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5 Year Strategic Plan

This document includes Narrative Responses to specific questions that grantees of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS and Emergency Shelter Grants Programs must respond to in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations.

GENERAL

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is required. Include the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan and an evaluation of past performance.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Executive Summary:

The Consolidated Plan is a five year road map for local jurisdictions that receive federal funds for housing and community development activities. The plan addresses housing, homelessness, community and economic development needs, and develops a strategic plan for the needs. The Consolidated Plan identifies the vision for the City of Venice and a strategy to address the vision. The Consolidated Plan was developed using demographic data, information from private and public agencies, and citizen participation.

The city is required to submit a five year Consolidated Plan upon becoming an entitlement community and an updated plan every five years after. An action plan, certifications, and performance reports will be submitted annually.

In the past, the City of Venice's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were maintained by the Sarasota Consortium. This is the first year the City of Venice is a CDBG entitlement entity, therefore past performance cannot be evaluated in this five year plan.

The City of Venice is the lead agency for administering CDBG funds and will oversee the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan for that purpose. The City of Venice has an interlocal agreement with Sarasota County/City of Sarasota and will continue to partner with the Sarasota Consortium for HOME, ESG and HOPWA funding. State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds will be maintained by the Sarasota Consortium during 2008 and the city expects to administer SHIP funds starting 2009.

Included in this document is a summary of the Citizen Participation Plan that was adopted by City Council on April 22, 2008, housing data, homeless and special needs assessment, public and assisted housing needs assessment, discussion of strategies, Year One Action Plan, and certifications required by HUD.

Background and Demographic Profile:

The City of Venice is located on Florida's west coast on the Gulf of Mexico, in Sarasota County, south of Sarasota and north of Port Charlotte and North Port. The population, based on 2007 BEBR projections, is 22,149. City limits incorporate 16 square miles. The city is a popular tourist and retirement area and has a population increase during the winter. According to the 2000 census, the average age of the Venice resident is 68.8 years.

Public Participation Process:

The city adopted its Citizen Participation Plan on April 22, 2008. A workshop was held on April 30, 2008 to assess community needs, assess available resources, and how to maximize results with a small allotment of funds. The workshop was also seen as an opportunity for non-profits and agencies to connect to evaluate their services and how they might assist each other for a common goal. Questionnaires were sent to area service providers and those responses were taken into consideration during the development of the plan.

The workshop and questionnaires produced the following community needs:

- Venice Housing Authority – Master plan for property redevelopment. Needs infrastructure improvements.
- Elderly – Need home services (i.e. meals brought to homes).
- Affordable Housing – More homes or properties that are affordable.
- Moderate and Low Income – Assistance to prevent foreclosure, credit assistance

The public comment period began on June 22, 2008. A public hearing was held on July 22, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall. No comments were received at the public hearing.

Strategies:

The City of Venice will continue to work with the Sarasota Consortium, local agencies and non-profits to meet and accomplish the community needs for providing and sustaining decent housing for low and moderate income residents, maintain a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons. The overall goals include:

Homeownership:

- Sarasota Consortium and non-profit organizations will continue to assist low and moderate income down payment assistance, homebuyer education, impact fee assistance, and affordable housing.
- Royal Venice will continue to provide assistance to low income homeowners who are facing foreclosures.
- Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill/Goodhomes, and Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County will continue to assist low income individuals and families in obtaining and retaining homeownership.

- The city will form an Affordable Housing Committee in 2008/2009 to assist in the compilation of future Consolidated Plans and to oversee the goals and objectives of the SHIP program.

Rental Activities:

- The city will continue to partner with the Sarasota Consortium who will provide affordable rental units for low and moderate income residents. This includes tenant based assistance.
- The Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County will continue to locate and place low income individuals in affordable rentals

Special Needs:

- The city will participate with the Sarasota Consortium to address the elderly, those with addiction problems, HIV/AIDS victims, and disabled low income residents.
- The city will set aside \$5,000 of annual funds for local food banks and home food delivery for the elderly.

Homelessness Strategies:

- The city will participate with the local Continuum of Care (COC) group who assists homeless individuals throughout the community. The Sarasota Consortium gives \$500,000 to the COC which assists 25 low income families to end or prevent homelessness.
- The Sarasota Consortium oversees HOME, and will create 10 affordable housing vouchers for individuals and families. The Consortium estimates that 50 individuals and families will be helped under the initiative. HOME funds will not be able to be spent in city limits again until fiscal 2010.
- The Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County will continue to work with public, private and non-profit agencies to create and new supply of homes and invest in affordable housing, including rentals.

Infrastructure:

- The Venice Housing Authority will receive funds for infrastructure improvements not limited to stormwater, water, sewer, road, sidewalk and lighting improvements. Three years of CDBG funds will go to the Housing Authority.
- Flood protection improvements are needed in the Airport Census Tract. Two years of CDBG funding will go to this need.

Public Facilities:

- No new public facilities have been identified as needed for the next five years.

Economic Development:

- The city will provide beautification of a blighted area along US 41 Business between Fairway and Pinegrove Drives to encourage commercial development in a low to moderate income block. The area development will be announced to local industry, businesses and developers.

Strategic Plan

Due every three, four, or five years (length of period is at the grantee's discretion) no less than 45 days prior to the start of the grantee's program year start date. HUD does not accept plans between August 15 and November 15.

Mission:

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.415, the City of Venice has prepared a Strategic Plan that covers a five year period starting October 1, 2008. The goal, in accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.1, is to provide and sustain decent housing for low and moderate income residents, create and maintain a suitable living environment, and expand and retain economic opportunities principally for low and moderate income persons.

The City of Venice Strategic Plan will cover a five year period covering fiscal years 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012, and 2012/2013.

To meet the goals of the strategic plan, the following income definitions apply:

- Extremely Low Income – 30% of the Sarasota County Area Median Income (AMI) and below
- Low Income – 30% to 50% AMI
- Moderate Income – 51% to 80% AMI
- Middle Income – 81% to 95% AMI

A combination of public and private resources will be used to address needs in this five-year plan. The City of Venice will receive federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program all five years.

The city will not receive HOME investment Partnership program, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), public housing capital funding, public housing operational funding, Section 8 voucher funding, Continuum of Care funding, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding. As a result, the city will continue to participate in the interlocal agreement with the Sarasota Consortium for the distribution of their funds. The city will administer SHIP funds in 2009.

The Venice Housing Authority receives operating and capital funding through a variety of sources. Funds are administered by the housing authority and its governing board. The Venice Housing Authority does not have any Section 8 vouchers.

The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. currently serves as the lead agency and administers funding for HUD'S Continuum of Care Plan for the bi-county Sarasota/Manasota Homeless Project.

Federal and state funding anticipated to be received for the five year period is as follows based on estimates for the 2008/2009 fiscal year:

GROSS FUNDING AVAILABLE		
Source	One Year Estimate	Five Year Total Estimate
CDBG	\$90,000	\$450,000
SHIP*	\$198,000	\$792,000
Other (FDOT LAP)**	\$35,577	\$35,577
TOTAL	\$323,577.00	\$1,277,577.00

* Funding is based on 4 year estimate. The city will not administer SHIP funds fiscal 2008/2009

** One time funding for public improvements in Guild Drive area

Since this is the first time that the City of Venice will work with CDBG, program income or recaptured funds are not estimated.

All funding sources are estimated. If the city receives additional funds through any of the sources, the funds will be used to accelerate strategies that are proposed in later years of the plan or this plan will be amended.

General Questions

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed.
2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) and the basis for assigning the priority (including the relative priority, where required) given to each category of priority needs (91.215(a)(2)). Where appropriate, the jurisdiction should estimate the percentage of funds the jurisdiction plans to dedicate to target areas.
3. Identify any obstacles to meeting underserved needs (91.215(a)(3)).

3-5 Year Strategic Plan General Questions response:

Community Development Block Grant assistance will be directed to the areas in blue labeled on the map on page 9. The Ridgewood area has 55% low to moderate income, the Guild Drive area has 48% low to moderate income, and the Airport Census tract has 60% low to moderate income. The city qualifies for an exception to 47.4% LMI.

CDBG assistance will also be distributed to benefit public improvements in and around the Venice Public Housing Authority which is not in a low to moderate income census block, but the development caters to those with only low to moderate incomes.

Within the jurisdiction, the city will distribute the funds based on priorities and funding available for:

- Rehabilitation of the Venice Public Housing Authority
- Special Needs

- Non-Housing Community Development
- Infrastructure Development

The city estimates that over the five year period, CDBG funds will be distributed as follows: (\$450,000 total)

Venice Public Housing Authority 45% - \$201,000

Ridgewood Census Tract 0%

Guild Drive Census Tract 0%

Airport Census Tract 30% - \$134,000

Administration 20% - \$90,000

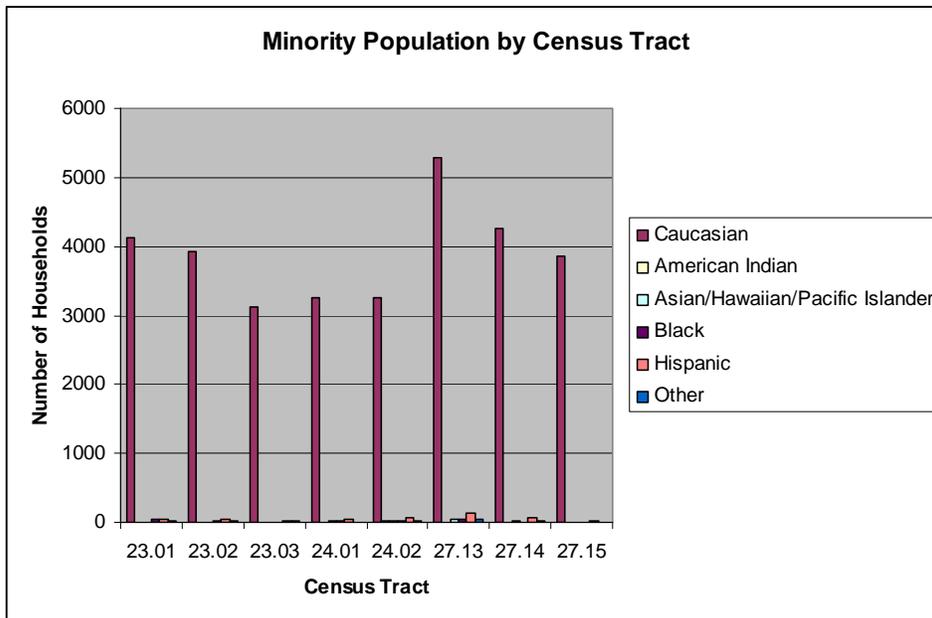
\$25,000 over a five year period will be set aside to assist food banks and transported meals. This accounts for 5% of the funds.

The Guild Drive area will receive 100% of the Florida Department of Transportation Local Agency Program funds for landscaping and beautification of a blighted area.

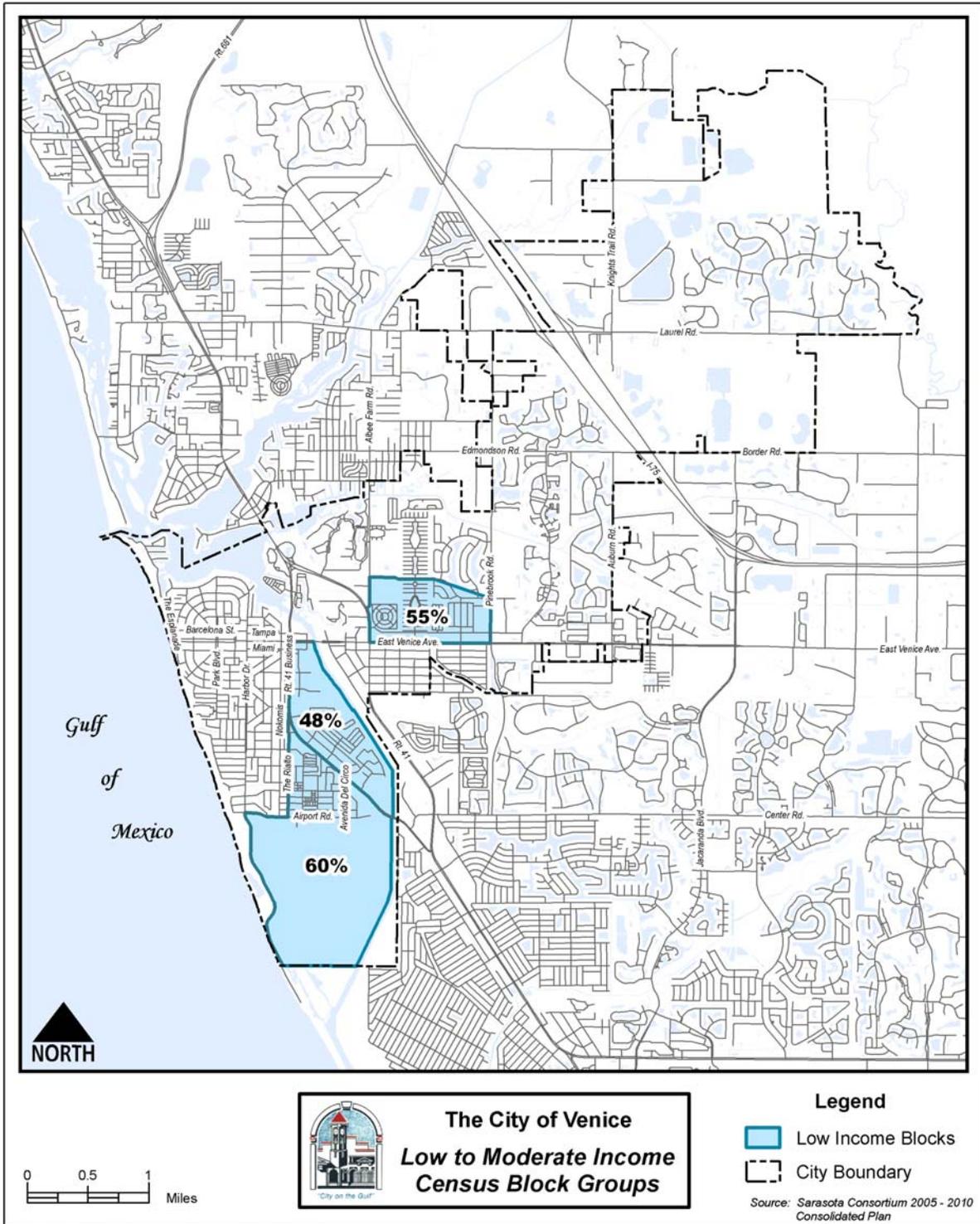
During the data analysis process, the following obstacles were noted:

- High cost of land
- High cost of housing
- Limited amount of funding
- Maintaining existing housing stock
- Need for affordable housing
- Need for affordable rental housing
- Budget cuts
- Lack of homeless and emergency shelters
- "Not in my back yard" may be encountered when evaluating site locations

According to data from the Federal Financial Institution Examination Council and the following table, there is not a concentration of minority groups within the city of Venice.



The following table shows the low income areas where public improvement funds can be used.



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Managing the Process (91.200 (b))

1. Lead Agency. Identify the lead agency or entity for overseeing the development of the plan and the major public and private agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.
2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.
3. Describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies, and other entities, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons.

*Note: HOPWA grantees must consult broadly to develop a metropolitan-wide strategy and other jurisdictions must assist in the preparation of the HOPWA submission.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Managing the Process response:

The City of Venice is the lead agency responsible for the Consolidated Plan. Development Services has taken the lead in preparing workshops, public hearings, and in preparing the Consolidated Plan.

The City of Sarasota is the recipient of HOPWA, HOME and SHIP funds and the City of Venice participates in an interlocal agreement with them to oversee and administer those programs on behalf of the city and all of Sarasota County. Starting in 2009, Venice will administer the SHIP program.

The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. is the provider of the Continuum of Care for all of Sarasota County.

The plan writing process began in January 2008 with Development Services meeting with fellow staff members, and phone conferences and meetings with the City of Sarasota Office of Community and Housing Development and HUD. In March 2008, the city began contacting service providers for data and information about low and moderate income needs and homeless needs. In April 2008, a public workshop was held with local agencies, non-profit organizations, and other area service providers. Also a questionnaire was mailed. Members who provided input into this plan include:

- Ed Martin, Mayor City of Venice
- John Moore, City of Venice Council Member
- John Simmonds, City of Venice Council Member
- Rick Tacy, City of Venice Council Member
- Vicki Noren, City of Venice Council Member
- Ernest Zavodnyik, City of Venice Council Member
- Sue Lang, City of Venice Council Member
- Martha Thomas, Venice Housing Authority
- Kent Macci, Sarasota County Health Department, Environmental Hazards
- Christine Davis, Office of Housing and Community Development Sarasota Consortium
- Donald Hadsell, Office of Housing and Community Development Sarasota Consortium

- Olivia Thomas, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)
- Martin Black, City of Venice City Manager
- Nancy Woodley, Ph.D., P.E., City of Venice General Manager of Development Services
- Tom Slaughter, AICP, City of Venice Planning Director
- Don Caillouette, City of Venice Comprehensive Planning
- Dave Dunaway, Police Captain
- Spencer Edwards, Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida, Inc.
- Yvonne Heckler, Habitat for Humanity
- Brian Meurs, Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County, Inc.
- George Barr, Venice Housing Authority
- Lynette McClelland, Fishers of Men Bible Church
- Judith Wilcox, Habitat for Humanity
- Ellen McLaughlin, YMCA Schoolhouse Link
- George Aristizabal, Royal Venice
- Kirstin Fulkerson, Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
- Don O'Connell, Royal Venice
- Tangelia Lane, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)
- Phillip Brooks, First Step of Sarasota
- Michael Rose, Venice Police Department
- Patti Murphy, Goodwill Manasota
- Ron Solanes, Venice Police Department
- Kevin McGrath, Venice Police Department
- Eric Hill, Venice Police Department
- T.R. Crepeau, Venice Police Department
- Jason Adams, Venice Police Department
- Donna Leclerc, DASH, Inc.
- Richard Martin, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc.
- Benjamin Bell, MDStrum Housing Services, Inc. (HUD/VHA)

City Council met on May 27, 2008 to review comments from questionnaires and the service provider workshop. A motion was made to set aside funds for infrastructure improvements to benefit the Venice Housing Authority, local food pantries, and public improvements in the Airport Census tract.

Citizen Participation (91.200 (b))

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.
2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.
3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.
4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Citizen Participation response:

The City of Venice adopted a Citizen Participation Plan on April 22, 2008. This plan outlines the steps to obtain public comment on the Consolidated Plan, Action Plans and Performance Reports.

The public hearing on the Consolidated Plan and Year One Action Plan was held on July 22, 2008. No comments were received.

Since this is the first year the City of Venice is entitled to receive CDBG funds, one workshop, one public hearing, and one public meeting were held for the draft Consolidated Plan and Year One Action Plan. If this plan is accepted by HUD, the city will be holding two public hearings a year as outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan; one for the Action Plan, and one for the Performance Report.

A notice about the availability of the Consolidated Plan/Year Action Plan and the public hearing was announced in the Venice Gondolier Newspaper on June 22, 2008. The draft Consolidated Plan was also emailed to the local service providers who attended the public workshop and submitted completed questionnaires. We encourage the service providers to share this document with others. Also copies of the Consolidated Plan are available at City Hall, Venice Public Library and the city's website.

For non-English speaking residents and residents with disabilities, accommodations can be made with 24 hour notice to the City Clerks Office.

