

For projects requiring procurement and federal labor standards compliance, the assigned project monitor provides technical assistance to the agency performing the project, oversees the bid process, works with contractors, and reviews certified payroll.

Several of the Division's housing staff are certified risk assessors for lead based paint hazards. These staff members perform inspections, testing, assessments, and clearance for homes the City funds through the rehabilitation or other housing programs. When time is available, technical assistance, inspections, and assessments are also provided for CDBG and HOME funded non-profit agencies on an as-needed basis.

Citizen participation is largely overseen by the Fair Housing Specialist and Division Director, and City staff participates in community forums, neighborhood meetings, and other agencies' planning processes.

Lead-based Paint

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families, and how the plan for the reduction of lead-based hazards is related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Lead-based Paint response:

Reduction of Lead Based Paint Hazards

The City will continue to implement HUD and state requirements for identification and mitigation of lead based paint hazards in housing. Lead inspections, testing, risk assessments, safe work practices, resident notification, and clearance have all been integrated into the housing rehabilitation programs. When necessary, the City also provides technical assistance to non-profit agencies that are performing housing activities with City CDBG, HOME, or ESG funds. The City will also coordinate with Middle Tennessee State University Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP) by referring eligible families for lead-hazard reduction assistance. These activities will reduce the number of housing units with lead paint hazards and increase the City's inventory of lead safe housing for low and moderate-income persons.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

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

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

Program Year 3 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

Table 3 A, Summary of Specific Annual Objectives PY 2007 - 2008, starts on page 6 and shows the priorities and specific housing objectives the City of Knoxville hopes to achieve during the next year.

Table 2 A, the Priority Housing Needs Table from the Five Year Consolidated Plan, which follows, shows priorities by household size, income and tenure.

**TABLE 2A
PRIORITY HOUSING NEEDS**

PRIORITY HOUSING NEEDS (households)		Priority Need Level High, Medium, Low		Unmet Need	Goals
Renter	Small Related	0-30%	H	2185	54
		31-50%	H	1189	58
		51-80%	M	576	60
	Large Related	0-30%	H	280	7
		31-50%	H	230	8
		51-80%	M	155	4
	Elderly	0-30%	H	811	6
		31-50%	H	583	9
		51-80%	M	274	0
	All Other	0-30%	H	4483	23
		31-50%	H	2693	14
		51-80%	M	1054	31
	Owner	0-30%	H	2491	498
		31-50%	H	1983	217
		51-80%	H	2411	112
Special Needs		0-80%	H	2847	20 *
Total Goals					
Total 215 Goals					
Total 215 Renter Goals					
Total 215 Owner Goals					

* Special needs numbers are also included in income/family type categories above.

The city will pursue availability and accessibility of decent housing for low-moderate income homeowners and renters through its housing rehabilitation programs and subrecipient home repair programs, through new construction for homeownership by Community Housing Development Organizations, through assistance to KCDC for replacement of public housing units.

Affordability of decent housing will be pursued to enable low-moderate income renters to become homeowners through downpayment assistance and homeownership training. Also, permanent housing will be made more affordable for the chronically homeless through HOUSE funded rental assistance through Helen Ross McNabb.

In addition, through Community Development efforts for the sustainability of suitable living environments, affordable decent housing will be made available to lower income households as a result of acquisition, disposition and redevelopment of blighted properties.

Resources to be made available through the Plan will be used for housing priorities as follows:

Housing Rehabilitation - \$760,000 in CDBG and \$2,433,188 in HOME funds for housing rehabilitation projects and programs including the Community Development Division's owner-occupied and rental rehabilitation programs, funding of the Knoxville/Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) and Neighborhood Housing, Inc. to perform minor and emergency home repairs, and assistance to KCDC for its Park City Infill Housing (\$150,000 in HOUSE program income to be substituted for CDBG).

Homeownership - \$85,000 in CDBG funds for the Knox Housing Partnership's Homebuyer Education and Financial Fitness programs and \$30,175 in HOME American Dream Downpayment Assistance Initiative (ADDI) funds plus an additional \$100,000 in regular HOME funds to provide downpayment assistance for first-time homebuyers. \$550,000 in HOME funds will be for homeownership opportunities provided through homes constructed by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

Actions to be Undertaken

During the 2007-08 program year, the City of Knoxville will follow the strategies outlined in the *Consolidated Plan* and pursue activities intended to reduce homelessness, foster decent affordable housing, reduce poverty, and otherwise improve our community.

Foster and Maintain Decent Affordable Housing

The City will meet this requirement through the following activities:

- Funding and/or operating emergency, minor, and major home improvement programs
- Homeownership assistance through ADDI and HOPE 3
- First time homebuyer education and credit counseling
- Acquisition of blighted properties for reuse as affordable housing
- Development expenses for Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDOs)
- Funding and overseeing housing-related Empowerment Zone projects
- Pursuing remediation of chronic problem properties
- Conduct fair housing investigations, education, and outreach

In addition to these specific programs, the City will continue to work with non-profit housing providers and public housing agencies and participate in appropriate committees and boards, such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board.

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

The City will continue to address the needs and impediments identified in the September 2005 *Analysis of Fair Housing Impediments*. Activities that will be conducted include:

- City staff investigation and conciliation of complaints related to housing discrimination.
- Provide counseling and referrals as necessary.
- Conduct education and outreach to residents, housing providers, lenders, and other community members.
- Disseminate information to the local news media on fair housing and equality issues and activities.
- Participate in training sessions, workshops, and conferences.
- Use visible placement of equal opportunity housing logo on relevant City publications and housing programs that use City, CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding.
- Provide staff support and/or technical assistance to the Equality Coalition for Housing Opportunity, the Council on Disability Issues, Race Relations Center, Disability Resource Center, East Tennessee Coalition for the Homeless, Knoxville Tenants' Council, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Commission.
- Operate and/or fund programs that promote housing opportunities, such as homeownership education and downpayment assistance, housing improvements, and new housing development.

Needs of Public Housing

1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.
2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Public Housing Strategy response:

Improve Public Housing and Resident Initiatives

City staff reviewed and commented on Knoxville's Community Development Corporation's (KCDC) Five Year and Annual Plans in order to ensure the Plans are consistent with the City's goals and *Consolidated Plan*. The KCDC Plan describes efforts to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership. The City coordinates with KCDC to encourage participation in City-assisted homeownership programs.

KCDC is a high performing agency.