



COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE FY 2019-2023 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The following seven (7) goals and priorities with subsequent strategies have been identified for Lehigh County for the FY 2019 through FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

I. HOUSING STRATEGY – HSS

Goal:

Improve, preserve, and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income persons and families in Lehigh County.

Strategies:

HSS-1 Home Ownership – Promote and assist in developing homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons & families.

HSS-2 Mixed Income Housing – Promote and assist in the development of mixed income housing, both rental and sales housing.

HSS-3 Housing Rehabilitation – Promote and assist in the preservation of existing owner- and renter-occupied housing stock in the County.

HSS-4 Housing Construction – Promote and assist in the development of affordable housing, both rental and sales housing.

HSS-5 Revitalization – Promote and assist in the stabilization of residential neighborhoods by removing slums and blight, assembling sites for new housing, rehabilitation of existing housing, and code enforcement

HSS-6 Fair Housing – Affirmatively further fair housing by promoting fair housing choice throughout Lehigh County.

HSS-7 Housing Support – Promote and assist in housing counseling and support services to low- and moderate-income persons and families.



II. HOMELESS STRATEGY – HOM

Goal:

Improve the living conditions and services for homeless persons and families in Lehigh County.

Objectives:

HOM-1 Housing – Promote and assist in developing housing opportunities for homeless persons and families, and those who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

HOM-2 Operation/Support – Promote and assist in program support services for the homeless.

HOM-3 Homeless Prevention – Promote and assist in anti-eviction and prevention of unfair housing practices which may contribute to homelessness.

III. OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS STRATEGY – SNS

Goal:

Improve, preserve, and expand facilities for persons with special needs and the disabled in Lehigh County.

Objectives:

SNS-1 Housing – Promote and assist to increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation of existing housing and new construction of accessible housing.

SNS-2 Social Services – Promote and assist to support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with other special needs.

SNS-3 Accessibility – Promote and assist in making accessibility improvements to owner occupied housing through rehabilitation and improve renter occupied housing by making reasonable accommodations for the physically disabled.



IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – CDS

Goal:

Improve, preserve, and create new public and community facilities, infrastructure, and public services to ensure the quality of life for all residents of Lehigh County.

Objectives:

CDS-1 Community Facilities – Assist in improving parks, recreational centers, trails, libraries, and other public and community facilities throughout the County.

CDS-2 Infrastructure – Assist in improving the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction.

CDS-3 Public Services – Assist in improving and increasing public safety, municipal services, and public service and human service programs throughout Lehigh County.

CDS-4 Accessibility – Assist in improving the physical and visual accessibility of community facilities, infrastructure, and public buildings throughout the County.

CDS-5 Public Safety – Assist in improving the public safety facilities, equipment, and ability for first responders for emergency situations throughout the County.

CDS-6 Clearance – Assist in removing and eliminating slums and blighting conditions through demolition of vacant, abandoned, unsafe and dilapidated structures throughout the County.

CDS-7 Public Transit – Promote development of additional bus routes and improved public transportation for low- and moderate-income persons.

V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – EDS

Goal:

Increase and promote job creation, job retention, self-sufficiency, education, job training, technical assistance, and economic empowerment of low- and moderate-income residents of Lehigh County.

Objectives:

EDS-1 Employment – Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, employment, and job training services.



EDS-2 Financial Assistance – Support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development with technical and financial assistance programs.

EDS-3 Revitalization – Support and promote plans for new development and redevelopment to revitalize distressed areas of Lehigh County.

EDS-4 Financial Incentives – Support and encourage new economic development through local, state and Federal tax incentives and programs.

VI. ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – APM

Goal:

Provide sound and professional planning, administration, oversight and management of Federal, state, and local funded programs.

Objectives:

APM-1 Coordination – Continue to provide sound and professional planning, program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, state, and local funded programs.

APM-2 Planning – Continue to develop and plan for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all Federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The types of projects listed above are included within Lehigh County's 5-year Consolidated Plan as priority projects. Please use this list to complete Section 2 of the CDBG application. Applications for projects that help Lehigh County meet its 5-year goals will be considered as priority for funding. Projects that pertain to a goal are not guaranteed to be funded. Lehigh County may also fund projects that do not fit into any of the above listed categories.