Institutional Structure (91.215 (i))

1. Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan, including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.
2. Assess the strengths and gaps in the delivery system.
3. Assess the strengths and gaps in the delivery system for public housing, including a description of the organizational relationship between the jurisdiction and the public housing agency, including the appointing authority for the commissioners or board of housing agency, relationship regarding hiring, contracting and procurement; provision of services funded by the jurisdiction; review by the jurisdiction of proposed capital improvements as well as proposed development, demolition or disposition of public housing developments.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Institutional Structure response:

The Consolidated Plan is to be carried out through a combination of public, private, and non-profit organizations, many who participated in the public workshop in April 2008; and through the Sarasota Consortium. A list of the participating organizations can be found on pages 10 and 11 in the "Managing the Process" section. The partnerships are vital to carrying out the strategies listed in the Consolidated Plan since the city is only receiving CDBG and SHIP funds and has a limited amount to spend on activities. The Sarasota Consortium is a very important entity for carrying out many of the goals within the city's jurisdiction.

Strengths of the Program:

- ❖ Local foundations dedicated to providing assistance
- ❖ Dedicated organizations
- ❖ Cooperation from the Sarasota Consortium, City of Sarasota, and partnering members

Weaknesses of the Program:

- ❖ Limited funding through CDBG
- ❖ Housing issues that are out of reach based on program funds available
- ❖ Lack of builders engaged in the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing
- ❖ Lack of subsidized housing assistance

The Venice Housing Authority has been labeled “troubled” by HUD. Since 1996, the authority has had four executive directors and 26 volunteer board members. Following the resignation of the last housing director, the housing authority has had little oversight. Plans were made to demolish and redesign the authority, but those plans were discarded. The housing units are in poor physical condition and currently four of the fifty units are offline. The Sarasota Consortium is in the process of administering Section 8 vouchers for the residents to find temporary housing. The city’s only responsibility to the Venice Housing Authority has been to appoint board members.

Strengths of the housing authority have been the recent appointment of a city council member to the housing board who has 22 years of experience working with housing issues, and other board members who are dedicated to seeing the development through to the end. Also, the housing authority has a HUD representative who is experienced with helping troubled housing lending a hand.

There is no relationship between the city and the housing authority regarding hiring, contracting and procurement. The city does provide permitting and other services as it does for all privately owned properties.

Since this is the first time the City of Venice is receiving entitlement funds, all improvements made at the housing authority will be reviewed by the city to ensure they are consistent with the Consolidated Plan. In the past, the City of Sarasota reviewed the improvements as part of the Sarasota Consortium.

Monitoring (91.230)

1. Describe the standards and procedures the jurisdiction will use to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Monitoring response:

The City of Venice has established standards and procedures in order to monitor activities authorized under federal programs and to ensure long-term compliance with the provisions of those programs. As a method for checking progress, the standards and procedures will serve to measure resources consumed, track the status of projects, measure and compare accomplishments with projections, and provide methods for change and/or improvement, where needed.

The city will monitor its performance set forth in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans. This includes steps and actions being taken to ensure compliance with program requirements involving timeliness of expenditures. Projects receiving program assistance are monitored to ensure on-going compliance with program requirements. The city's Finance Department will provide ongoing fiscal monitoring of each project receiving CDBG funds. Development Services will provide on site monitoring. In addition, Development Services will conduct monitoring of CDBG funded construction projects for labor standards compliance related to Davis-Bacon regulations and environmental assessments.

Monitoring efforts to address timeliness of expenditures require accurate internal and external tracking and reporting systems. Monthly draw down of funds will be recorded in the IDIS system to track the expenditure rate and the progress of project activities. This data is also used during preparation of the annual year-end report.

The following are monitoring methodologies utilized by the city for all funds:

- Yearly internal auditing completed by the Finance Department.
- External auditing of both federal and state funds completed by an independent auditing firm for all grant funds received by the city.
- Tracking software used for federal and state funds in place.
- Annual reports submitted for federal and state programs.
- Monthly reconciliation of funds for both federal and state programs.
- Drawdown completed jointly by the CDBG staff and Finance Department staff.
- Desk monitoring conducted monthly with each drawdown request.

Monitoring the Consolidated Plan is an ongoing process to ensure that the city is meeting its goals and objectives. The city will monitor the effectiveness of the Consolidated Plan and submit reports to HUD. These reports will evaluate the performance of the Consolidated Plan by examining and commenting on project costs and benefits.

MONITORING OF SUBRECIPIENTS

Contract Agreements: The city will enter binding contractual agreements with all other parties participating in federal programs. Such agreements will insure compliance with program provisions between the City and these parties. Additionally, these agreements will provide a basis for enforcing program requirements and for identifying remedies in the event of a breach of any of the provisions. Elements contained in these agreements will be inclusive of, but not limited to:

- Type of activity
- Specific "boiler plate" provisions
- Other terms and conditions
- Special program requirements
- Budget
- Scope of services
- Reporting requirements
- Other special provisions

Monitoring Standards: The city will monitor the program through communication and evaluation of program participants. Such a process involves frequent telephone contacts, written communication, analysis of reports and audits, and periodic meetings. The primary goal of monitoring will be to identify deficiencies and advocate corrections in order to improve and reinforce participant performance. As part of this process, the city will watch for evidence of fraud, waste and mismanagement or for situations with potential for such abuse. The emphasis will be on prevention, detection and correction of problems. Technical assistance may be included, if required.

The City of Venice will monitor each program participant annually, or more frequently if circumstances should require, in order to review the activities included in their agreement with the city. The purpose of this monitoring is to assess compliance with the requirements of the federal program. Such review will include desk audits and on-site examinations to determine compliance with all applicable requirements.

Monitoring activities shall be comprised of the following:

- Development of an annual monitoring strategy
- Selection of program areas to review
- Timing of monitoring visits
- Follow-up action
- Assessment of individual activities
- Assessment of progress for the program as a whole
- On-site procedures
- Conclusions

The city may conduct a workshop to provide training to those agencies selected to receive CDBG funding. The workshop will include information regarding CDBG contracts, fiscal management requirements, recordkeeping, reporting requirements, and monitoring of projects by the city.

A Comprehensive Planner has been involved in preparing this Consolidated Plan to ensure that all projects fall within comprehensive planning requirements. Any redevelopment areas will have to go through technical planning review process which is overseen by the Planning and Zoning Department.

Priority Needs Analysis and Strategies (91.215 (a))

1. Describe the basis for assigning the priority given to each category of priority needs.
2. Identify any obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Priority Needs Analysis and Strategies response:

Needs are rated 1 – 6, 1 being the highest need, 6 being the lowest. Priorities are rated 1 – 6, 1 being the highest need, 6 being the lowest. More than one category can have the same priority number, but ranked with a different need number based on public input and data.

Affordable Housing

Need	1
Priority	1: Affordable housing was ranked the highest priority by service providers and city council to address the troubled Venice Housing Authority.
Strategy	The Venice Housing Authority is working to create a master plan for a new housing authority. The city will set aside funds from CDBG to help with infrastructure.
Obstacles	Limited amounts of funding, "not in my backyard" views, may be limits on how the property can be developed.
Resources	Venice Housing Authority, various non-profit organizations. The city will provide CDBG funds to assist with stormwater, infrastructure, lighting and/or sidewalks.
Funding	CDBG \$201,000 over a five year period.
Time Period	3 years – 50 low income households to benefit.

Need	2
Priority	2: Affordable housing was ranked the highest priority by service providers and city council.
Strategy	Local non-profit agencies are working to provide affordable and workforce housing in the city. Projects such as the proposed "Bridges" development will provide affordable workforce housing.
Obstacles	Limited amounts of funding, "not in my backyard" views, may be limits on how the property can be developed.
Resources	Habitat for Humanity, Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County and other local non-profit agencies.
Funding	Overseen by local non-profit agencies.
Time Period	Ongoing.

Homeownership Activities

Need	1
Priority	1: The amount of people going through foreclosure is rising, and the cost for single family homes is still high in some areas. Also, lower income families can't afford to by a home.
Strategy	Work with the Sarasota Consortium and various non-profit agencies to assist low income families.
Obstacles	Limited amounts of funding.
Resources	Non profit agencies such as Royal Venice and Catholic Charities.
Funding	Funded by non-profit agencies.
Time Period	Yearly – outcomes will vary based on funding ability.

City of Venice

Need	2
Priority	2: Provide funds to assist home improvements for low income elderly, frail elderly and disabled residents.
Strategy	City of Venice will receive SHIP funding in 2009 to provide home improvement assistance to low income elderly, frail elderly and disabled residents. Improvements can include ADA improvements, kitchen improvements, roofing, and hurricane hardening.
Obstacles	Limited amounts of funding.
Resources	SHIP funds from the state.
Funding	\$712,000 SHIP over a five year period.
Time Period	Yearly – outcomes will vary based on how many households within the City of Venice apply. It is estimated that 236 households over a 5 year period will benefit.

Rental Activities

Need	1
Priority	1: Create additional rental units for low income and moderate income residents.
Strategy	Arrange for the Venice Housing Authority to have funding for engineering and construction of infrastructure improvements. Stay active in the development process to ensure that additional units can be built for low income and low income elderly people.
Obstacles	Not in my back yard, funding.
Resources	Venice Housing Authority, Non-profit agencies
Funding	\$201,000 CDBG over three year period.
Time Period	3 years – At least 70 low income residents to benefit.

Special Needs

Need	1
Priority	1: Because of the city's elderly population, special needs are ranked second for need.
Strategy	Assist meal transportation services who serve low income elderly and the disabled.
Obstacles	Limited amounts of funding.
Resources	CDBG funds, non-profit agencies.
Funding	\$25,000 CDBG (shared with Homelessness Need 4/Priority 1)
Time Period	5 years – At least 250 people served over 5 years.

Homelessness

Need	1
Priority	1: Homelessness was ranked last based on input from special needs groups and on homelessness estimates.
Strategy	Continue to work under the Sarasota Consortium interlocal agreement that assists with homelessness activities for low income. The city will set aside funds for homeless public services.
Obstacles	Very limited amounts of funding available.
Resources	Sarasota County Coalition for the Homeless, Continuum of Care, Fishers of Men Bible Church, Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County
Funding	\$25,000 CDBG (shared with Special Needs Need 2/Priority 1)
Time Period	5 years – At least 250 people served over 5 years.

Neighborhood Improvements

Need	1
Priority	1: Improve visual condition of blighted area along Business US 41 to encourage commercial development.
Strategy	Perform landscaping improvements in an area that is undeveloped and contains one blighted vacant building.
Obstacles	None.
Resources	City of Venice
Funding	\$35,000 FDOT LAP
Time Period	1 year – Development of properties will occur in the next 5 to 10 years pending market improvement. One existing commercial building will benefit.

Need	2
Priority	2: Reduce flooding in the Airport Census Tract
Strategy	Provide engineering and construction services to an area that needs stormwater modifications to reduce the risk of flooding.
Obstacles	None.
Resources	City of Venice
Funding	\$134,000 CDBG over a three year period.
Time Period	2 years – Approximately 30 households will benefit.

Lead-based Paint (91.215 (g))

1. Estimate the number of housing units that contain lead-based paint hazards, as defined in section 1004 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and are occupied by extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families.
2. Outline actions proposed or being taken to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards and describe how lead based paint hazards will be integrated into housing policies and programs, and how the plan for the reduction of lead-based hazards is related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Lead-based Paint response:

Based on information from the Sarasota Consortium and the Sarasota County Health Department, there is not a recent history of lead-based paint hazards and there has not been a widespread problem.

According to "The Prevalence of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in U.S. Housing published in the Environmental Health Perspectives in October 2002, the lead hazard threat in homes built are:

- 68% of homes built prior to 1940
- 43% of homes building from 1940-1959
- 8% of homes built from 1960-1977
- 3% of homes built from 1978 to 1998

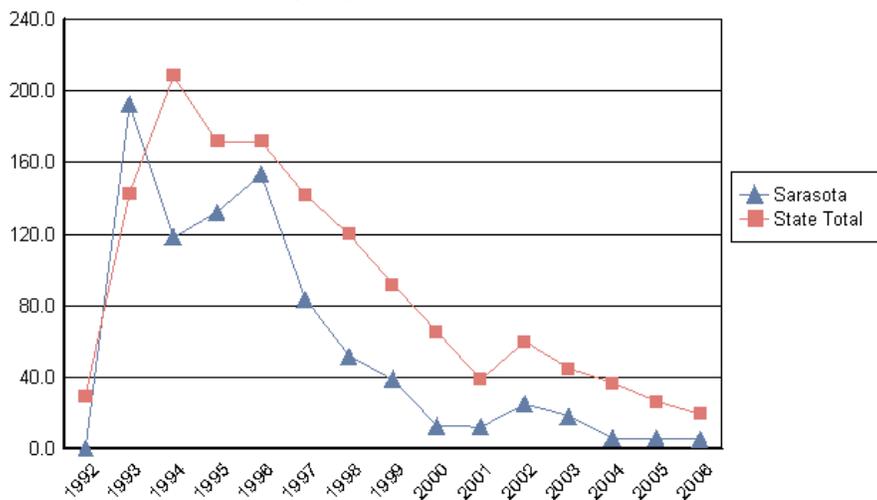
According to the Shimborg Center for Affordable Housing, the City of Venice has:

- 363 homes built prior to 1940
- 1278 homes built between 1940 and 1959
- 6894 homes built between 1960 and 1979
- 4819 homes built between 1980 and 1998

Using a methodology based on the above information, the lead based hazard conservative estimate is as follows:

- 247 homes built before 1940 could have a lead based paint hazard
- 550 homes built between 1940 and 1959 could have a lead based paint hazard
- 552 homes built between 1960 and 1979 could have a lead based paint hazard
- 145 homes built between 1980 and 1998 could have a lead based paint hazard

The Health Department tests all clients up to age six for lead exposure. Children over age six are tested only if they are considered high risk. Private physicians occasionally test for lead exposure and refer clients to the Health Department. High lead count is a mandatory reportable incident to the state.



Source: Florida Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Set

Officials at the Sarasota County Health Department said they have found very few incidents where lead numbers were in the 10 to 15 mg/dcl (micrograms per deciliter) range which they investigate as a public service. At 15 mg/dcl, action and investigation is mandatory. The State Health Department reports only one child with lead poisoning throughout the entire county from 2004 and 2006 with a blood lead level that required action.

The city will continue to cooperate with the Sarasota Consortium that takes the following measures to evaluate and reduce lead based paint hazards:

- Low income homeowners who discover lead based paint in their homes will qualify for a grant to remedy the risks posed by the lead.
- Individuals qualifying for rental assistance through the Section 8 program will receive a HUD pamphlet titled "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home".
- Owners of Section 8 rental properties constructed prior to 1979 that receive Federal assistance through the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community development are required to send new tenants the applicable lead-based paint notices.
- Section 8 units and sites must be in compliance with the new HUD lead based paint regulations.
- Individuals taking part in a Down Payment Assistance Program receive a copy of "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home".
- Units rehabilitated using federal funds will be required to abide by new HUD lead based paint regulations.

HOUSING

Housing Needs (91.205)

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

1. Describe the estimated housing needs projected for the next five year period for the following categories of persons: extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income families, renters and owners, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, single persons, large families, public housing residents, victims of domestic violence, families on the public housing and section 8 tenant-based waiting list, and discuss specific housing problems, including: cost-burden, severe cost- burden, substandard housing, and overcrowding (especially large families).
2. To the extent that any racial or ethnic group has a disproportionately greater need for any income category in comparison to the needs of that category as a whole, the jurisdiction must complete an assessment of that specific need. For this purpose, disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of persons in a category of need who are members of a particular racial or ethnic group is at least ten percentage points higher than the percentage of persons in the category as a whole.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Housing Needs response:

With limited funding, housing needs in Venice are difficult to address. The Venice Housing Authority is in deplorable condition and has been labeled a "troubled"

housing agency by HUD. The lack of incentives, increase in construction material costs, and housing demand diverted developers from building more modestly priced homes. Further complicating the issue, local employers are laying off workers due to housing slowdowns.

On the brighter side, as housing and land sales slow, the costs for such items drop as well. More opportunities will arise for the purchase of land to house low income residents.

SARASOTA COUNTY MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME: \$59,600 (Effective January 28, 2008)			
Household Size	Extremely Low 30% of Median	Low Income 50% of Median	Moderate Income 80% of Median
1	\$12,550	\$20,800	\$33,400
2	\$14,300	\$23,850	\$38,100
3	\$16,100	\$26,800	\$42,950
4	\$17,900	\$29,800	\$47,700
5	\$19,350	\$32,200	\$51,500
6	\$20,750	\$34,550	\$55,350
7	\$22,200	\$36,950	\$59,150
8	\$23,650	\$39,350	\$62,950

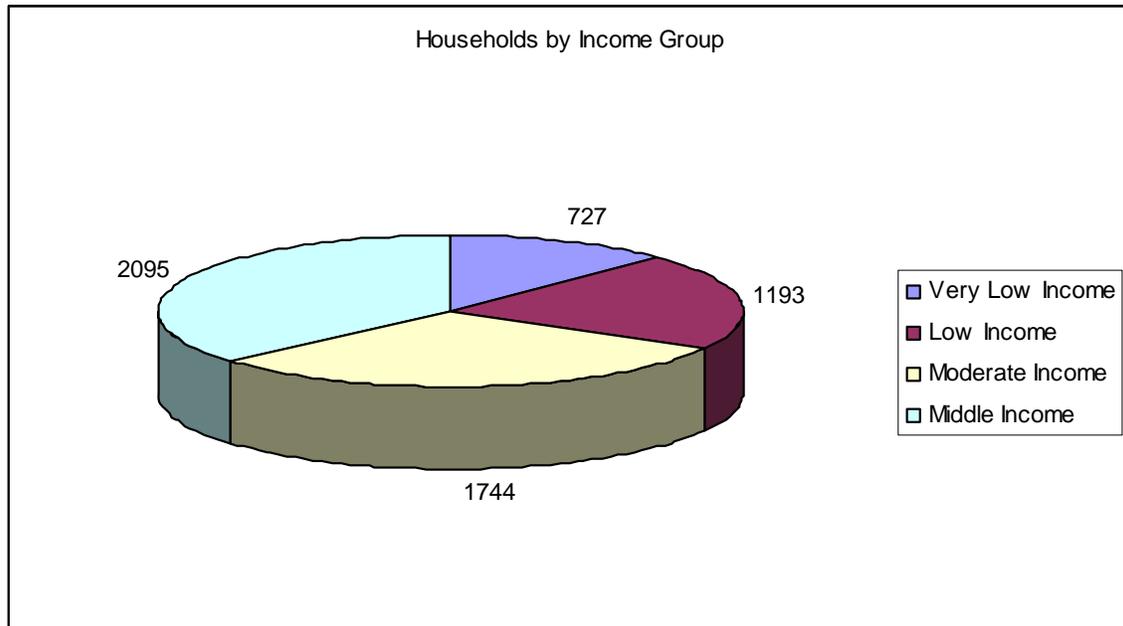
Extremely Low Income (AMI 30% and below): According to Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing (Shimburg), there are 727 families in poverty status within city limits. Shimburg projects that that number will reach 1038 by 2015. Elderly renters and homeowners are the largest group of people in the extremely low income range, numbering 400 according to CHAS data.

Low Income (AMI 31% to 50%): According to Shimberg, there were 1193 households in the low income range. That number is projected to be 1459 by 2015.

Moderate Income (AMI 51% to 80%): According to Shimberg, there were 1744 families considered to be moderate income. That number is projected to be 2284 by 2015.

Middle Income (AMI 80.01% to 120%): According to Shimberg, there were 2095 middle income households. That number is projected to be 2726 by 2015.

