

## CDBG Fact Sheet

### City of Appleton (2012PY-2016PY)

#### CDBG Allocation in the Last 5 Years:

#### Activities Funded in the Last 5 Years

The City of Appleton's CDBG funding has primarily focused on the following activities in the last 5 years:

- Housing rehabilitation (homeowner and rental)
- Neighborhood public facility improvements and revitalization
- Public Services
  - Domestic violence shelter
  - Homeless shelter and supportive services for families
  - Emergency homeless shelter for individuals
  - Emergency financial assistance programs
  - Mental health programs
  - Job readiness training programs
- Fair Housing services

#### Populations Served in the Last 5 Years

The City of Appleton has served many populations under the CDBG program during the last 5 years, almost all of which low- to moderate-income.

- Under **housing rehabilitation efforts**, the primary beneficiaries were first-time homebuyers, seniors, and disabled persons
- For **public facility improvements and revitalization**, working families and at-risk youth benefited the greatest.
- Our City's **public services** focused on serving clients that were homeless, domestic violence victims, disabled, and substance abuse recoverees.
- The Fair Housing services provided services to a range of beneficiaries, including seniors, veterans, disabled persons, working families, private landlords, renters, homeowners, and students.

#### Important Outcomes

Over the past 5 years, the City of Appleton has served many beneficiaries in the low- to moderate-income population through a variety of activities funded through the CDBG program. While the numbers don't paint a complete picture of how these programs and activities greatly benefit our community, it provides a sense of how impactful their services have been and are to City of Appleton residents and how committing CDBG dollars to these activities has assisted.

- Down-payment assistance—22 households
- Housing Rehabilitation—171 units
- Providing shelter & supportive services to homeless—1,896 individuals served
- Providing shelter & supportive services to domestic abuse victims—765 women & children served
- Emergency assistance—161 households

- Public facilities improved/revitalized—5
- Services/training for individuals with mental illness—11 individuals
- Job training for individuals recovering from substance abuse—170 individuals

### **Photos/Video of Projects**

These links provided do not reflect an all-inclusive list of organizations funded through the CDBG program.

(STEP Industries) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=35ZQMmORIMk&feature=youtu.be>

(LEAVEN) <http://www.leavenfoxcities.org/stories-of-hope/>

(Harbor House) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltPCeO2r068>

(Homeless Connections) <http://homelessconnections.net/gallery/>

(Fox Valley Warming Shelter) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlvD59EqWqU>

(Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities) <http://www.housing-partnership.org/index.php/what-we-do/community-partnerships>

### **Impact of the Elimination of the CDBG Program**

The City of Appleton's CDBG program serves as a funding source for a variety of nonprofit organizations throughout the Fox Cities area. While it is only a portion of their overall budget, without this funding, several projects and programs would not be sustainable or even exist. Furthermore, the capacity at which the agencies currently operate would be significantly affected by decreased or eliminated funding.

- The Salvation Army would be forced to allocate funds that were otherwise dedicated to their pantry program towards repairing their facility roof.
- The Mooring Programs, which provide housing and services for individuals suffering from addiction and substance abuse, would not be able to rehabilitate and maintain their housing stock.
- The Appleton Housing Authority's capacity to rehabilitate properties would decrease by about 6 homes.
- The local homeless shelters/domestic violence shelter would be required to reallocate or eliminate funding and ultimately serve fewer clients for services and programs offered
- Fewer households will receive emergency financial assistance, resulting in higher eviction rates and increased homeless counts

In addition to being a source of funding for various subrecipients throughout the community, loss of CDBG funding would impact City of Appleton programs and staff directly.

- The City of Appleton's Homeowner Rehabilitation Loan Program would have to rely heavily on program reserves and program income for sustainability, and likely serve fewer households overall
- The Neighborhood Program would need to seek additional funding to support their grant program for public facility improvements
- Administratively, the City of Appleton would lose approximately 20% funding annually

Most nonprofit agencies throughout the City of Appleton intricately work hand-in-hand with one another. Because of this relationship, the loss or decrease of funding for one agency will affect the operation and stability of another agency.

Overall, if CDBG is eliminated, the City of Appleton's low and moderate-income residents will be the most affected by this loss. This loss will result in fewer or no services or opportunities available to the individuals and families in need, which will ultimately increase the homeless concerns already identified.

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