness during an especially difficult economic time, where many struggle to attain and maintain housing and other basic needs. Individuals and families served by this project will be referred through the local Coordinated Entry System (CES) managed by HCPC. The requested funding will cover a dedicated part-time case manager and housing specialist for this project, as well as temporary financial assistance to cover the move-in and ongoing expenses associated with housing.

Positively U., Inc. - \$35,000

ESG funds will be used to provide comprehensive services for at least **20 people** experiencing homelessness (including at least 10 people living with HIV) and those who are unstably housed. Funds will support the salaries of program staff to provide specific activities including but not limited to Housing Case Management, income verification, housing navigation, housing search/placement, short-term rental assistance processing, client follow-up, supervision, evaluation, and reporting. The bulk of the funds will be programmatic in the form of rental assistance/utilities and short term emergency housing. PUI will also use a small amount of the ESG funding to provide transportation vouchers for clients engaged in services.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT RUSH (ESG) PROGRAM 2nd Allocation

The Salvation Army - \$40,000

Talbot House Ministries Inc. – Declined Funding

Women’s Resource Center - \$40,000

Saint Vincent de Paul - \$40,000

Positively U., Inc \$26,568

Homeless Coalition of Polk County -Emergency Solutions Grant HMIS Services - \$45,000

AFFORDABLE HOUSING (HOME and CDBG Funds)

Polk County HND – Owner Occupied Substantial Rehabilitation – (HOME Funds) \$447,770

Funds are to be used for substantial rehabilitation of **three (3) standard housing units**. Those units whose rehabilitation costs would exceed \$40,000 will be replaced with a new unit. Housing units that are determined to be infeasible for Rehabilitation Program are referred to the Housing Replacement waiting list. Financial assistance is in the form of Deferred Security Agreements and grants. In addition, the program also allows replacement of manufactured housing.

Polk County HND Tenant Based Rental Assistance -\$400,000.

Funds will be used to provide rental assistance for very low-income households in Polk County. Funds may be used to assist eligible clients for up to two years. HND anticipates **assisting approximately 50 households** within a two-year period.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside -\$250,000

Fifteen percent (15%) of HOME funds will be set aside for CHDO activity, the proposed project is scheduled to **construct (1) affordable housing unit** for low- and moderate-income households in Polk County.

Polk County Housing and Neighborhood Development- CDBG Funds for HOME Project Administration -\$60,000

Funds in the amount of \$60,000 will be used to provide case management, housing inspections and related administration (activity delivery) of HOME rehabilitation and tenant based rental assistance programs.

TBRA (Tenant Based Rental Assistance for 5 Homeless Families) - \$125,000

HOME funds are budgeted for the second year of this pilot program to house five homeless families using TBRA funds for rent for one year.

ADMINISTRATION

CDBG Administration \$799,056

These funds are for administrative and operational costs for CDBG programs.

HOME Administration- \$135,862

These funds are for administrative cost of the HOME program.

ESG Administration -\$26,323

These funds are for administrative staff costs of Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

ESG RUSH Administration - \$15,532

These funds are for administrative staff costs of Emergency Solutions RUSH Grant Program.

PROGRAM INCOME

Estimated Program Income \$200,000.

These funds have been returned to the CDBG program through program fees, and liens.