The following table divides the households by income group.



Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing

Renters: In all income ranges, the elderly are the largest number of renters according to CHAS data. The rental housing stock in Venice is becoming increasingly limited. There are a number of reasons for this lack of housing stock, including market forces and development pressures. In the past, the rental properties were concentrated in the mixed-use neighborhoods. Yet, as the desirability of the City has increased, many of these properties have been converted to private condominiums. The privatization of these rental units has exacerbated a problem caused by the lack of apartments in other areas of the community, as the newer developed areas are dominated by single-family suburban neighborhoods. Additional information about the availability of rentals can be found on pages 38 through 40.

Owners: According to the 2000 Census, out of 9,680 occupied housing units, 7,537 are owner occupied. The average household size of owner-occupied units is 1.79 people per unit. 2.5% of the houses are unoccupied. With the current housing market downturn, there has been an increase of homes for sale and they are becoming more affordable. This trend is expected to continue. Additional housing and household projections analysis can be found on page 41 through 43.

Elderly: The current median age in the City of Venice is 68.8. 63.1% of the population is 62 years of age or older. This number is expected to increase.

Villa San Marco, 1030 Albee Farm Road, is a Section 202 HUD Rental Assistance Facility and has 80 units. The Section 202 program helps expand the supply of affordable housing with supportive services for the elderly. It provides very low-income elderly with options that allow them to live independently but in an environment that provides support activities such as cleaning, cooking, transportation, etc. The Senior Friendship Center also provides home delivered meals and other elderly assistance to Venice residents. A complete listing of licensed group homes can be found on page 35.

Persons with Disabilities: According to the 2000 census, there are 71 people between the ages of 5 to 20 years old with a disability. There are 1,228 people between 21 and 64 years of age with a disability, and 3,171 elderly people with a disability. The elderly population makes up the largest disabled population at 33.2% of those 65 years of age and older. This number is expected to increase as the median age of the city population increases.

Single Parent Households: According to the 2000 census, there are 205 female householders in the city with children under 18. This accounts for 2.1% of the population. There are 91 female householders in poverty with children under the age of 18. This number is not expected to increase as the median age of Venice residents increases.

Large Families: According to the US Census, only 0.4 percent of the population has 1.51 occupants or more per room. The average household size in the City of Venice has 1.76 people. Based on this data, overcrowding is not a large issue. Because of the large elderly population in the city, it is expected that the average household size will decrease due to aging population and death of spouses. Only .4% of the population has 1.51 or more occupants per room.

Public Housing Residents: There is only one Public Housing development, the Venice Housing Authority (VHA), at 201 North Grove Street with 50 units. The VHA is currently relocating residents and working to find funds and design a master redevelopment plan for a new housing authority. The Housing Authority expects to add up to 100 additional units with the new development.

Domestic Violence Victims: According to the Florida Department of Children and Families, the Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) which serves Sarasota and DeSoto counties provided emergency shelter to 166 women and children during fiscal year 2007/2008. A total of 1,093 men, women and children were provided case management services throughout Sarasota and De Soto counties. According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Domestic Violence Rate has decreased between 1997 and 2006. From 2005 and 2006, there was a 4.3% decrease in volume. Sarasota County had a total of 1,415 incidents during 2006. Trend is expected to remain the same.

Families on Section 8 and Public Housing Waiting Lists: According to the Venice Housing Authority fiscal 2008 annual plan, 54 families are on the waiting list for public housing. Of those 54 families, 36 are extremely low income, 8 are very low income, and 8 are low income. The list has been closed due to the proposed demolition and disposition activities. The Section 8 housing list is maintained by the Sarasota Consortium and they will continue to maintain Section 8 during the five year plan.

Housing Supply and Demand: By the year 2010, approximately 86% of the city's housing stock will be 40 years of age or older. 40 years is the age when housing units begin to experience structural issues. The public and private sectors will need to rehabilitate or repair a number of these units to keep them in housing stock.

The recent housing trends can be viewed as either beneficial or unbeneficial to low income families. One of the more positive trends is the fact that there are many houses for sale and this is driving the cost for a new home down. As of March 28, 2008, Realtor.com listed 1152 properties were available in the 34285 zip code, the

lowest price is listed at \$50,900. In the 34292 zip code, 976 properties were listed with the lowest price listed at \$64,999.

One trend seen on Venice island is developers purchasing what was once affordable housing and the building being torn down to construct new. The close proximity to area beaches tends to encourage developers to do this to make a larger profit. This trend is not beneficial to affordable housing goals. This could affect the future estimated age of the housing stock.

The housing market analysis showed that 26% of rental units are vacant. Of these units, none are for very low income, and this shows a need for rental units for those under 30% of the median income.

Shimburg data estimates units should be built at affordable levels to meet population demands. A complete Housing Market Analysis can be found starting on page 25.

Substandard units: According to the 2000 Census, 33 structures are lacking complete plumbing facilities, 181 structures are lacking complete kitchen facilities, and 84 units have no telephone service. This number is expected to remain the same but may adjust as part of the 2010 Census results.

Cost Burden: Standard cost burden covers a few elderly renters and homeowners for all households with household incomes. There are few large related households in the city, and the only ones recorded are in the household income of 50% to 80% MFI owners of 10 households. Elderly renters and homeowners with household incomes MFI equal to or under 30% represent the largest group who are severely cost burdened. There are 80 elderly household renters and 205 elderly household owners that are severely cost burdened.

Racial and Ethnic Groups: There is a small but historical Black population and a small but growing Hispanic population in the City of Venice. A chart of these populations by census tract can be found on page 8.

Priority Housing Needs (91.215 (b))

1. Identify the priority housing needs and activities in accordance with the categories specified in the Housing Needs Table (formerly Table 2A). These categories correspond with special tabulations of U.S. census data provided by HUD for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan.
2. Provide an analysis of how the characteristics of the housing market and the severity of housing problems and needs of each category of residents provided the basis for determining the relative priority of each priority housing need category.

Note: Family and income types may be grouped in the case of closely related categories of residents where the analysis would apply to more than one family or income type.

3. Describe the basis for assigning the priority given to each category of priority needs.
4. Identify any obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Priority Housing Needs response:

As per the Housing Needs Table, elderly owners and renters with Median Family Income (MFI) 80% or lower have the highest need. The city will be addressing housing problems with SHIP funds to homeowners that are 30% or lower MFI with first priority. The Senior Friendship Center of Venice had indicated to staff that there is a need for home rehabilitation for low income elderly and disabled. SHIP funds may also be used for activities ranging from hurricane protection and plumbing upgrades. Renters are also cost burdened, but the city does not have funding available to address this need. The city will continue to work with the Sarasota Consortium to address renters. Priority housing needs have been addressed on pages 16 and 17.

Housing Market Analysis (91.210)

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

1. Based on information available to the jurisdiction, describe the significant characteristics of the housing market in terms of supply, demand, condition, and the cost of housing; the housing stock available to serve persons with disabilities; and to serve persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Data on the housing market should include, to the extent information is available, an estimate of the number of vacant or abandoned buildings and whether units in these buildings are suitable for rehabilitation.
2. Describe the number and targeting (income level and type of household served) of units currently assisted by local, state, or federally funded programs, and an assessment of whether any such units are expected to be lost from the assisted housing inventory for any reason, (i.e. expiration of Section 8 contracts).
3. Indicate how the characteristics of the housing market will influence the use of funds made available for rental assistance, production of new units, rehabilitation of old units, or acquisition of existing units. Please note the goal of affordable housing is not met by beds in nursing homes.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Housing Market Analysis responses:

Venice is predominantly a retirement community. However, it is also a community with a significant family population of working age adults, youth, and children. Unfortunately, as housing prices rise and apartments are converted into private residences, the housing options for these groups are diminishing. This issue is indicative of a trend in the entire Gulf Coast region, which is expected to worsen as baby boomers retire. This is a concern for Venice because it will become more difficult to find, attract, and retain a reliable workforce. The city, along with its regional partners, must actively seek ways to provide diverse housing options to meet the needs of a diverse population.

The provision of safe and attainable housing has been one of the major goals for all levels of government in Florida. The State of Florida established the Florida Housing Act of 1972 which includes: "...decent, safe, and sanitary housing and suitable living environment for all citizens of Florida at a price they can afford..."

Housing is a significant issue to the city because it determines the make-up and personal character of our community. The type of housing stock as well as the

development style and character of the city’s neighborhoods will determine the make up of the community.

The rental housing stock in Venice is becoming increasingly limited. There are a number of reasons for this lack of housing stock, including market forces and development pressures. In the past, the rental properties were concentrated in the mixed-use neighborhoods. Yet, as the desirability of the city has increased, many of these properties have been converted to private condominiums. The privatization of these rental units has exacerbated a problem caused by the lack of apartments in other areas of the community, as the newer developed areas are dominated by single-family suburban neighborhoods.

In 1990, Venice’s total housing stock accounted for 12,499 units increasing to 13,636 units in 2000. This represents an average increase of 119 new housing units per year. If comparing the annual growth of the housing stock for the City of Venice and Sarasota County for 1990-2000, Venice’s growth is almost 40 percent below Sarasota County (See table 1.9). In 2002 and 2003 the city challenged the Census 2000 program due to discrepancies in the housing unit count. As a result of the challenge, the Census added up to 473 units to the original calculations. The United States Census Bureau revised the Census 2000 program with a Certification Letter indicating that the new 2000 housing count was revised to 13,636 units along with the increase in population to a total of 17,864 people.

Table 1.9: Housing Stock

Place	1990	2000	Numerical Change	Average Housing Units per Year	% Annual Growth
Florida	6,100,262	7,302,947	1,202,685	120,269	1.8%
Sarasota County	157,055	182,467	25,412	2,541	1.5%
City of Venice	12,449	13,636	1,187	119	0.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000

According to the building permits issued by the city between 2000 and 2006, the housing stock increased by 3,080 housing units to a total of 16,716 units.

Single family homes were the most common type of dwelling units prior to 1970. From 1970 to 2000 the predominant type was multi-family. Between 2000 and 2006 this trend reverted back toward single-family residential. This 2000 to 2006 trend is indicated by the fact that single-family residential units increased 35 percent and multi-family residential units increased 19 percent. Table 1.10 and Chart 1.1 show the changes in housing types for the city over the last 46 years. Map 1.10 shows the location of the different types of dwelling units within the city.

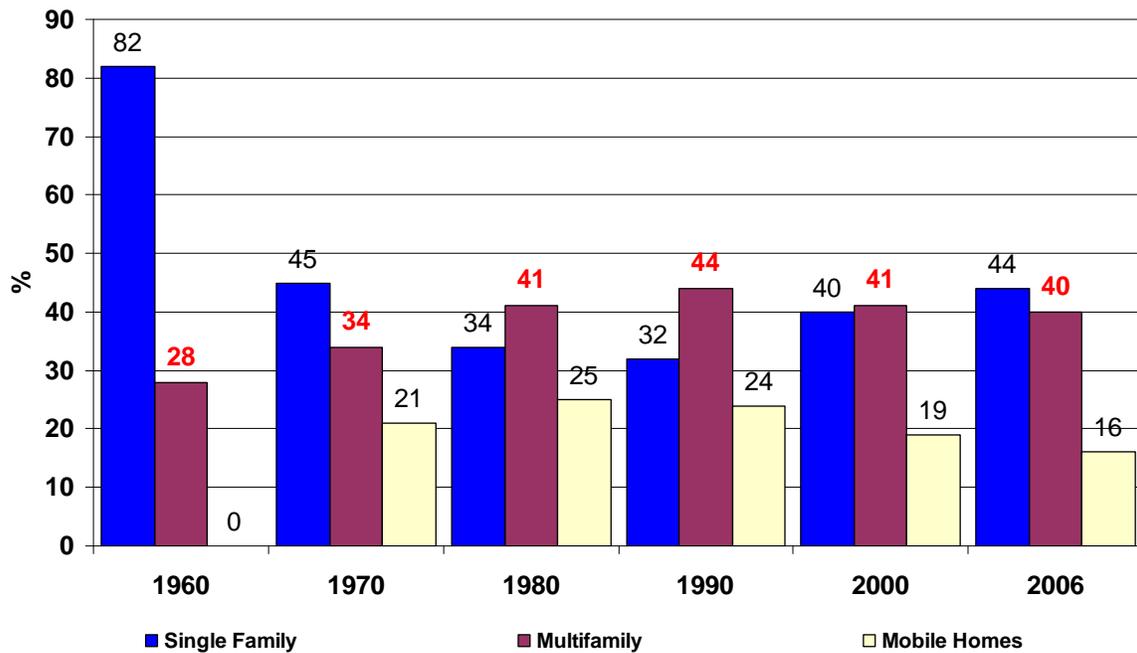
**Table 1.10:
City of Venice Housing Types**

CENSUS AND USE CODES	1960 Census (Units)	1970 Census (Units)	1980 Census (Units)	1990 Census (Units)	2000 Census (Units)	2006* (Units)
Single Family	1,312	1,661	2,965	3,925	5406	7,300
MultiFamily	291	1,257	3,571	5,534	5644	6,698
Mobile Home		772	2,244	2,990	2586	2,718
Total	1,603	3,690	8,780	12,449	13,636	16,716

Source: US Census 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000, City of Venice Building Department, Applications by Census Report Category: Permits Issued 2000 through 2006.

* Based on Building Permits Issued by City of Venice from Year 2000 through Year 2006

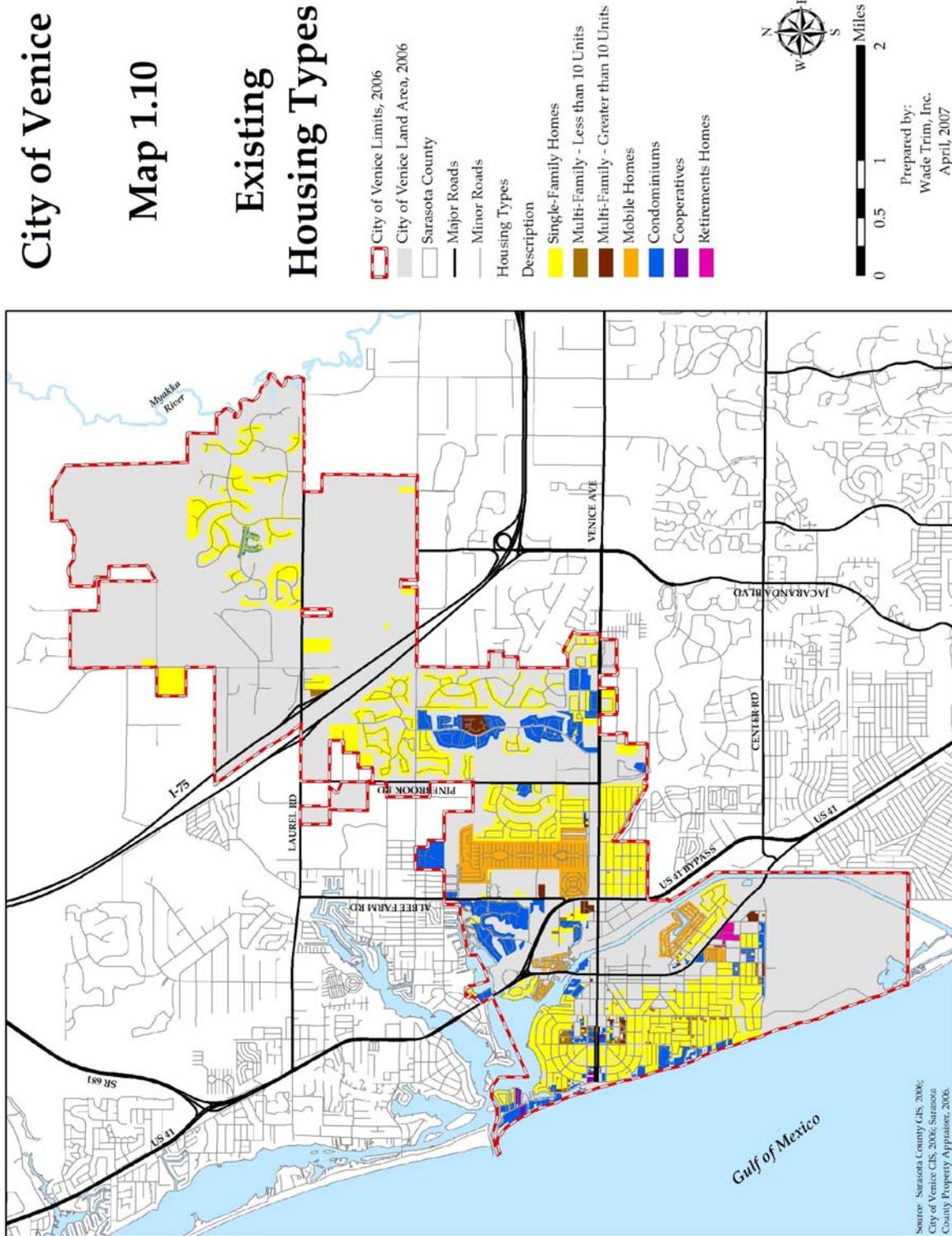
**Chart 1.1
City of Venice Housing Types, 1960-2006**



City of Venice

Map 1.10

Existing Housing Types



Occupancy of the Housing Stock

Housing occupancy rates for the city are below county and state figures due to the high number of “seasonal” population. Table 1.11 shows total housing units and occupied housing units for the City of Venice, Sarasota County, and the State of Florida from the 2000 U.S. Census. These figures show that the City of Venice had a total of 13,636 dwelling units, of which 9,766 (72 percent) were occupied units, and 3,870 (28 percent) were vacant units. If comparing the difference between the total housing units and the total occupied housing units, with the figures described above, it can be concluded that the vacancy rate of the City of Venice is 10 percent higher than Sarasota County and 15 percent higher than the State of Florida. The table also shows the city has a higher percentage of owner-occupied dwelling units than the State of Florida as a whole.

**Table 1.11:
Comparison Occupied Housing Units, 2000**

Location	Total Housing Units	Total Occupied Housing Units	% Occupied Housing Units	Owner Occupied Housing Units	%	Renter Occupied Housing Units	%	Average Household Size
Florida	7,302,947	6,337,929	87%	4,441,799	70%	1,896,130	30%	2.46
Sarasota County	182,467	149,937	82%	118,531	79%	31,406	21%	2.13
Venice	13,636	9,766	72%	7,604	78%	2,162	22%	1.76

Source: U. Census 2000

Table 1.12 shows occupancy and vacancy characteristics in the city from 1960 to 2000. Vacancy has been considerably higher since the 1980s and has remained stable through the year 2000. Despite the considerable number of vacant units, the City of Venice struggles in the provision of low income and work force housing.

