

## **FY2012/13 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report City of Springfield Executive Summary**

This CAPER is the third of five annual reports of activities undertaken to address housing and community development needs described in the 2010 Eugene-Springfield Consolidated Plan. This CAPER covers the period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

The City of Springfield received \$452,523 in CDBG funds for FY12/13. This was a substantial reduction from the previous year and continued the downward trend of federal funding. The City of Springfield is also a member of the Eugene-Springfield HOME Consortium and received a HOME allocation of \$297,642. Below are highlights of the activities undertaken by the City of Springfield during the reporting period.

### Increase Homeownership Opportunities

- 11 SHOP loans were made to low-income first-time homebuyers to purchase homes in Springfield.
- Springfield-Eugene Habitat for Humanity continues to develop the 10 unit Meyer Estates subdivision. Eight of the ten units have been completed.

### Maintain Existing Housing Stock

- Springfield provided 53 very low-income homeowners with emergency repair assistance. Of these, 41 were female headed households, and 26 were households with at least one disabled person.

### Housing for Special Needs

- The City helped Alvord Taylor, Inc. make accessibility and safety improvement to a duplex that is owned by the agency. The duplex provides permanent affordable housing to three adults with developmental disabilities.

### Increase Supply of Transitional Housing for Homeless Households

- NEDCO received a HOME allocation to assist with the purchase and rehabilitation of four foreclosed single-family properties. The properties are to be used as permanent transitional housing for families that lost their homes in the housing crisis and are homeless or at risk of being homeless. NEDCO has completed the purchase of one home that is now occupied by a low-income household who lost their home to foreclosure.

### Increase Home Safety and Security for Low-Income Households

- Lock-Out-Crime provides a free service to low- and very low-income households who feel threatened or are living in inadequately secured dwellings. In FY12/13

the program assisted 114 low and very low-income households, 59 who were victims of domestic violence. 96 of those assisted were female-headed households.

#### Public Facility and Infrastructure Improvements

NEDCO received a CDBG allocation of \$58,000 to assist with construction and equipping the new commissary kitchen in the SPROUT! Regional Food Hub located in downtown Springfield. The project is complete and the facility is occupied and fully functional.

- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) were installed on two busy streets to provide safer crossing for school children. The RRFBs are located in LMI block groups and assist children attending Dos Rios Elementary, Hamlin Middle, and Springfield High Schools. These schools have a combined 70% eligibility rate for free and reduced lunches. CDBG assisted with this project, which is nearing completion.
- The Relief Nursery recently opened its new facility on South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. The City allocated \$38,000 to purchase and install therapeutic playground equipment for the preschool children that attend the relief Nursery.

#### Economic Development

- NEDCO received CDBG funding to expand their HATCH! Business Incubator Program to include a Downtown Food Cart Program, and to develop and implement a Downtown Façade Improvement Program.

#### Public Service Needs

- 14.9% of the City's annual CDBG allocation went the Human Services Commission to support vital public services provided by St. Vincent de Paul, Food for Lane County, Catholic Community Services, White Bird Medical Clinic and the Relief Nursery.

#### Planning and Administration

- \$94,921 of CDBG and \$39,429 of HOME funds was designated for planning and administrative activities during the reporting period.

#### Self Evaluation

The City of Springfield undertakes housing and related activities only when such activities are supported by the Consolidated Plan. Published in May 2010, the goals and priorities of the 2010 Consolidated Plan have guided the City in the allocation of HOME and CDBG funds, and in its administration of housing programs citywide. The list of accomplishments reflects the effectiveness of this approach. Current

budget issues have caused the suspension of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and the CHORE Program. Overall, the City has made steady progress in meeting its housing and community development goals.

The City continues to search for ways to help low-income people with their housing problems. As the demand on housing resources increases, creativity and innovation will be key factors in the funding and administration of housing projects and programs. As the City of Springfield moves forward, its commitments to invest in its citizens, improve its housing stock, and revitalize its neighborhoods will remain top priorities.