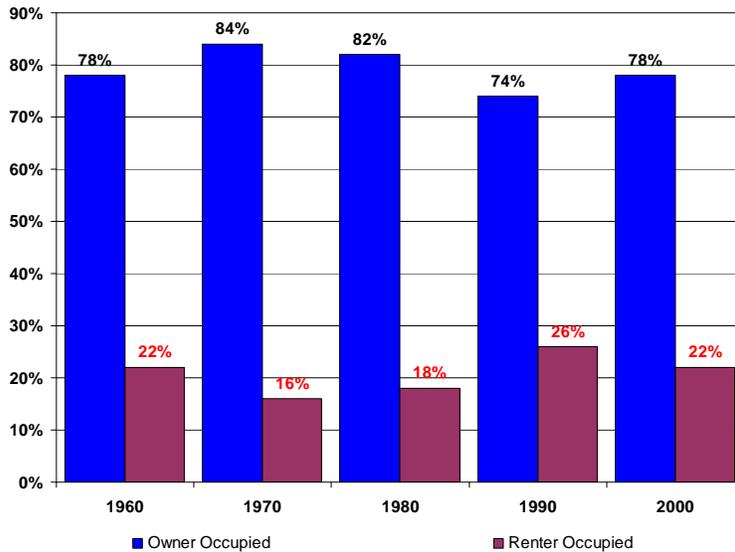
**Table 1.12:
City of Venice: Occupancy and Vacancy Characteristics, 1960-2000**

Ternure	1960		1970		1980		1990		2000	
	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%
Owner Occupied	986	78%	2,559	84%	5,090	82%	6,754	74%	7,604	78%
Renter Occupied	283	22%	500	16%	1,127	18%	2,326	26%	2,162	22%
Occupied Units	1,269	79%	3,059	83%	6,217	71%	9,080	73%	9,766	72%
Vacant Units	334	21%	631	17%	2,563	29%	3,369	27%	3,870	28%
Total Units	1,603		3,690		8,780		12,449		13,636	

Source: U.S. Census 1960-2000

Chart 1.3 shows owner-occupied housing units within the city from 1960 to 2000. Ownership among occupied housing units was higher during the 1970s and 1980s. The slight shift has been toward rental units during the 1990s and 2000s to satisfy the need for more affordable choices.

Chart 1.3
City of Venice: Occupied Housing Units 1960-2000



The City of Venice was developed in 1926. Since that time, a significant amount of housing has been constructed. The housing stock is in relatively good condition. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, a total of 72 percent of the houses were built after 1970. Most of these dwelling units are in planned communities or multi-family buildings that tend to ensure good maintenance.

Table 1.13 shows that the most active housing construction took place between 1970 and 1989, when 58 percent of the housing stock was constructed. This figure is comparable to the 55 percent constructed in Sarasota County during the same period.

Table 1.13:
Comparison Dwelling Units by Year of Construction
Sarasota County and the City of Venice

Year Structure Built	Sarasota County		Venice	
	Units	%	Units	%
1999 to March 2000	4,864	3%	178	1%
1995 to 1998	14,137	8%	628	5%
1990 to 1994	16,550	9%	1,090	8%
1980 to 1989	47,896	26%	3,140	23%
1970 to 1979	52,442	29%	4,814	35%
1960 to 1969	24,402	13%	2,135	16%
1940 to 1959	18,572	10%	1,288	9%
1939 or earlier	3,604	2%	363	3%
Total	182,467	100%	13,636	100%

Source: U.S. Census 2000

Inventory of Substandard Housing Units

The Census Bureau defines substandard housing units as those units that either lack complete plumbing or are overcrowded. Complete plumbing refers to a unit that has hot and cold piped water, a flushable toilet, and a tub or shower available for the exclusive use of that unit's occupants. Overcrowded housing is defined as a unit with over 1.01 persons per room not including rooms such as kitchens, bathrooms, utility rooms, or unfinished attics or basements.

While the city has not conducted a housing survey to determine substandard housing structures, it does respond to complaints from the health department and citizens regarding violations of the 1994 Standard Housing Code (Southern Building Code Congress, Inc) adopted by the City. The Code defines a "dangerous structure" as one found to have the following defects:

- "One which is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, or vermin-infested that it creates a serious hazard to the health or safety of the occupants or the public.
- One which lacks illumination, ventilation, or sanitation facilities adequate to protect the health or safety of the occupants or the public."

In 1981, the city established the Venice Code Enforcement Board for the administration of code issues. The board has the authority to order the violator to pay a fine if violation continues past the compliance date.

The only estimate of substandard housing in the city is from the U. S. Census data which includes indicators of substandard housing such as lack of plumbing facilities, lack of complete kitchens, and overcrowding (defined by the U.S. Bureau of Census as 1.01 or more persons per room). Table 1.14 shows substandard housing in Venice from the year 1980 to 2000.

Table 1.14
City of Venice: Substandard Housing Units 1980-2000

Housing Unit Condition	1980	1990	2000
Lacking complete plumbing	13	0	33
Lacking complete kitchen	23	235	181
Lacking Central Heat	482	20	40
Overcrowded housing	31	12	72

Source: U.S. Census 1980-2000

According to the Shimberg and Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, the following analysis is based on the 2000 U.S. Census:

- 72 housing units (0.7 percent of all units) in Venice were overcrowded, compared to 2.1 percent in the county and 6.5 percent statewide.
- 40 units (0.4 percent) in Venice did not use home heating fuel, compared to

0.8 percent in the county and 1.8 percent statewide.

- 181 units (1.3 percent) in Venice lacked complete kitchen facilities, compared to a 0.5 percent in the county and 0.5 percent statewide.
- 33 units (0.2 percent) in Venice lacked complete plumbing facilities, compared to 0.2 percent in the county and 0.4 percent statewide.

The City Building and Code Enforcement Department reported that approximately 246 housing units were issued demolition permits from 2000 to the end of 2006. Some of these housing units met the definition of substandard housing.

Inventory of Subsidized Housing Developments

Three Venice area multi-family rental developments receive federal, state, and local government assistance to provide affordable housing units. Table 1.15 shows an inventory of the developments receiving assistance from these sources:

Table 1.15
City of Venice:
Inventory of Federally-, State- and Locally- Assisted Rental Housing

Development Name	Street Address	Total Units	Assisted Units
Falls Of Venice	1001 Center Road North	243	243
Villa San Marco	1030 Albee Farm Rd.	80	80
Grove Terrace	201 Grove St.	50	0
Total		373	323

Source: University Of Florida's Schimberg Center for Affordable Housing

* Note – Falls of Venice is outside City Limits.

Villa San Marco offers 80 units targeted to the elderly. It is funded under Section 202 Rental Assistance administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This program provides interest-free capital advances to private, nonprofit sponsors for the financing of development, rehabilitation, or acquisition of supportive housing for very low-income elderly persons (at least 62 years of age). The program generally serves households at 0 - 50 percent of area median income. Section 202 also has a rental assistance component that limits the rent payments to 30 percent of income; in the Assisted Housing Inventory this is categorized as 'Rental Assistance/HUD'.

The Venice Housing Authority operates a 50 unit public housing facility at Grove Terrace, located at 201 Grove St. It is funded under the low rent program of Section 8 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (see Map 1.12).

Manufactured or Mobile Home Parks

The term mobile home is defined in the 2006 Florida Statutes as a "residential structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is 8 body feet or more in width, over 35 body feet in length with the hitch, built on an integral chassis, designed to be used as a dwelling when connected to the required utilities, and not

originally sold as a recreational vehicle, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein.” A mobile home park means a use of land in which lots or spaces are offered for rent or lease for the placement of mobile homes and in which the primary use of the park is residential.

City of Venice Zoning Code, Section 86-83 defines a “Residential Manufactured Home (RMH)” as a zoning district with low density. The city allows manufactured homes for dwelling purposes as long as they are within a “manufactured home park or manufactured home subdivision.” The Code recognized incompatibility between manufactured homes and conventional dwellings within the same area. Table 1.16 provides an inventory of existing manufactured home parks within the city. Map 1.13 provides the location of these manufactured home parks.

Table 1.16
City of Venice: Manufactured Home Parks, 2007

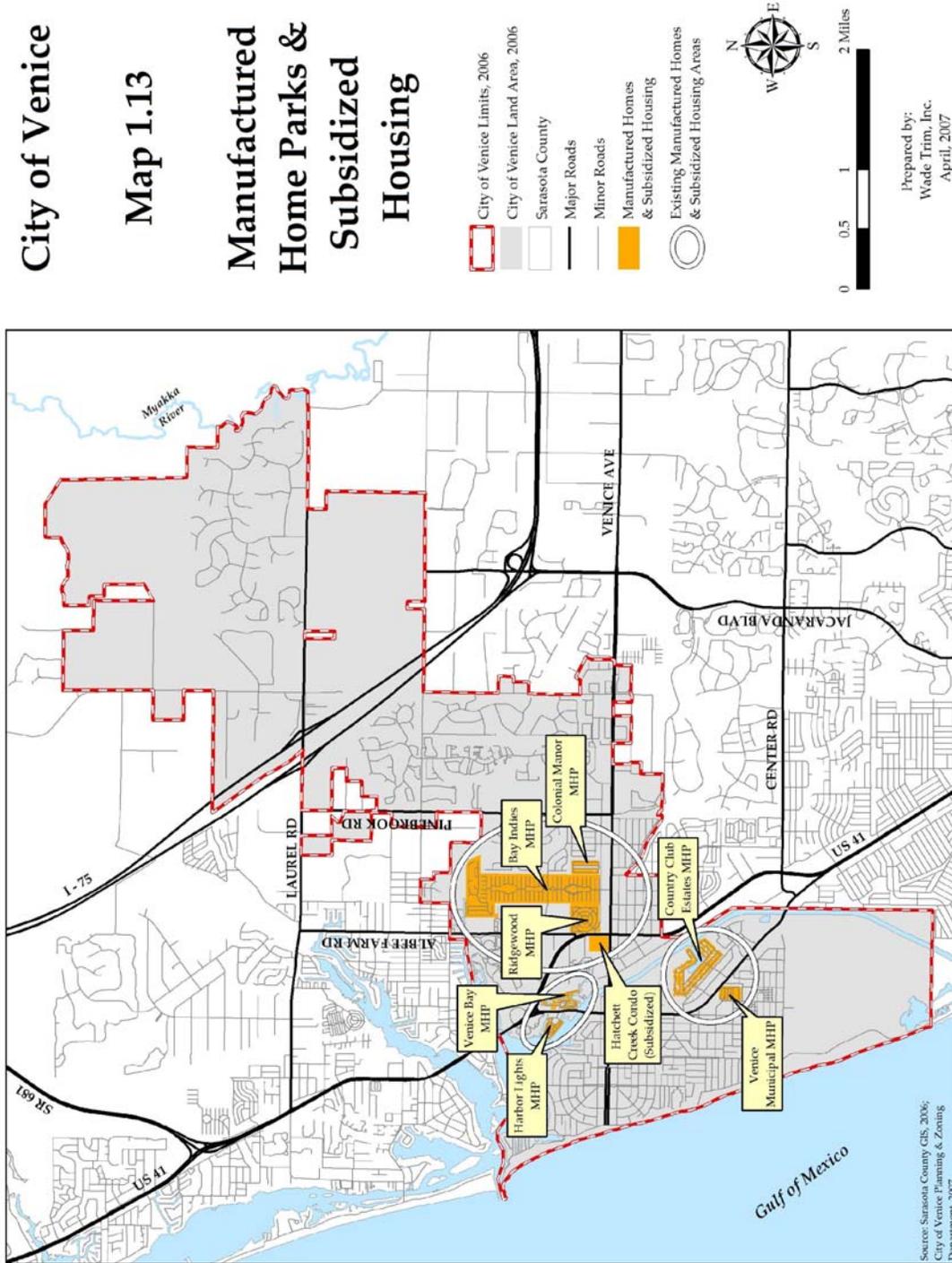
Mobile Home Park	Units
Bay Indies	1309
Country Club Estates	510
Ridgewood	262
Municipal	189
Harbor Lights	153
Colonial Manor	140
Venice Bay Adult Park	47
Hatchett Creek Condo	28
Total	2638

Source: City of Venice Planning Department, 2007

City of Venice

Map 1.13

Manufactured Home Parks & Subsidized Housing



Inventory of Residential Group Homes

Residential group home means a dwelling unit licensed to serve clients of either the Department of Children and Family Services or Agency for Health Care Administration, which provides a living environment for a number of unrelated

residents who operate as the functional equivalent of a family. Such facilities include the necessary supervision and care by supportive staff needed to meet the physical, emotional, and social needs of the residents.

The Agency for Health Care Administration licenses all Assisted Living Facilities (ALF's) and nursing homes. While the city does not have any group homes for children, it does have a number of Assisted Living Facilities (ALF's) and nursing homes serving the city's predominantly elderly population.

In 1993, the city amended the zoning code to include a definition of a community residential home (CRH). A CRH means a dwelling unit licensed to serve clients of the state department of health and rehabilitative services which provides a living environment for up to 14 unrelated residents who operate as the functional equivalent of a family, including such supervision and care by supportive staff as necessary to meet the physical, emotional and social needs of the residents. Community residential homes shall meet the standards and requirements of F.S. ch. 419. A community residential home is not a nursing home. Harbor Inn of Venice is a CRH.

The city's Zoning Code allows assisted living facilities (rest homes, nursing homes, convalescent homes, and homes for the aged) only by special exception within the RMF, PUD, and OPI zoning districts.

Map 1.14 and Table 1.17 shows an inventory of assisted living facilities that are currently licensed.

Table 1.17
City of Venice: Licensed Group Homes

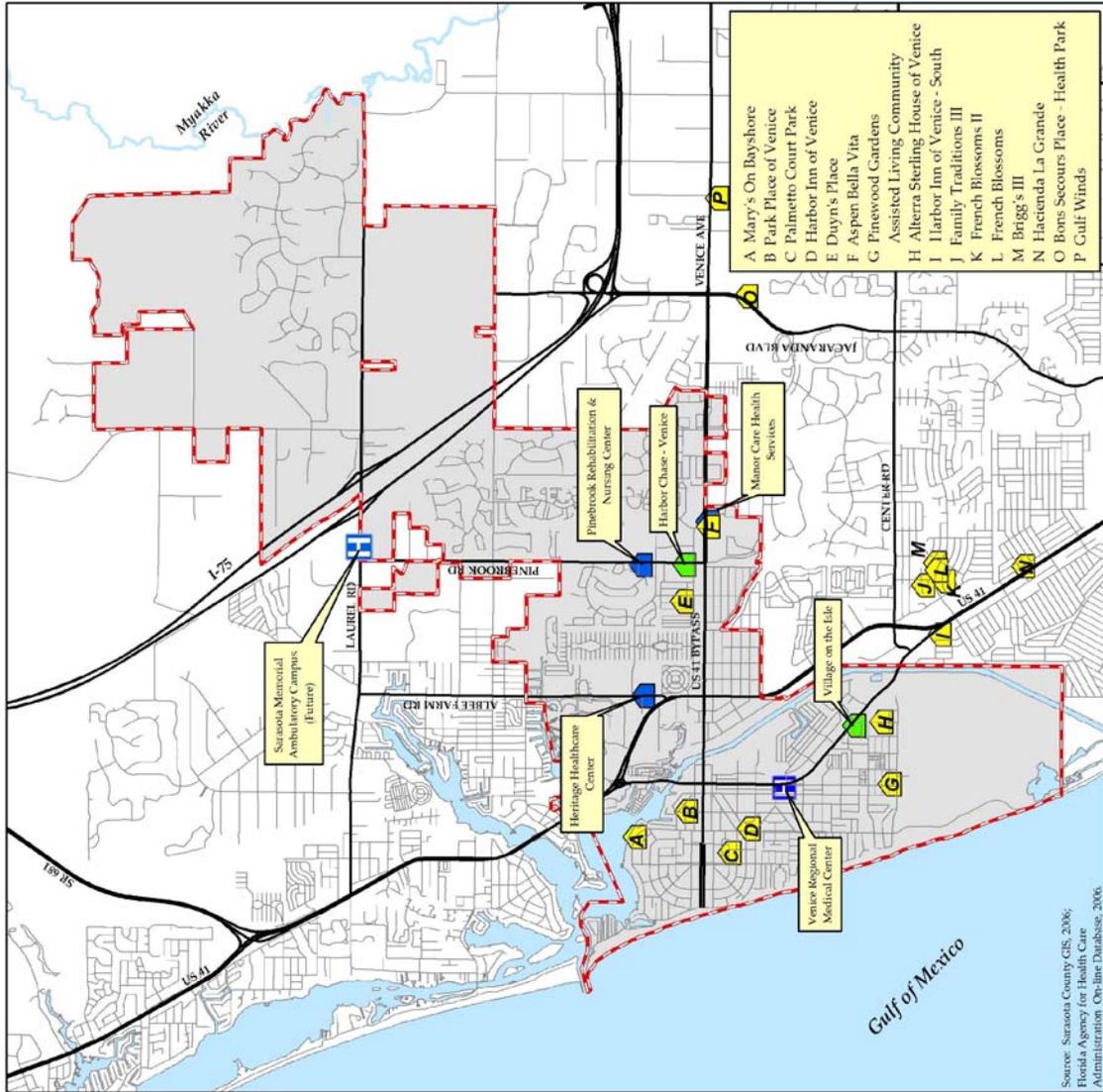
Facility	Assisting Living Facilities	Adult Care Homes	Adult Care Centers	Nursing Homes	Units	Location
Alterra Sterling House Of Venice	★				38	1200 Avenida Del Circo
Bella Vita	★				130	1420 East Venice Avenue
Family Traditions Llc	★				6	520 Shamrock Boulevard
French Blossoms Two, Inc	★				6	1782 Coconut Drive
Gulf Winds	★				46	2745 Venice Avenue East
Hacienda La Grande	★				5	2681 Englewood Road
Harbor Inn Of Venice South	★				6	160 Rutland Road
Harbor Inn Of Venice, Inc.	★				10	321 Harbor Drive
Harborchase Of Venice	★			★	110	950 Pinebrook Road
Heritage Health Care Center				★	120	1026 Albee Farm Road
Inn Aston Gardens At Pelican Pointe Venice	★				50	9000 Ibis Way
Jacaranda Trace	★				27	3600 Willaim Penn Way
La Paloma Alf	★				6	880 East Baffin
Manorcare Health Services				★	129	1450 East Venice
Mary's On Bayshore	★				6	441 Bayshore Drive
Palmetto Court Park (AcLf)	★				12	513 Menendez Street
Pinebrook Rehabilitation and Nursing Center				★	120	1240 Pinebrook Road
Summerville At Venice	★				90	200 Nassau Street
Sunset Lake Village	★				110	1121 Jacaranda Blvd
Village On Isle	★			★	100	950 South Tamiami Trail
The Living Room_ Venice		★			52	2350 Scenic Drive
Vecchio, Frank and Ofelia			★		5	211 Ginger Road
Total	17	1	1	5	1184	

Source: Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, February 2007

City of Venice

Map 1.14

Group Homes & Assisted Living Facilities



Housing Values

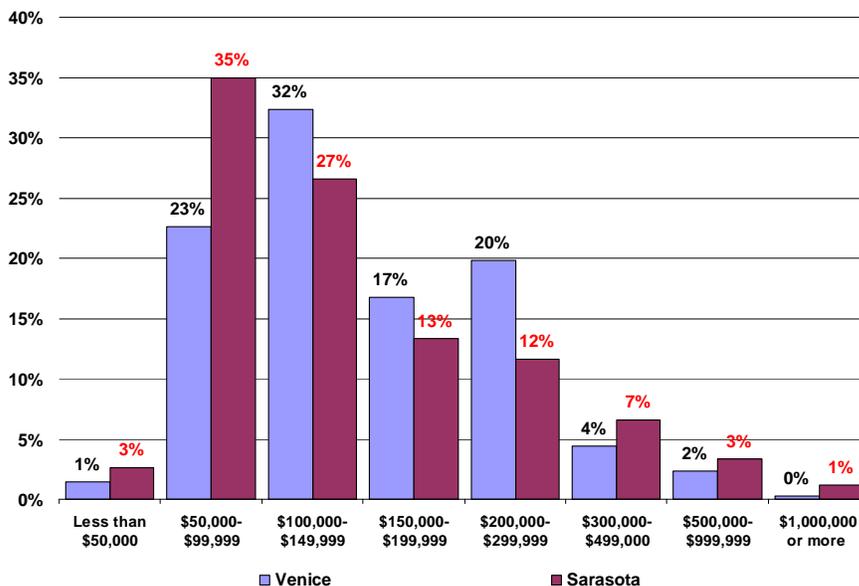
According to the 2000 U.S. Census, homes valued between \$100,000 and \$199,999 accounted for 49 percent of homes in the City of Venice and 40 percent in Sarasota County. The median home value for the same year in the City of Venice was \$140,000, almost 15 percent higher than Sarasota County. The State of Florida median home value for the same period was \$105,500 (See Table 1.18 and Chart 1.4)

Table 1.18
Value of Owner Occupied Housing

Value	Venice		Sarasota County	
	Units	%	Units	%
Less than \$50,000	58	1%	2,297	3%
\$50,000-\$99,999	882	23%	31,153	35%
\$100,000-\$149,999	1,264	32%	23,681	27%
\$150,000-\$199,999	653	17%	11,859	13%
\$200,000-\$299,999	775	20%	10,385	12%
\$300,000-\$499,000	173	4%	5,856	7%
\$500,000-\$999,999	93	2%	2,945	3%
\$1,000,000 or more	9	0%	1,040	1%
Total	3,907	100%	89,216	100%
Median Home Value (\$)	\$140,000		\$122,000	

Source: U.S. Census 2000

Chart 1.4
Value of Owner Occupied Housing



Between 2000 and 2007, the housing market experienced significant changes having a direct impact on housing values throughout the U.S. and the State of Florida. During the first five years housing values increased due to the high demand for homes. This demand was spurred by retirees (particularly "Baby Boomers") who were buying or building "dream" homes in vacation destinations like the City of Venice. In addition, real estate investment was a preferred choice due to the low interest rate and financing alternatives in the market. This dynamic of increased demand and decreased interest rates resulted in inflated home values.

Recently, the market has seen a curb of this housing dynamic. After 2006, the demand dropped considerably due to the increase in housing prices and interest rates. The result is a so called "housing market bubble" where housing prices increased greatly.

This housing market bubble is evident in the following information obtained from Sarasota County Property Appraiser's Just Value Data: the average value for a single-family home in Venice in 2004 was \$259,088. The same data for 2005 showed the average value for a single-family home in the City of Venice increased almost 11 percent to \$288,326.

Rent

The 2000 U.S. Census, as shown on table 1.19, reveals 20.6 percent of the city's renter households paid less that \$500 dollars per month, compared to 16 percent in the county. Conversely, 79.4 percent of the city's renter households paid over \$500 per month, compared to 84 percent in the county. The median rent for the city was \$693, while Sarasota County was \$551. The State of Florida was \$711.

**Table 1.19
Monthly gross rent of renter-occupied units, 2000**

Gross Rent	City of Venice		Sarasota County	
	Households	%	Households	%
<\$200	8	0.4%	760	2%
\$200-\$299	58	2.7%	661	2%
\$300-\$499	381	17.5%	3,606	12%
\$500-\$749	756	34.7%	11,740	38%
\$750-\$999	278	12.8%	7,544	24%
\$1000-\$1499	210	9.6%	3,621	12%
\$1500 or More	332	15.2%	1,668	5%
NO Cash Rent	155	7.1%	1,706	5%
Total	2,178	100.0%	31,306	100%

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

The following provides a detail inventory of the city’s existing rental units. The city has a total of 453 rental units.

Inventory of Existing Rental Units

Development Name	Street Address	Total Units
Armada Apartments	408 S. Armada Road	12
Athens Townhouse	409 Menendez Street	12
The Barcelona Apartments	512 Barcelona Avenue	5
Casa De Barcelona	504 Barcelona Avenue	7
Clubsides Apartments	1020 Capri Isles Boulevard	77
Four Sea Suns Apartments	500 West Venice Avenue	8
Granada Apartments	410 Palmetto Court	18
Grove Terrace	201 Grove Street North	50
MGM Investments	100 East Base Avenue	10
Osher Apartments	520 East Airport Avenue	4
Parkview Villas	505 Menendez Street	8
Schwartz Apartments	240 South Harbor Drive	4
Sea Jay Apartments	1256 Barbara Drive	42
Venetian At Capri Isles	1050 Capri Isles Boulevard	180
Venice Arms Apartments	516 Armada Road	8
Village Green Apartments	417 Menendez Street	8
TOTAL		453

Source: City of Venice Planning Department, 2007.

Affordability

Cost burdened is defined as the percentage of household income spent for mortgage costs or gross rent. According to HUD, housing is generally considered to be affordable if a household pays less than 30 percent of their income toward housing. Households spending more than 30 percent of income for housing costs are considered to be cost-burdened. Households spending more than 50 percent are considered to be severely cost-burdened.

In 2005, according to data obtained from Shimberg, 25 percent of the city’s households are cost burdened, compared to twenty-nine percent 29 percent for Sarasota County. By comparison, 28 percent of the households statewide are cost-

burdened. For both city and county, 10 percent of the households are severely cost-burdened. (see Table 1.20)

Table 1.20
Households and Cost of Burden, 2005

Cost of Burden	Percentage of Households	
	City of Venice	Sarasota County
<30%	75%	71%
30-39%	10%	13%
40-49%	5%	6%
50+%	10%	10%
Total	100%	100%

Source: University Of Florida's Schimberg Center for Affordable Housing

Table 1.21 shows homeowner/renter status cost burden. In Venice, there are a greater percentage of cost burdened rental households than cost burdened owner-occupied households. While 51 percent of rental households are cost burdened, only 19 percent of owner-occupied households are cost burdened.

Table 1.21
Households by Homeowner/Renter Status and Cost Burden, Venice, 2005.

Percentage of Income Paid in Housing, 2005	Percentage of Households			
	Venice		Sarasota County	
	Rent	Own	Rent	Own
0-30%	49%	81%	57%	79%
30-50%	29%	12%	26%	13%
50% or more	22%	7%	17%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: University Of Florida's Schimberg Center for Affordable Housing

Household Projections

Utilizing the household projections from Shimberg and the population projections for the city, it is possible to calculate the projected number of households. The projected household size is a result of applying the same percentages used by Shimberg to project household size to the city's population projections. The average household size is derived from dividing the projected households by the projected population. Table 1.24 shows the projected households for the City of Venice from 2010 to 2030.

**Table 1.24
Households Projections 2010-2030**

	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Projected Population	23,043	25,116	26,985	28,622	30,128
Projected Household by size*					
1 to 2	11,760	13,074	14,340	15,585	28,178
3 to 4	901	903	881	854	1,731
5 and more	142	133	111	105	219
Total projected households	12,802	14,110	15,332	16,544	17,619
Projected Average Household Size	1.80	1.78	1.76	1.73	1.71

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research University of Florida, 2006 and University of Florida, Schimberg Center for Affordable Housing

* As a result of applying percentages used Shimberg household size projections to City's projections

According to Shimberg, the average household size will be decreasing toward 2030. A total of 17,619 households are projected for 2030.

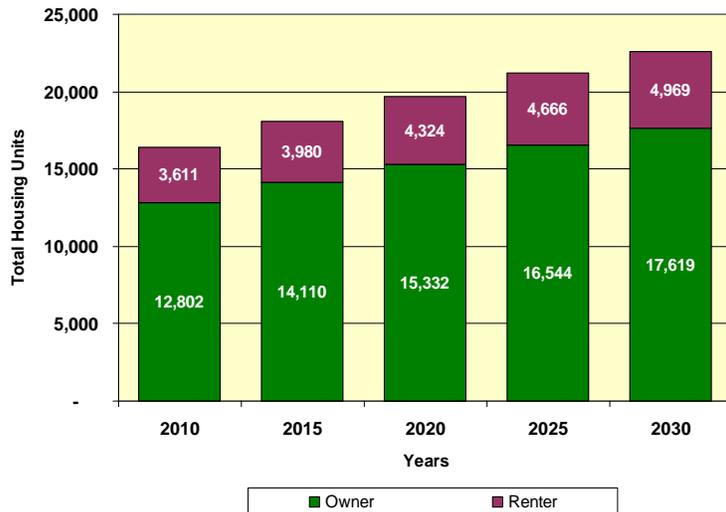
Allowance for Vacancies

According to the 2000 Census data listed on Table 1.12, 28 percent of the year-round housing units are vacant at least part of the year. This percentage should be taken into consideration when projecting housing needs to do a vacancy adjustment which will be equal to 0.72.

Construction Need for Low Income Households

Shimberg assumes a constant of 78 percent of the housing stock in Venice will be owner-occupied for the period of 2010-2025. Taking into consideration this percentage, Chart 1.6 presents the projected number of total housing units that will be owned and renter occupied from 2010 to 2030.

**Chart 1.6
Projected Demand of Housing Units by Tenure 2010-2030**



Assuming the constant of 78 percent owner-occupied housing units projected by Shimberg and the total housing units needed to be built to accommodate projected households (6,852), it is projected that a total of 5,345 housing units will be owner occupied and 1,507 will be renter occupied.

Affordable housing needs are displayed on Table 1.25.

Table 1.25
Construction Need for Low-Income Households by Income as a Percentage of AMI

Household Income as % of AMI	2002-2005	2002-2010	2002-2015	2002-2020	2002-2025
<20%	17	33	54	85	117
20-29.9%	22	46	75	127	191
30-39.9%	17	50	82	134	199
40-49.9%	25	53	92	138	196
50-59.9%	19	38	76	116	169
60-79.9%	32	94	170	249	339
80-119.9%	54	158	277	412	548
120+ %	98	300	501	680	818
Total	284	772	1327	1941	2577

Source: University of Florida, Schimberg Center for Affordable Housing

LAND AVAILABILITY FOR HOUSING NEEDS

As of December 2006, there were only 430 acres or 4.7 percent of the vacant residential areas still available for housing development. The zoning code allows 1,942 potential dwelling units to be built. The projected increase in the number of housing units from 2006 to 2030 is 6,852 units.

These figures indicate that the city will not have sufficient land for future housing needs within its current boundaries. Additionally, vacant land will also be needed for expansion of other uses. The city is working to address this concern by identifying areas for new development and areas for mixed-use and increased density.

HOUSING COST AND PRIVATE SECTOR

Traditionally, the responsibility for providing the majority of housing in the city has resided in the private sector. Private sector housing provides for a variety of housing opportunities by developing varying housing styles, sizes, and locations. This variety meets many of the community's diverse housing needs.

However, the private sector is not able to meet all of the city's housing needs. As discussed earlier, Venice area housing costs have increased considerably in the last decade. This increase has resulted in a lack of community housing opportunities.

Community housing ensures that there are affordable housing opportunities for the city's workforce and fixed-income seniors.

The city has been working with the local non-profit housing sector to address the need for community housing. As a result of these efforts, two community housing projects are being planned for the Venice area. The following is a summary of these projects:

- ❖ Bridges is a 146 acre mixed-use, mixed-income, and multi-generational development located east of I-75 south of Laurel Road. The Bridges will have a maximum of 949 diverse residential units including single-family detached, townhomes, multi-family apartments, and condos, live-work units, and accessory units. A quarter to a third of these units is targeted for community housing.
- ❖ Venice Area Habitat for Humanity has rights to a property east of I-75 north of Laurel Road. While still early in the planning stages, the current proposal is to construct 36 community housing units on the site. A neighboring mixed-use development is providing the Habitat's infrastructure capacity and parking.

While average prices fluctuate, the overall trends are upward. The National Association of Realtors indicated that in 2006 the median sales price of an existing single-family home in the greater Venice area was \$334,000.

According to a web search in February 2007 within the greater Venice area, estimates of monthly rent for a one bedroom apartment were between \$720 to \$870 dollars. A two-bedroom apartment would be from \$850 to \$900, while a three bedroom was over \$1,150 dollars.

FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

Federal Housing Program Overview

While the city is working to address its community housing needs with non profit organizations and other regional partners, there will be a need to continue working with government sponsored programs. The four main agencies within the state which specialize in funding for affordable community housing are:

- Florida Housing Finance Agency
- Rural Housing & Community Development Service
- Florida Department of Community Affairs
- Department of Housing & Urban Development

The following is a list of federal and state housing programs which address different affordable housing needs:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

- Section 236 – Provides a subsidy to reduce mortgage interest payments to provide rental housing for 0 to 80 percent area median income (AMI) households.

- Section 221(d)(3) and (4) – Originally provided a below market interest rate loan of 3 percent with FHA mortgage insurance. The (d)(3) component targets nonprofits, while the (d)(4) targets for profits. Today the program provides new properties with credit enhancement to lower the overall cost of borrowing capital for the construction and rehab of multi-family rental housing by guaranteeing the payment of mortgages that secure Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds.
- Section 223(f) – Provides credit enhancement to lower the overall cost of borrowing capital for limited rehabilitation activity by insuring the lender against loss on mortgage defaults.
- Section 202 – Offers interest-free capital advances to nonprofit sponsors to finance development of supportive elder rental housing; generally serves 0 – 50 percent AMI households.
- Section 811 – Provides interest-free capital advances to nonprofit organizations for the development of rental housing for very low-income adults with disabilities; generally serves 0 to 30 percent AMI disabled households.
- Project Rental Assistance Contract (PRAC) – Provides funds to cover the difference between operating costs for newer Section 202 and 811 properties and the tenants’ contribution toward rent; takes place of older project-based Section 8.
- Project-Based Section 8 – Provides rental subsidies directly to property owners for particular units for a contractually determined period of time; used in concert with Section 202, 221(d), 236 and 811 programs, supports existing units only.
- Public Housing – HUD initially funded full construction and operation of new public housing units, but currently funds only operating, maintenance and improvements costs of existing units; units are owned and managed by Public Housing Authorities; primarily serves 0 – 30 percent AMI households today.
- HOPE VI – Provides revitalization and/or demolition grants to aid in rehab or elimination of severely distressed public housing; promotes mixed income communities.
- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers – Provides rental assistance for families to lease units in the private market; the tenant pays 30 percent of his/her income and the voucher pays the landlord the difference up to a “Fair Market Rent” established by HUD; most tenants are in the 0 to 30 percent AMI range.
- Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Mortgage Insurance – FHA provides mortgage insurance through a number of programs, including its centerpiece program, Section 203 (b), and Title I which supports manufactured home purchases.

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development (RD)

- Section 515 – Competitive loans awarded to developers to provide affordable multi-family rental housing for families, elders and people with disabilities. Typically serves 0 – 30 percent AMI households.
- Section 514/516 – Provides loans and grants to buy, build, improve, or repair housing for farm workers. May also be used to construct day care facilities or community rooms, purchase household furnishings and pay construction loan interest. Generally serves 0 – 30 percent AMI households.
- Section 521 – Provides rental assistance to ensure that qualified elderly, disabled, and low-income residents of multi-family housing complexes financed by RD pay no more than 30 percent of their income for rent. Designed to serve 0 – 50 percent AMI households.

State Administered Programs

- Florida Homeownership Assistance Program (HAP) Down payment Assistance Loan Program—This helps individuals and families with low incomes purchase their own homes by providing \$2,500 in 0 percent interest, non-amortizing, second mortgage loans for down payments and closing costs.
- Permanent Loan Program—This provides 0 percent interest, non-amortizing, second mortgage loans covering 25 percent of the purchase price of a home. These loans assist qualified borrowers with down payment/closing costs and reduce the principal on their first mortgage.
- Construction Loan Program—A nonprofit developer or sponsor is eligible to borrow the lesser of either the total funds available in an application cycle, or 33 percent of the cost of the project to construct or substantially rehabilitate a minimum of four homes. At least 30 percent of the units must be set aside for low-income borrowers and 30 percent for very low-income borrowers.
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (9 percent and 4 percent) – Provides a dollar-for-dollar tax credit over 10 years against federal tax liability in exchange for the acquisition and substantial rehabilitation or new construction of affordable rental housing units. Federal requirements are less restrictive, but Florida’s program is competitive enough that virtually all units serve no more than 60 percent of AMI, with some units set aside at lower AMIs.
- State Apartment Incentive Loan (SAIL) – Provides low-interest loans on a competitive basis to affordable housing developers to bridge the gap between the development’s primary financing and the total cost of the development. The program especially targets homeless people, farm workers, and elders. While the state statute is less restrictive, Florida’s program is competitive enough that most units serve no more than 60 percent of AMI, with a minimum of 20 – 40 percent of units set aside for those at 50 percent of AMI and lower.
- Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Both taxable and tax-exempt bonds are issued to provide below market rate loans for rental housing. Federal

- requirements are less restrictive, but Florida's program is competitive enough that most units serve no more than 60 percent of AMI.
- HOME Rental – Provides competitive, non-amortized, zero or low interest loans to developers for acquisition and/or new construction or rehabilitation of rental housing. Targets small developments in rural areas and also targets 20 percent of units at 50 percent of AMI, with balance no higher than 60 percent of AMI.
 - Elderly Home Community Loan Program – Uses a portion of SAIL Program funds to make small loans for life safety repairs to multi-family properties serving low income elders.
 - Affordable Housing Guarantee Program – A state credit enhancement program that lowers the overall cost of borrowing capital for the construction and rehab of multi-family rental housing by guaranteeing the payment of mortgages that secure Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds. Partners with the HUD Section 542 Risk Sharing program in some cases, allowing each program to assume 50 percent of the risk of the mortgage.
 - Predevelopment Loan Program – Assists nonprofits and others with planning and financing predevelopment costs for home-ownership or rental housing through loans and technical assistance. Generally serves households up to 80 percent of AMI.

Locally Administered Programs

- State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) – State housing initiatives partnership SHIP is the first—and only—permanently funded, state housing program in the nation to provide funds directly to local governments to increase affordable housing opportunities in their communities. The program channels 69 percent of the documentary stamp tax revenues created by the Sadowski Act directly to counties and entitlement cities in Florida on a noncompetitive basis. Designed as an incentive for the formation of public-private partnerships for building, rehabilitating, and preserving affordable housing, the SHIP program provides a financial means to develop and implement housing programs that are locally designed. The program provides funds on a per capita basis from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund for implementation of local affordable housing programs to all 67 counties and 50 cities. Generally used for homeownership but can be used for rental housing; serves up to 120 percent of AMI households. The City of Sarasota administers these funds on behalf of the Sarasota Consortium.
- Local Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bonds – Bonds are issued by local governments to finance low interest rate mortgage loans to first-time homebuyers and to developers of affordable rental housing. Serves up to 115 percent of AMI households.
- Local HOME Investment Partnerships Program – Provides formula grants to entitlement communities to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership. Serves up to 80 percent of AMI households.

- Local Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Provides eligible cities and counties with annual formula grants for use in revitalizing neighborhoods, expanding affordable housing and economic opportunities and/or improving community facilities and services. Housing funds are primarily used to benefit home buyers and current home owners, but may be used for rental housing. Serves up to 120 percent of AMI households.

DIVERSITY OF COMMUNITY HOUSING PRACTICES

The keys to ensuring a community provides a diverse array of housing options is to 1) employ a variety of community housing practices and 2) distribute workforce and senior housing resources throughout all areas of the city.

Through the Comprehensive Plan process, the City of Venice is developing such a set of practices. By providing a density bonus for select land use designations and community village areas, the city encourages development projects to include community housing options in exchange for the ability to build more units. By promoting mixed-use projects, the city encourages a variety of housing types to be built in locations where people can live, work, and play. By supporting the development of accessory development units, the city encourages the construction of homes where families can grow and mature in one home. Finally, by providing development assistance, the city encourages the development of community housing units by mitigating the cost of residential development.

As a result of this set of diverse community housing practices, the city is able to ensure all community members have an opportunity to live, work, and play within the Venice community.

Specific Housing Objectives (91.215 (b))

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve over a specified time period.
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 the strategic plan.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Specific Housing Objectives response:

Over the next five years, the City of Venice, with cooperation from surrounding agencies and businesses expects to:

- Identify government owned lands that could be used to produce community housing options
- Develop affordable housing opportunities (i.e.: community land trusts, low-interest loans, down payment assistance)
- Establish a regional community housing committee focused on regional community housing strategies
- Address the community's employment demands, workforce needs, and senior livability concerns by ensuring that an array of housing alternatives is provided within the Venice community.

- Participate in coordination of regional housing strategies by coordinating with local, regional, state, and federal housing agencies and non-profit organizations.
- Recognizing that housing is a regional concern and not a City issue, the 2007 Comprehensive Plan has established regional housing priorities. These priorities confirm the city's commitment to working with its local, regional, state, and federal partners on strategies aimed at resolving this critical need. The policies also identify a set of specific regional housing needs 1) public-private affordable housing strategies, 2) regional housing assistance and funding initiatives, 3) special needs housing, and 4) housing education and awareness campaigns.
- Provide a variety of home ownership and apartment rental options
- Ensure a proper mix of multi-family and single family neighborhoods
- Increase housing alternatives for visitors, seasonal, and full-time residents

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Direct development assistance seeks to reduce a home's purchase price or a rental unit's payment by offsetting the financial costs of constructing new residential properties. The aim is to entice the market to provide affordable community housing opportunities through financial development incentives. This assistance may include a variety of incentives including:

1. Reduced permit fees
2. Streamlined site and development review process
3. Streamlined permit process
4. Reduced impact fees
5. Infrastructure provision assistance

NEIGHBORHOOD SECTOR PLAN

By 2012, conduct an inventory of targeted city neighborhoods CURRENT conditions, character, housing style, and type. The inventory will be used to develop, identify, and prioritize neighborhood redevelopment projects, design standards, and work plan efforts.

NEIGHBORHOOD DIVERSITY

Utilize the site and development process to promote neighborhood diversity by ensuring that the market considers the following housing issues:

- A. Neighborhood identity and character.
- B. Housing style and ownership.
- C. Housing type (multi-family and single-family).
- D. Community population (income and age).

HOUSING FOR ALL

Meet the community's housing needs by ensuring that housing alternatives meet the diverse needs of the community. Special attention should be provided to the needs of the following groups:

- A. Fixed-income seniors.
- B. Empty nesters.
- C. Working families.
- D. Entry level workforce.

COMMUNITY HOUSING FUNDING PARTNERSHIPS

By 2012, develop a market-based community housing strategy to fund and develop community housing initiatives. The strategy shall be coordinated with local, regional, and state non-profit and public organizations. Options to consider shall include:

- A. Development contributions.
- B. State Housing Initiatives Partnership funds.
- C. Grants.
- D. Community Development Block Grant funds.
- E. Non-profit organizations.

COMMUNITY HOUSING OWNERSHIP

Coordinate with Sarasota County on the creation of community housing program that provides long-term and in-perpetuity affordability through the use of the following ownership mechanisms:

- A. Land trusts.
- B. Nonprofit ownership.
- C. Resident-owned cooperatives.

DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Utilize the site and development process to require property owners and developers to provide for community housing options. The prediction of ownership and rental community housing units shall be accomplished through the following practices:

- A. Establishing accessory dwelling unit land development policies and regulations.
- B. Density bonuses for community housing.
- C. Allowing residential uses in all commercial and industrial areas.
- D. Establishing mixed-use development standards.
- E. Providing development assistance (i.e.: waver of permit and development fees, streamlined permitting and site development processes, and technical assistance).
- F. Off-site construction of community housing units in-lieu of construction fees.

COMMUNITY HOUSING RENTALS

Recognize the need for rental housing options in order to provide alternatives to home ownership for the city's residents. Coordinate with Sarasota County to identify opportunities for the development of rental housing units.

RENTAL HOUSING CONVERSION

By 2010, amend the Venice Code of Ordinances to require rental properties that convert to owner-occupied housing to meet the same standards for community housing contributions as new owner occupied housing developments.

SPECIAL NEEDS PARTNERSHIPS

Consider partnerships with Sarasota County, other local governments, and regional non-profit organizations to address the Venice community and Sarasota County region's special housing needs for:

- A. Assisted living.

- B. Foster care.
- C. Displaced persons.
- D. Homeless populations.
- E. Low-Income populations.
- F. Mental health care.
- G. Physical disability care.
- H. Replacement housing.
- I. Senior assistance.

COMMUNITY HOUSING COLLABORATIONS

Participate in regional housing initiatives to inventory, monitor, and maintain the quality and quantity of the region's community housing supply.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS

In coordination with Sarasota County, local municipalities, and other regional housing organizations, collaborate with private developments to provide affordable housing options to the community's low income, workforce and senior populations.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Coordinate with Sarasota County on the provision of housing related services that meet the community's diverse needs:

- A. Rental Housing Assistance.
- B. Homebuyer Assistance.
- C. Foreclosure Prevention Assistance.
- D. Rehabilitation Housing Assistance.
- E. Private Sector Homebuyer Assistance.
- F. Housing Fund.

HOUSING EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PARTNERSHIPS

Inform the community about available housing programs and initiatives in coordination with Sarasota County and other local, regional, and state government and non-profit organizations.

Needs of Public Housing (91.210 (b))

In cooperation with the public housing agency or agencies located within its boundaries, describe the needs of public housing, including the number of public housing units in the jurisdiction, the physical condition of such units, the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing projects within the jurisdiction, and other factors, including the number of families on public housing and tenant-based waiting lists and results from the Section 504 needs assessment of public housing projects located within its boundaries (i.e. assessment of needs of tenants and applicants on waiting list for accessible units as required by 24 CFR 8.25). The public housing agency and jurisdiction can use the optional Priority Public Housing Needs Table (formerly Table 4) of the Consolidated Plan to identify priority public housing needs to assist in this process.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Needs of Public Housing response:

The Venice Housing Authority is located within the City of Venice. The housing authority has been labeled as troubled, and MDStrum Housing Services, Inc. has been working with the Authority to help relocate residents and work on a redevelopment plan. All 50 units are in poor condition, 4 are uninhabitable. Many factors have contributed to its present condition, but the immediate concerns are not tied to a lack of vision, but a lack of resources.

According to the Venice Housing Authority fiscal 2008 annual plan, 54 families are on the waiting list for public housing. Of those 54 families, 36 are extremely low income, 8 are very low income, and 8 are low income. The list has been closed due to the proposed demolition and disposition activities.

There are some Section 504 needs. Most are elderly, but some are families with children who have special needs. Section 504 requirements will be factored into the redevelopment plans.

Public Housing Strategy (91.210)

1. Describe the public housing agency's strategy to serve the needs of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families residing in the jurisdiction served by the public housing agency (including families on the public housing and section 8 tenant-based waiting list), the public housing agency's strategy for addressing the revitalization and restoration needs of public housing projects within the jurisdiction and improving the management and operation of such public housing, and the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate families residing in public housing.
2. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership. (NAHA Sec. 105 (b)(11) and (91.215 (k))
3. 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. (NAHA Sec. 105 (g))

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Public Housing Strategy response:

All residents within the housing authority will be relocated to new housing by September 2008. The housing authority is currently seeking a developer who can develop a master plan. The master plan will include mixed incomes and housing types. The commitment includes low income elderly and affordable housing units. The authority expects to increase the amount of units available for those in need of affordable housing.

The City of Venice has acknowledged the problems with the Venice Housing Authority and is planning to set aside three years of CDBG funds to be used for infrastructure and neighborhood improvements when redevelopment is underway. The city will work with the housing authority to possibly increase zoning to allow more units per acre, and consider the relocation and rehabilitation of the Fire Station that could be used as a community center for the low income residents.

The city will also coordinate with Sarasota County on the implementation and delivery of state and federal public housing programs, grants, and other initiatives within the City of Venice. Also, the city will continue to participate with the Sarasota Consortium who oversees Section 8, lead-based paint, and home purchasing programs.

Barriers to Affordable Housing (91.210 (e) and 91.215 (f))

1. Explain whether the cost of housing or the incentives to develop, maintain, or improve affordable housing are affected by public policies, particularly those of the local jurisdiction. Such policies include tax policy affecting land and other property, land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limits, and policies that affect the return on residential investment.
2. Describe the strategy to remove or ameliorate negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing, except that, if a State requires a unit of general local government to submit a regulatory barrier assessment that is substantially equivalent to the information required under this part, as determined by HUD, the unit of general local government may submit that assessment to HUD and it shall be considered to have complied with this requirement.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing response:

Public policies are designed to balance competing interests in the community. To ensure that the interests of affordable housing are being considered, the City of Venice requires all public policies be reviewed for impact on the cost of housing before City Council considers and adopts them.

State law requires each jurisdiction to conduct an analysis of laws and processes that impact the cost of housing.

The Sarasota Consortium is in the process of conducting an updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Their analysis is done county wide and will include the City of Venice. The document will be drafted and submitted for approval by the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) in the late fall/early winter of 2008. The last Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Sarasota County was completed on April 1, 2002.

The city, in cooperation with the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development, will provide education and outreach to landlords, property owners, realtors, developers, banks and non-profit organizations that provide or develop affordable housing. In addition, the city will continue to seek ways to assist developers and all of those involved in affordable housing in locating land, providing waivers of fees, and technical assistance to encourage the development of affordable housing and compliance with fair housing laws. Any agreements executed with affordable housing providers will incorporate the requirements of the equal opportunity and fair housing laws.

HOMELESS

Homeless Needs (91.205 (b) and 91.215 (c))

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

Homeless Needs— The jurisdiction must provide a concise summary of the nature and extent of homelessness in the jurisdiction, (including rural homelessness and chronic homelessness where applicable), addressing separately the need for facilities and services for homeless persons and homeless families with children, both sheltered and unsheltered, and homeless subpopulations, in accordance with Table 1A. The summary must include the characteristics and needs of low-income individuals and children, (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered. In addition, to the extent information is available; the plan must include a description of the nature and extent of homelessness by racial and ethnic group. A quantitative analysis is not required. If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Homeless Needs response:

Generally, the causes of homelessness can range from poverty, low wages, alcoholism, drug abuse, mental illness, lack of education and lack of affordable housing.

According to HUD, a person is considered to be homeless when he/she resides in one of the places listed below:

1. Place not meant for habitation such as cars, sidewalks, parks and abandoned buildings.
2. Emergency shelter.
3. Transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons who came from the streets or emergency shelters.
4. In any of the places listed above but is spending less than 30 days in hospital or other institution.
5. Is being evicted within a week from a private dwelling unit and the person lacks the resources and support networks to obtain subsequent housing.
6. Is being discharged within a week from an institution they have spent 30 or more consecutive days (jail, hospital, treatment facility) and the person lacks the resources and support networks to obtain subsequent housing.
7. Is fleeing a domestic violence situation and the person lacks the resources and support networks to obtain subsequent housing.

Currently there is a federal goal to eliminate chronic homelessness by 2012. According to HUD, a person is considered chronically homeless if he/she is an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has either been continuously homeless for a year or more or has had at least four episodes in the last three years.

To be considered chronically homeless, persons must have been sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation and/or in an emergency shelter during that time. For the purpose of chronic homelessness, a disabling condition is defined as a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, or chronic illness or disability, including the occurrence of two or more of these conditions. A disabling condition limits an individual’s ability to work or perform one or more activities of daily living.

According to the 2007 Annual Homelessness Conditions in Florida published by the Department of Children and Families, there are an estimated 60,168 homeless individuals in Florida on any given day. The number is a significant decrease from 85,907 reported in 2006. Since 2001, Florida has increased its ability to shelter and house the homeless by 44% while decreasing the number of unsheltered homeless. The 2007 study reports that the primary cause of homelessness, in order of highest to lowest is:

- Employment/financial reasons
- Family problems
- Medical/disability problems
- Housing issues
- Forced to relocate from home
- Natural/other disasters
- Recent immigration

The information found in Table 1A comes from a consolidated effort from the Continuum of Care of Sarasota and Manatee Counties. The data in the tables includes information from Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

The 2007 Community Report on Homelessness compiled by the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness reports that there were 488 homeless people in Sarasota County. The following county wide data was provided by the Partnership:

2007 TOTAL HOMELESS IN SARASOTA COUNTY	488
GENDER	
MALE	325 (73%)
FEMALE	119 (27%)
RACE	
HISPANIC	38 (9%)
WHITE	308 (64%)
BLACK	87 (18%)
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	17 (4%)
ASIAN	2 (>1%)
HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1 (>1%)
OTHER	9 (2%)
MARITAL STATUS	
SINGLE	382 (90%)
MARRIED	42 (10%)

AGE	
>18	54 (11%)
18-60	405 (83%)
<60	29 (6%)
DISABILITY TYPE	
PHYSICAL	94 (28%)
DEVELOPMENTAL	6 (1%)
MENTAL HEALTH	61 (13%)
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	105 (22%)
HIV/AIDS	14 (3%)

Based on the information gathered by the Continuum of Care and using a population analysis based on the entire population of Sarasota, the following deductions have been made:

Total 2007 BEBR Estimated Population of Sarasota County: 387,461
Total 2007 BEBR Estimated Population of City of Venice: 22,149
Percentage of population – City of Venice:17%
2007 Total Homeless People in Sarasota County: 488
Estimated 2007 Homeless in City of Venice: 83

According to the 2007 Continuum of Care, 55% of the population indicated that they needed assistance obtaining food, 39% sought basic material goods, 38% needed transportation services, and 11% needed consumer assistance. 62% stated they were in need of housing placement, 27% sought temporary housing,. 13% needed legal aid services, and 13% needed case management services. 42% stated that they needed job placement services, and 15% needed educational services. 34% needed healthcare services, and 18% sought services for substance abuse, 16% needed mental health care, and 2% required HIV/AIDS services.

The goals of the Continuum of Care are to:

- Create new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless
- Increase the percentage of homeless persons staying in permanent housing over 6 months
- Increase the amount of persons moving from transitional housing to permanent housing
- Develop a coordinated transportation system to meet employment, medical and other service needs
- Assist provider agencies in strengthening their capacity and resources
- Increase homeless prevention services and coordinate with various local resources
- Develop a bi-county ten-year strategic plan to end chronic homelessness in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

According to the Sarasota County Coalition for the Homeless, the following are priority needs of the homeless in Sarasota County:

1. Affordable housing
2. A living wage
3. Better public transportation
4. Assistance with security and utility deposits for individuals overcoming homelessness.

There is particular concern over the lack of emergency and transitional housing that serve families in South Sarasota County – including the City of Venice.

The recent development of Our Mother’s House filled a partial gap for the need for housing of single mothers with young children. While the community has made progress in building transitional shelters, more are needed.

A 2004 survey by the Resurrection House indicated that over 17% of all new clients served were homeless families with children. In fact, 9.4% of all of their new clients were under 23 years of age and an estimated 486 were children under the age of 18. Almost 40% of all new clients served in 2003 had medical disorders and fewer than 30% were admitted due to substance abuse problems.

The Sarasota County Coalition for the Homeless is an organization that advocated on behalf of the homeless and on behalf of homeless issues in Sarasota County. Consisting of about 50 participating agencies, it is part of Florida’s Department of Children and Families Suncoast Region Districts that includes Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manasota and Sarasota Counties. The Sarasota Coalition is also active in the Florida Coalition for the Homeless.

The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. is designated as the provider of the Continuum of Care System. The Continuum of Care (CoC) is a community plan to organize and deliver housing and serves to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move into stable housing and self-sufficiency. The plan also includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness. The fundamental components of a comprehensive CoC system are:

- Outreach, intake and assessment to identify an individual’s or family’s service and housing needs and link them to the appropriate housing and/or service resource
- Emergency shelters and safe, decent alternative to living on the street
- Transitional housing with supportive services to help people develop the skills necessary for permanent housing
- Permanent housing and permanent supportive housing
- Development with other local agencies of a plan to end chronic homelessness.

The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. consists of Sarasota and Manatee County organizations dedicated to facilitating the successful transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency for individuals and families in both counties. Also, organizations including Habitat for Humanity and the Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County have programs to assist individuals and families find permanent homes.

Priority Homeless Needs

1. Using the results of the Continuum of Care planning process, identify the jurisdiction's homeless and homeless prevention priorities specified in Table 1A, the Homeless and Special Needs Populations Chart. The description of the jurisdiction's choice of priority needs and allocation priorities must be based on reliable data meeting HUD standards and should reflect the required consultation with homeless assistance providers, homeless persons, and other concerned citizens regarding the needs of homeless families with children and individuals. The jurisdiction must provide an analysis of how the needs of each category of residents provided the basis for determining the relative priority of each priority

homeless need category. A separate brief narrative should be directed to addressing gaps in services and housing for the sheltered and unsheltered chronic homeless.

2. A community should give a high priority to chronically homeless persons, where the jurisdiction identifies sheltered and unsheltered chronic homeless persons in its Homeless Needs Table - Homeless Populations and Subpopulations.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Priority Homeless Needs response:

Within Sarasota County, a wide range of services exist for the homeless. There are still gaps in transitional and emergency housing for special needs population including the elderly, domestic violence cases, and individuals with substance abuse/mental health problems. Additional information about priority homeless needs can be found on page 57 and in the Non-Homeless Special Needs section starting on page 65. The Continuum of Care chart can be found on page 82.

The Continuum of Care is working toward addressing homeless gaps. Because of limited funding, the city will not be providing funding during these five years toward homeless needs other than food for local pantries.

Homeless Inventory (91.210 (c))

The jurisdiction shall provide a concise summary of the existing facilities and services (including a brief inventory) that assist homeless persons and families with children and subpopulations identified in Table 1A. These include outreach and assessment, emergency shelters and services, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, access to permanent housing, and activities to prevent low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) from becoming homeless. The jurisdiction can use the optional Continuum of Care Housing Activity Chart and Service Activity Chart to meet this requirement.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Homeless Inventory response:

Please see the attached Sarasota/Bradenton/Sarasota, Manatee Counties Continuum of Care report and charts for a full description of shelters and services. Summaries are provided in the Homeless Needs section and Homeless Strategic Plan section.

Homeless Strategic Plan (91.215 (c))

1. Homelessness— Describe the jurisdiction's strategy for developing a system to address homelessness and the priority needs of homeless persons and families (including the subpopulations identified in the needs section). The jurisdiction's strategy must consider the housing and supportive services needed in each stage of the process which includes preventing homelessness, outreach/assessment, emergency shelters and services, transitional housing, and helping homeless persons (especially any persons that are chronically homeless) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. The jurisdiction must also describe its strategy for helping extremely low- and low-income individuals and families who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

2. Chronic homelessness—Describe the jurisdiction’s strategy for eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. This should include the strategy for helping homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. This strategy should, to the maximum extent feasible, be coordinated with the strategy presented Exhibit 1 of the Continuum of Care (CoC) application and any other strategy or plan to eliminate chronic homelessness. Also describe, in a narrative, relationships and efforts to coordinate the Conplan, CoC, and any other strategy or plan to address chronic homelessness.
3. Homelessness Prevention—Describe the jurisdiction’s strategy to help prevent homelessness for individuals and families with children who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
4. Institutional Structure—Briefly describe the institutional structure, including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions, through which the jurisdiction will carry out its homelessness strategy.
5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Every jurisdiction receiving McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, or Section 8 SRO Program funds must develop and implement a Discharge Coordination Policy, to the maximum extent practicable. Such a policy should include “policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons.” The jurisdiction should describe its planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how the community will move toward such a policy.

3-5 Year Homeless Strategic Plan response:

The jurisdiction has the following strategies to combat homelessness:

1. Continue to work with the Sarasota Consortium to encourage a land trust and affordable housing trust to produce and maintain affordable housing projects.
2. Continue to work with the Venice Housing Authority to provide additional housing units for low and very low income people.
3. Work with the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness and assist them as needed to address homeless prevention and chronic homelessness.
4. Work with the Community Foundation of Venice to provide assistance for moderate income residents. The Bridges is a project that is located within city limits that will house workforce individuals and families.
5. Work with service providers on adjusting impact fees and zoning concerns for the development of low to moderate income projects.

The city will continue to participate with the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development (SOHCD) and the Sarasota Consortium to address the end of Chronic Homelessness. SOHCD has a twofold approach to ending chronic homelessness that involves service development and outreach.

Service development is increasing the current capacity of existing services to chronic homeless. Emergency shelters, provision of food and basic medical care are high priorities. SOHCD will use HOME dollars to fund 10 housing vouchers annually for those graduating from transitional shelters to safe and affordable housing. SOHCD has also recruited retired doctors, dentists, nurses for a successful health clinic for the elderly. They are currently working to expand the concept for general chronic homeless populations.

SOHCD has estimated that there are 360 chronically homeless individuals – 187 of those unsheltered. The area is fortunate to have resources such as two-day resource centers (Resurrection House in Sarasota and Open Door in Bradenton). The largely volunteer staff enables the building of relationships that can lead to personal decisions to seek help and change behaviors.

SOHCD has an effort with Sarasota County Sheriffs Department to provide a protocol for those who seek treatment over incarceration. SOHCD is working to expand this program to areas such as the City of Venice.

The Sarasota County Health and Human Services Business Center oversees Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) for those who are not homeless but are 125% below poverty level. The program is provided by the Salvation Army Sarasota Corps and south Sarasota County to prevent these people from becoming homeless by making assistance available when a family suffers a loss of income due to a medical condition or loss of job and/or awaits receipt from a fixed income source.

The city will carry out its homeless strategy through SOHCD and Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. and the following service providers. Although some of the service providers are not located in city limits, they do cater to referrals or assistance that include city residents:

Reception/Day Center

AGENCY	SERVICE
Access One	Assistance for homeless who suffer from mental illness.
All Faiths Food Bank	Feed hungry through food pantry service.
Bethesda House	Supportive services to people with HIV/AIDS and their families, friends and caregivers.
Caritas of St. Martha's	Emergency help, food and shelter to poor.
Catholic Charities	Utilities, rent, and medical needs for the poor.
Central Church of Christ	Food pantry
Child Development Center	Parenting education for homeless families
Children First, Inc.	Early Head Start placement for children of homeless families
Church of Palms	Food pantry. Referral required.
Community Care and Share	Food, utilities, medical care.
Consumer Credit Counseling Services	Money management education for homeless families and individuals
DASH of North Port	Resource for domestic violence in south county.
Epiphany Cathedral	Emergency assistance for homeless

First Step of Sarasota, Inc.	Intake for drug and alcohol abuse.
Fishers of Men Bible Church	Food to homeless, elderly, and provides addiction services
FL Department of Children and Family Services	Cash assistance, food stamps, Medicaid for needy children and adults
Gifts from God Ministries	Free food pantry for needy.
Good Samaritan Ministries	Free clothing and meals for needy.
Goodwill Industries	Job training, employment and related services for the homeless and persons with disabilities
Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice	Funds low income programs/services.
Gulfcoast Legal Services	Free legal assistance to low income persons
Harvest Tabernacle	Food pantry and other services
Jim Russo Development Center	Housing, employment, meals and transportation to ex-offenders coming from prison.
Resurrection House	Medical assistance, counseling, restrooms, showers, laundry, bus tickets, job search, clothing to homeless
Royal Venice	Low incoming housing and foreclosure prevention
Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center	Information and referrals for victims of domestic violence
Salvation Army of Sarasota	Food boxes, rent, utilities, clothing, auto fuel, and prescriptions to low income people
Sarasota County Health and Human Services Business Center	Provides healthcare, burial services, utility assistance, rent assistance, veteran's assistance and referrals.
Sarasota Veterans Center	Counseling and referral services for homeless veterans
Second Chance/Last Opportunity	Walk in facility for the homeless, provides life management skills, clothing, washing facilities, referral services and food vouchers
Senior Friendship Center, Inc.	Provides medical care, food, and case management, for the elderly
SHARE – Grace United Methodist Church	Food pantry
United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota, Inc.	Telephone resource for anyone in Sarasota or Manatee Counties needing a social service program
YMCA	Educational services for homeless youth

EMERGENCY SHELTERS

AGENCY	SERVICES
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare	Healthcare facility providing services and housing to those affected by drug abuse, alcohol abuse, mental illness and mental health problems.
DASH of Englewood	Domestic abuse shelter/safe house
DASH of North Port	Domestic abuse shelter/safe house
First Step of Sarasota,	Services and shelter for adults with drug and alcohol

Inc.	problems, mental health problems or both
Good Samaritan Ministries	Six beds available for emergency housing
Mercy House	Temporary shelter serving families and individuals in the Venice area
Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center	Emergency shelter beds for domestic violence victims
Salvation Army of Sarasota	Emergency shelter and emergency dorm
YMCA	Temporary runaway/homeless shelter for children ages 10-17.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

AGENCY	SERVICES
Harvest House	Food, shelter, clothing, full time employment, job training, transportation, addiction counseling and financial management
Our Mother's House	Low cost apartment living for mothers with young children in a safe and nurturing community environment.
Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center	Housing for domestic violence victims
Salvation Army VIP Program	12-week drug and alcohol rehabilitation program
Salvation Army FAITH Program	Long term low cost living program
Salvation Army Transitional Living Center	Minimal rent safe and drug free housing for singles.
YMCA	Transitional living program for homeless youth and single young mothers

Organizations such as the Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County provide services for people in the transition to permanent housing. They collaborate with public, private, and non-profit agencies to create a new supply of homes, create partnerships with financial institutions to create and provide loan products that assist in the purchase of a new home, work hand in hand with first time home buyers to assess their needs and what they can afford to buy, and invest in other forms of affordable housing including rentals. The Community Housing Trust works with other organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Goodwill/Goodhomes and the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development.

The City of Venice is not receiving McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Emergency Shelter Grants, Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, or Section 8 funding. The city will continue to participate with the Sarasota Consortium under these programs.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan ESG response:

This section is not applicable to the City of Venice, a local municipality.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development (91.215 (e))

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

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), – i.e., public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.
2. Describe the basis for assigning the priority given to each category of priority needs.
3. Identify any obstacles to meeting underserved needs.
4. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

NOTE: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Community Development response:

If city CDBG funds are going to be used toward public improvements and neighborhood revitalization, it must be done in low income areas. The map on page 9 shows the city's low income areas. Normally, a block group must consist of over 50% low to moderate income individuals (LMI), however since the city has less than 10% of its block groups with 50% or greater LMI population, the city is eligible for blocks as low as 47%.

The Ridgewood Census tract (55% LMI) consists of three Mobile Home Parks – Ridgewood, Bay Indies and Colonial Manor. The three mobile home parks contain approximately 793 units. There are also approximately 1011 single family homes and condo units in this area. There is a sidewalk that runs along Ridgewood Avenue, but it does not connect in all areas. There is also a need for street lighting and landscaping in this area to beautify the area and make safer.

The Airport Census tract (60% LMI) consists of the Venice Municipal Mobile Home Park that is owned by the Airport. There are 189 units in the park. Also in the tract there are 597 additional households primarily single family and condo units, but there are also some apartment and rental units. Many improvements are needed in

this area including stormwater, sidewalks, landscaping and paving improvements. This area may also benefit from a new community center. These improvements will benefit the living environment for the residents.

Guild Drive Census tract (48% LMI) has approximately 84 single family homes and 510 units in the mobile home park, Country Club Estates. The Venetian Waterway Park, a lineal trail that runs from South Venice through the city can be found running through this neighborhood. Additional landscaping and street lighting improvements could be used in this area for safety and beautification.

In the past, the city has accepted CDBG funds from the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development. This is the first Consolidated Plan that has been prepared by the City of Venice and the first time we will be entitled to CDBG funds. Guild Drive received funds in 2004 through the Sarasota Consortium for landscaping, sidewalks and street lighting.

City staff has indentified stormwater and road improvements needed in the Venice Municipal Mobile Home Area (60% LMI) section of the city, and they will receive the first two years of funding for stormwater improvements. Because of the Venice Housing Authority "troubled" status, it has been listed as a higher priority and the city will be providing 3 years of CDBG funding to their needs.

In the Guild Drive Area (48% LMI), the city will have funding in 2009/2010 from the Florida Department of Transportation for landscaping improvements in a blighted area along Business US 41. These improvements are expected to revitalize the area and bring commercial buildings and jobs within the next five years.

The priority needs table can be found on page 16 through 18.

The largest obstacles to neighborhood needs are the lack of funding, lack of neighborhood plans, and disagreements over needs. The largest obstacles to economic development are the uncertainty of the market at this time. Many local businesses are laying off employees and delaying expansions.

Antipoverty Strategy (91.215 (h))

1. Describe the jurisdiction's goals, programs, and policies for reducing the number of poverty level families (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually). In consultation with other appropriate public and private agencies, (i.e. TANF agency) state how the jurisdiction's goals, programs, and policies for producing and preserving affordable housing set forth in the housing component of the consolidated plan will be coordinated with other programs and services for which the jurisdiction is responsible.
2. Identify the extent to which this strategy will reduce (or assist in reducing) the number of poverty level families, taking into consideration factors over which the jurisdiction has control.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan Antipoverty Strategy response:

The city will continue to participate under the Sarasota Consortium programs that are designed to reduce the number of poverty level households in Sarasota County through the provision of human services, the creation of economic opportunities in low-income areas, and the improvement of the physical condition of lower income

areas. The largest element of the anti-poverty strategy is the community's successful implementation of the Continuum of Care for the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless.

The city will provide financial assistance through the CDBG program for the Venice Housing Authority to accommodate the building of additional low income and affordable housing within city limits. The city will also continue to work with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice for providing workforce housing opportunities.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Coordination (91.315 (k))

1. (States only) Describe the strategy to coordinate the Low-income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) with the development of housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income families.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan LIHTC Coordination response:

This section is not applicable to the City of Venice, a local municipality.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS

Specific Special Needs Objectives (91.215)

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve over a specified time period.
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 the strategic plan.

3-5 Year Non-homeless Special Needs Analysis response:

The details of special needs priorities are covered on page 16 through 18.

Non-homeless Special Needs (91.205 (d) and 91.210 (d)) Analysis (including HOPWA)

*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Estimate, to the extent practicable, the number of persons in various subpopulations that are not homeless but may require housing or supportive services, including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families), persons with alcohol or other drug addiction, victims of domestic violence, and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify and describe their supportive housing needs. The jurisdiction can use the Non-Homeless Special Needs Table (formerly Table 1B) of their Consolidated Plan to help identify these needs.

*Note: HOPWA recipients must identify the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families that will be served in the metropolitan area.

2. Identify the priority housing and supportive service needs of persons who are not homeless but may or may not require supportive housing, i.e., elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families), persons with alcohol or other drug addiction by using the Non-homeless Special Needs Table.
3. Describe the basis for assigning the priority given to each category of priority needs.
4. Identify any obstacles to meeting underserved needs.
5. To the extent information is available, describe the facilities and services that assist persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing.
6. If the jurisdiction plans to use HOME or other tenant based rental assistance to assist one or more of these subpopulations, it must justify the need for such assistance in the plan.

3-5 Year Non-homeless Special Needs Analysis response:

The populations identified that have special needs are persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing. These include:

- The elderly
- Frail elderly
- Persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental)
- Persons with alcohol and/or drug addictions
- Persons with HIV/AIDS and their families
- Persons living in public and assisted housing

The Elderly

Elderly is defined by HUD as a person who is at least 62 years of age. Most Census data for the elderly is defined as persons 65 years of age and older.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, by the year 2030 the elderly population in the United States will double from 35.6 million to an estimated 70 million as the baby boomer population ages. This will have a dramatic effect in the City of Venice where the elderly already account for over 58% of the population. The projected population from the Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse estimates that the total population in 2030 will be 28,420. 19,488 will be over the age of 65, over 68% of the population. 14,564 of the population will be over the age of 75.

According to the 2000 Census, the city of Venice has an average age of 68.8. There were 10,213 individuals 65 and older in city limits. 356 of those were below the federal poverty line.

Data provided by HUD for the City of Venice Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) shows that 84.6% of renters with a cost burden greater than 30% have a housing problem. 69.5% of owner units with a cost burden greater than 30% showed a housing problem.

Households that have a housing problem include those that:
Occupy units meeting the definition of physical defects
Meet the definition of being overcrowded
Meet the definition of cost burden greater than 30%

According to the CHAS data:
409 elderly renters' households in the city have a housing problem
830 elderly homeowners in the city have a housing problem
1239 elderly households in the city have a housing problem

The data does not make a distinction between frail elderly and elderly and inclusive of both populations.

According to area service providers, low income elderly services are the second highest ranked priority next to low income housing. Services needed are meals at home, transportation, homemaker services, shopping assistance, energy assistance, housing improvement and health support. The Senior Friendship Center of Venice provides elderly services for residents in city limits and in South Venice.

Frail Elderly

Frail elderly is defined in HUD regulations 24 CFR 889.109 as "an elderly person who is unable to perform at least three activities of daily living (i.e. eating, dressing, bathing, grooming, and household management activities)."

According to the 2008 Sarasota County Profile published by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs there are 112,147 elderly people in Sarasota County with one disability, while there are 7,676 with two or more disabilities including self-care limitation.

The low income frail elderly are particularly in need of safe and sanitary independent living environments. Assistance is needed with cleaning, maintenance, housing rehabilitation, and emergency alert/responses. Approximately half of the home rehabilitated by programs administered by the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development are elderly occupied. The city will continue to work under the programs administered by SOHCD.

The following services within Sarasota County are available to the low income elderly and frail elderly:

- 211: One stop information and referral services.
- Assisted Living for the Elderly: Home and community based service program
- Senior Friendship Center: Services to individuals 60 and older.
- Venice Area Meals on Wheels: Home delivered meals six days a week to elderly, disabled or ill residents of all ages
- Home Health Care: Skilled care and supportive services
- Hospice: Support system for patients and families with life-limiting illness
- Senior Solutions of Southwest Florida: Call center for seniors

A list of housing facilities for the elderly within the City of Venice can be found on page 35. The frail elderly are included under the "elderly" in table 1B. The Table includes all elderly renters and homeowners below 80% MFI.

Persons with Disabilities

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons are viewed as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as walking, talking, hearing, seeing, breathing, learning, performing manual tasks or caring for or managing themselves.

According to the 2000 US Census, there are 4,470 individuals with disabilities living in the City of Venice. 56.9% of the disabled population between 21 and 64 years of age are employed.

Without affordable housing, people with disabilities live at home with aging parents, are homeless or in danger of being homeless, or must choose between substandard housing conditions and paying most of their income for rent. Advocates for disabled persons desire additional affordable homes in their community.

For those with physical disabilities, in-patient rehabilitation hospitals and private therapy offices provide services and participate in Medicaid, health insurance plans and private payments. The goal of rehabilitation is to restore and maintain independence to the fullest extent possible.

For those who have a mental illness, Renaissance Manor in partnership with Coastal Recovery reported that there was a need for supportive housing. According to Renaissance Manor and the Mental Health Community Center, many mentally ill persons are living with elderly parents or are rent burdened.

The low amount of social security income is a barrier for housing. It is almost impossible for those who live on social security to afford to live on their own. It has been suggested that additional Section 8 vouchers may be needed.

According to the Sarasota Consortium 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan, the State of Florida serves approximately 615 developmentally disabled individuals in Sarasota County. The state estimates that 1% of the population has developmental disabilities. This would translate into 221 people in city limits area are developmentally disabled. The Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities, Inc. provides specialized programs and services to create solutions and make changes in the lives of children, teens and adults with disabilities. The organization has a waiting list and expressed concerns about aging caregivers.

There are a few subsidized housing developments in Sarasota County that house the physically disabled and they include the Orchard Place in Sarasota (houses 40), Beneva Oaks Apartments in Sarasota (40 units) and McCown Towers and Annex that have housing for disabled or elderly persons.

The number of persons within the City of Venice suffering from mental illness is unknown. For mental illness housing, the following resources are available throughout Sarasota County according to the 2003 Mental Health Study Group Report conducted by the Sarasota County Openly Plans for Excellence (SCOPE) group:

- Audubon program of Coastal Behavioral Healthcare: 29 beds
- Alternative Family Program at Gulf Coast Community Care: 12 beds
- Renaissance Manor 16th: 41 beds
- Access One: 9 beds

- CBH Apartments: 24 beds
- CBH Three Bedroom Homes: 6 beds
- Coastal Renaissance: 140 beds
- Tammi House: 35 beds
- Nutmeg: 10 beds
- Hansen: 6 beds

First Step of Sarasota also has a “Seasons” residential program designed for those with alcohol abuse and co-occurring mental health disorders.

For developmental disabilities, the Coalition to Support Assisted Living has 20 properties designated as affordable housing for the developmentally disabled. The Coalition works closely with other organizations to provide on-site living and job training.

Persons with Alcohol or Drug Addictions

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 3.4% of the Suncoast Region has an alcohol dependence problem, while 2.12% of the population has illicit drug dependence in the past year. If approximately 5% of the Venice population suffered from drug and alcohol addiction, the city has 1,107 who are in need of assistance. The Suncoast Region includes DeSoto, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Sarasota Counties. The Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse, Inc. was formed in 1999 and advocates programs for substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment through collaborative efforts. Programs such as the Community Awareness Program and Community Empowerment Program are ongoing efforts to engage community capacity toward substance abuse issues.

As with all of the non-homeless needs group, there is a shortage of safe and affordable housing for those who have completed treatment. Many of the beds available for the mentally ill and homeless are also available to substance abuse addictions since the populations often overlap.

First Step of Sarasota has a residential program for those with alcohol addiction seeking recovery. The program includes group therapy, employment training and employment opportunities. The Salvation Army has a Voluntary Interim Placement-Enhanced Recovery (VIP-ER) program that is offered to individuals meeting the homeless criteria.

HIV/AIDS

According to the 2006 HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report published by the Department of Health and Human Services, there was a total of 2,005 of HIV/AIDS cases in all of Sarasota and Manatee County. The Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development (SOHCD) receives and administers Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds on behalf of the entire county and addresses the specific need of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. It is unknown how many individuals within the City of Venice are suffering from HIV/AIDS.

SOHCD selected the Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida as the fiscal agent and the Comprehensive Care Clinic to sponsor client projects in Sarasota County. The agency provides medical services to over 500 individuals a year in Sarasota

County. The clinic works with Bethesda House to respond to the physical, social and spiritual needs of HIV infected and affected persons, and provides therapy, case management, food, and counseling.

According to local service providers, access to affordable housing is needed. Bethesda House reported that many people with HIV/AIDS needs housing assistance at one point or another. Those who are unable to work must rely on social security income and home ownership and rental becomes unaffordable.

Bethesda House has housing for those who have HIV/AIDS.

SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING OBSTACLES

Obstacles to meeting special needs concerns include:

1. Lack of funding
2. Unaffordable housing (although this is showing some improvement with the failing housing market)
3. Large elderly population
4. "Not in my back yard" may be encountered when choosing site locations

Priorities and needs are addressed on pages 16 through 18 of this plan. The City of Venice is not receiving HOME funds and will not use HOME funds to assist the above subpopulations.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)

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

1. The Plan includes a description of the activities to be undertaken with its HOPWA Program funds to address priority unmet housing needs for the eligible population. Activities will assist persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, such as efforts to prevent low-income individuals and families from becoming homeless and may address the housing needs of persons who are homeless in order to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. The plan would identify any obstacles to meeting underserved needs and summarize the priorities and specific objectives, describing how funds made available will be used to address identified needs.
2. The Plan must establish annual HOPWA output goals for the planned number of households to be assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. The plan can also describe the special features or needs being addressed, such as support for persons who are homeless or chronically homeless. These outputs are to be used in connection with an assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.
3. For housing facility projects being developed, a target date for the completion of each development activity must be included and information on the continued use of these units for the eligible population based on their stewardship requirements (e.g. within the ten-year use periods for projects involving

acquisition, new construction or substantial rehabilitation).

4. The Plan includes an explanation of how the funds will be allocated including a description of the geographic area in which assistance will be directed and the rationale for these geographic allocations and priorities. Include the name of each project sponsor, the zip code for the primary area(s) of planned activities, amounts committed to that sponsor, and whether the sponsor is a faith-based and/or grassroots organization.
5. The Plan describes the role of the lead jurisdiction in the eligible metropolitan statistical area (EMSA), involving (a) consultation to develop a metropolitan-wide strategy for addressing the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and their families living throughout the EMSA with the other jurisdictions within the EMSA; (b) the standards and procedures to be used to monitor HOPWA Program activities in order to ensure compliance by project sponsors of the requirements of the program.
6. The Plan includes the certifications relevant to the HOPWA Program.

3-5 Year Strategic Plan HOPWA response:

The City of Venice will not be receiving HOPWA funds and will continue to participate with the Sarasota Consortium to meet the needs in their Consolidated Plan.

The Sarasota Consortium addresses the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and families of these persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing and the needs of the same client population who are homeless, HOPWA funds are used for activities such as:

- Short term rent, mortgage and utility assistance
- Case management
- Grantee administration
- Project sponsor administration

The HOPWA team consists of representatives from the Sarasota County, Comprehensive Care Clinic (a caseworker's organization service clientele in Sarasota County), Manatee County Rural Health Services (caseworker's organization serving clientele in Manatee County), Catholic Charities, and Sarasota and Manatee Health Department. The HOPWA team meets to discuss the needs of individuals who are not homeless but require supportive housing and assistance, and assistance for individuals who are homeless.

Members of the HOPWA team explore ways to assist the HIV/AIDS clientele in successfully achieving financial stability thereby allowing individuals and their families to live in safe, sanitary and decent housing. The team explores ways to create partnerships with local agencies in an effort to discover solutions outside of grant funding received from HUD, and assists in writing a local HOPWA manual for use by caseworkers who meet with area HIV/AIDS population.

Efforts to evaluate the progress in meeting specific objectives of providing affordable housing will be evaluated and established by the HOPWA team. In order to achieve this goal, HOPWA team members plan to use an analysis approach that will evaluate strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The team plan to use this method to address this issue and others. The team meets on a quarterly basis to evaluate objectives and measures. Minutes of the meeting are kept and specific

assignments are given to team members, and larger issues are evaluated by task forces. Ways to overcome any barriers in meeting program improvements are being addressed by members of the HOPWA team.

Agencies that work directly with the HIV/AIDS clients maintain records required to report on the following outputs and demographic information:

8. Number of HOPWA units receiving rental assistance
9. Number of HOPWA units receiving short term/emergency assistance
10. Beneficiary demographic data by category

The team has assessed needs and ways to assist HIV/AIDS clients in order to achieve housing stability utilizing improved access to required patient care. The group also seeks leverage from other public and private resources through the creation of community partnerships.

The City of Sarasota is the lead jurisdiction and ensures:

1. Regular meetings with the HOPWA team are scheduled
2. Assists in locating required information for team members to perform optimally
3. Assists in leading the team in exploring all available opportunities and resources to ensure a strategic plan complete with a mission, vision, organizational values, and quantifiable measures are created
4. Monitors all reimbursement requests from the project sponsor for accuracy, completeness, compliance, and performs on-site monitoring

The project sponsor that assists in administering the HOPWA Grant for the Sarasota/Manatee EMSA also assists the State of Florida in administering State HOPWA funds. The dual role of the project sponsor allows for the use of actual case history to make funding decisions for Sarasota County and the City of Venice based on historic information.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

1. 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 the strategic plan.

3-5 Year Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

The City of Venice will not receive HOPWA funds, but will cooperate with the Sarasota Consortium to meet the needs in their Consolidated Plan.

OTHER NARRATIVE

Include any Strategic Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.

Anti Displacement Plan

The City of Venice will not fund any activities that can cause the displacement of persons (including families, individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations and farms) as a result of any activities in the Consolidated Plan or yearly Action Plans.

A displaced person means any person (family, individual, business, non-profit organization or farm) that moves from real property, or moves his or her personal property from a real property, permanently and involuntarily, as a result of rehabilitation, demolition or acquisition for an activity funded by CDBG.

If a person is displaced as a result of any activities, the city must provide the displaced person with relocation assistance in accordance with 49 CFR part 24 which contains the government wide regulations implementing the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. Services to displaced persons may include moving expenses, security deposits, credit checks, interim living costs, advisory services, replacement housing assistance.

One on one replacement units will be provided for any activities that cause displacement. The units must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Subtitle A §42.375.

Housing Needs Table (2A) <u>Housing Needs - Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data Housing Problems</u>		Grantee: City of Venice														Priority Need?	Plan to Fund?	Fund Source	Households with a Disabled Member		Disproportionate Racial/Ethnic Need?	# of Households in lead-Hazard Housing	Total Low Income HIV/AIDS Population			
		Only complete blue sections. Do NOT type in sections other than blue.																	% of Goal	%				#		
		3-5 Year Quantities																							%	#
		Current % of Households		Current Number of Households		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4*		Year 5*												
Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	%	#									
Household Income <=30% MFI	Renter	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	105														100%	N/A	No	N/A	N/A			
			Any housing problems	76.2	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE		####				
			Cost Burden > 30%	76.2	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE						
			Cost Burden >50%	76.2	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE						
	Renter	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	75																					
			With Any Housing Problems	100.0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden > 30%	100.0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden >50%	100.0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	Y	NONE							
	Renter	Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	0																					
			With Any Housing Problems	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden > 30%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden >50%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE							
	Renter	All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	80																					
			With Any Housing Problems	81.3	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden > 30%	81.3	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden >50%	68.8	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE							
	Owner	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	295																					
			With Any Housing Problems	69.5	205	0	39	39	39	39	39	0	0	0	0	####	H	Y	SHIP							
			Cost Burden > 30%	69.5	205	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden >50%	50.8	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE							
		Owner	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	50																				
				With Any Housing Problems	50.0	25	0	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	####	Y	H	SHIP						
				Cost Burden > 30%	50.0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE						
				Cost Burden >50%	50.0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE						
Owner		Large Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	0																					
			With Any Housing Problems	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden > 30%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden >50%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE							
Owner		All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	80																					
			With Any Housing Problems	75.0	60	0	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	####	H	Y	SHIP							
			Cost Burden > 30%	75.0	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE							
			Cost Burden >50%	56.3	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE							
% MFI		Renter	Elderly	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	124													100%							
				With Any Housing Problems	76.6	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE		0				
				Cost Burden > 30%	68.5	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE						
				Cost Burden >50%	36.3	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE						
		Renter	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	50																				
				With Any Housing Problems	100.0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE						
				Cost Burden > 30%	100.0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE						
				Cost Burden >50%	60.0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE						
	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS			100%	0																					

Housing Needs Table (2A) <u>Housing Needs - Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data Housing Problems</u>			Grantee: City of Venice													Priority Need?	Plan to Fund?	Fund Source	Households with a Disabled Member		Disproportionate Racial/Ethnic Need?	# of Households in lead-Hazard Housing	Total Low Income HIV/AIDS Population											
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					Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal					Actual														
Household Income >30 to <=50%	Owner	Large Related	With Any Housing Problems	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
			Cost Burden > 30%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE														
			Cost Burden >50%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE														
	All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	80																														
		With Any Housing Problems	87.5	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden > 30%	87.5	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
	Elderly	Cost Burden >50%	37.5	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	645																														
		With Any Housing Problems	48.1	310	0	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	0	####	H	Y	SHIP														
	Small Related	Cost Burden > 30%	48.1	310	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden >50%	18.6	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	75																														
	Large Related	With Any Housing Problems	53.3	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden > 30%	53.3	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden >50%	20.0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
	All other hshold	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%																															
		With Any Housing Problems	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden > 30%	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
	Elderly	Cost Burden >50%	100.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	45																														
		With Any Housing Problems	77.8	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
	Small Related	Cost Burden > 30%	77.8	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden >50%	33.3	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%																															
Income >50 to <=80% MFI	Owner	Elderly	With Any Housing Problems	69.0	234	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE	100%	0														
			Cost Burden > 30%	66.1	224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
			Cost Burden >50%	54.3	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	70																														
		With Any Housing Problems	28.6	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden > 30%	14.3	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
	Large Related	Cost Burden >50%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	0																														
		With Any Housing Problems	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
	All other hshold	Cost Burden > 30%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden >50%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	125																														
	Elderly	With Any Housing Problems	60.0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden > 30%	60.0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden >50%	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	NONE															
	Small Related	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	100%	1145																														
		With Any Housing Problems	27.5	315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															
		Cost Burden > 30%	27.5	315	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	NONE															

City of Venice

Housing Market Analysis

Complete cells in blue.

Housing Stock Inventory	Vacancy Rate	0 & 1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	3+ Bedroom	Total	Substandard Units
Affordability Mismatch						
Occupied Units: Renter		1055	945	173	2173	97
Occupied Units: Owner		604	4634	2300	7538	20
Vacant Units: For Rent	26%	190	330	39	559	0
Vacant Units: For Sale	2%	14	90	29	133	0
Total Units Occupied & Vacant		1863	5999	2541	10403	117
Rents: Applicable FMRs (in \$s)		712	857	1,094		
Rent Affordable at 30% of 50% of MFI (in \$s)		511	547	657		
Public Housing Units						
Occupied Units		8	18	40	66	0
Vacant Units		4	3	6	13	4
Total Units Occupied & Vacant		12	21	46	79	4
Rehabilitation Needs (in \$s)		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000	

Grantee Name: City of Venice		3-5 Year Quantities																Priority Need: H, M, L	Plan to Fund? Y N	Fund Source: CDBG, HO	
Non-Homeless Special Needs Including HOPWA (1B)		Needs	Currently Available	GAP	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4*		Year 5*		Total						
					Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Actual	% of Goal				
Housing Needed	52. Elderly	2653	1414	1239	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	
	53. Frail Elderly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	
	54. Persons w/ Severe Mental Illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	
	55. Developmentally Disabled	221	80	141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	
	56. Physically Disabled	4470	80	4390	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	
	57. Alcohol/Other Drug Addicted	1107	0	1107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	
	58. Persons w/ HIV/AIDS & their famili	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	
	59. Public Housing Residents	150	50	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	70	0	0%	M	N		
	Total	8601	1624	6977	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	70	0	0%				
Supportive Services Needed	60. Elderly	2653	1000	1653	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	250	0	0%	H	Y	CDBG/SHIP	
	61. Frail Elderly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	H	Y	CDBG/SHIP	
	62. Persons w/ Severe Mental Illness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N		
	63. Developmentally Disabled	221	0	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N		
	64. Physically Disabled	4470	0	4470	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	Y	SHIP	
	65. Alcohol/Other Drug Addicted	1107	0	1107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N		
	66. Persons w/ HIV/AIDS & their famili	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N		
	67. Public Housing Residents	150	50	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	70	0	0%	H	Y	CDBG/SHIP	
Total	8601	1050	7551	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	120	0	320	0	0%					

City of Venice																	Only complete blue sections.				
Housing and Community Development Activities (2B)		Needs	Current	Gap	5-Year Quantities												% of Goal	Priority Need: H, M, L	Dollars to Address	Plan to Fund? Y/N	Fund Source
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Cumulative						
					Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual					
01 Acquisition of Real Property 570.201(a)		0	0	0												0	0	####			
02 Disposition 570.201(b)		0	0	0												0	0	####			
Public Facilities and Improvements	03 Public Facilities and Improvements (General) 570.201(c)		4	4	0											0	0	####	L	N	N
	03A Senior Centers 570.201(c)		3	1	2											0	0	####	M	N	N
	03B Handicapped Centers 570.201(c)		0	0	0											0	0	####			
	03C Homeless Facilities (not operating costs) 570.201(c)		1	0	1											0	0	####	M	N	M
	03D Youth Centers 570.201(c)		0	0	0											0	0	####			
	03E Neighborhood Facilities 570.201(c)		0	0	0											0	0	####			
	03F Parks, Recreational Facilities 570.201© - # of facilities		15	9	6											0	0	####	M	N	N
	03G Parking Facilities 570.201©		0	0	0											0	0	####			
	03H Solid Waste Disposal Improvements 570.201(c)		0	0	0											0	0	####			
	03I Flood Drain Improvements 570.201© - estimated # of households		2200	1500	700			189						50	239	0	0%	H	Y	Y	CDBG
	03J Water/Sewer Improvements 570.201© - estimated # of households		2200	2150	50										0	0	####	M	N	N	
	03K Street Improvements 570.201© - estimated # of households		2200	1500	700									50	50	0	0%	H	Y	Y	CDBG
	03L Sidewalks 570.201© - estimated # of households		2200	900	1300										0	0	####	M	N	N	
	03M Child Care Centers 570.201(c)		0	0	0										0	0	####				
	03N Tree Planting 570.201© - estimated # of households		2200	900	1300			25							25	0	0%	M	Y	Y	FDOT
	03O Fire Stations/Equipment 570.201(c)		3	3	0										0	0	####	L	N	N	
03P Health Facilities 570.201(c)		1	1	0										0	0	####	L	N	N		
03Q Abused and Neglected Children Facilities 570.201(c)		0	0	0										0	0	####					
03R Asbestos Removal 570.201(c)		0	0	0										0	0	####					
03S Facilities for AIDS Patients (not operating costs) 570.201(c)		0	0	0										0	0	####					
03T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs		0	0	0										0	0	####					
04 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(d)		0	0	0										0	0	####					
04A Clean-up of Contaminated Sites 570.201(d)		0	0	0										0	0	####					

Housing and Community Development Activities (2B)		Needs	Current	Gap	5-Year Quantities												% of Goal	Priority Need: H, M, L	Dollars to Address	Plan to Fund? Y/N	Fund Source
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Cumulative						
					Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual					
Public Services	05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) - estimated # of people	1000	200	800	250		250		250		250		250		1250	0	0%	H	Y	Y	CDBG
	05A Senior Services 570.201(e)	2653	1000	1653	50		50		50		50		50		250	0	0%	H	Y	Y	CDBG
	05B Handicapped Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05C Legal Services 570.201(E)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05D Youth Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05E Transportation Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05F Substance Abuse Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05G Battered and Abused Spouses 570.201(e)	1093	1093	0											0	0	####	L	N	N	
	05H Employment Training 570.201(e)	1	1	0											0	0	####				
	05I Crime Awareness 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05J Fair Housing Activities (if CDBG, then subject to 570.201(e))	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05K Tenant/Landlord Counseling 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05L Child Care Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05M Health Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05N Abused and Neglected Children 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05O Mental Health Services 570.201(e)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05P Screening for Lead-Based Paint/Lead Hazards Poison 570.201(e)	1	1	0											0	0	####				
	05Q Subsistence Payments 570.204	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05R Homeownership Assistance (not direct) 570.204	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	05S Rental Housing Subsidies (if HOME, not part of 5% 570.204)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
05T Security Deposits (if HOME, not part of 5% Admin c	0	0	0											0	0	####					
06 Interim Assistance 570.201(f)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
07 Urban Renewal Completion 570.201(h)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
08 Relocation 570.201(i)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
09 Loss of Rental Income 570.201(j)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
10 Removal of Architectural Barriers 570.201(k)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
11 Privately Owned Utilities 570.201(l)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
12 Construction of Housing 570.201(m)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
13 Direct Homeownership Assistance 570.201(n)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
14A Rehab: Single-Unit Residential 570.202	0	0	0											0	0	####					
14B Rehab: Multi-Unit Residential 570.202	0	0	0											0	0	####					
14C Public Housing Modernization 570.202	0	0	0											0	0	####					
14D Rehab: Other Publicly-Owned Residential Buildings 570.202	0	0	0											0	0	####					
14E Rehab: Publicly or Privately-Owned Commercial/Indu 570.202	0	0	0											0	0	####					
14F Energy Efficiency Improvements 570.202	0	0	0											0	0	####					
14G Acquisition - for Rehabilitation 570.202	0	0	0											0	0	####					
14H Rehabilitation Administration 570.202	0	0	0											0	0	####					
14I Lead-Based/Lead Hazard Test/Abate 570.202	0	0	0											0	0	####					
15 Code Enforcement 570.202(c)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
16A Residential Historic Preservation 570.202(d)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
16B Non-Residential Historic Preservation 570.202(d)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
17A CI Land Acquisition/Disposition 570.203(a)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
17B CI Infrastructure Development 570.203(a)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
17C CI Building Acquisition, Construction, Rehabilitat 570.203(a)	0	0	0											0	0	####					
17D Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements 570.203(a)	0	0	0											0	0	####					

Housing and Community Development Activities (2B)		Needs	Current	Gap	5-Year Quantities												% of Goal	Priority Need: H, M, L	Dollars to Address	Plan to Fund? Y/N	Fund Source
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Cumulative						
					Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual					
	18A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits 570.203(b)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	18B ED Technical Assistance 570.203(b)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	18C Micro-Enterprise Assistance	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	19A HOME Admin/Planning Costs of PJ (not part of 5% Ad	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	19B HOME CHDO Operating Costs (not part of 5% Admin ca	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	19C CDBG Non-profit Organization Capacity Building	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	19D CDBG Assistance to Institutes of Higher Education	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	19E CDBG Operation and Repair of Foreclosed Property	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	19F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	19G Unplanned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	19H State CDBG Technical Assistance to Grantees	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	20 Planning 570.205	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	21A General Program Administration 570.206	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	21B Indirect Costs 570.206	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	21D Fair Housing Activities (subject to 20% Admin cap) 570.206	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	21E Submissions or Applications for Federal Programs 570.206	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	21F HOME Rental Subsidy Payments (subject to 5% cap)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	21G HOME Security Deposits (subject to 5% cap)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	21H HOME Admin/Planning Costs of PJ (subject to 5% cap)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	21I HOME CHDO Operating Expenses (subject to 5% cap)	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	22 Unprogrammed Funds	0	0	0											0	0	####				
HOPWA	31J Facility based housing – development	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	31K Facility based housing - operations	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	31G Short term rent mortgage utility payments	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	31F Tenant based rental assistance	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	31E Supportive service	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	31I Housing information services	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	31H Resource identification	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	31B Administration - grantee	0	0	0											0	0	####				
	31D Administration - project sponsor	0	0	0											0	0	####				

Housing and Community Development Activities (2B)		Needs	Current	Gap	5-Year Quantities												% of Goal	Priority Need: H, M, L	Dollars to Address	Plan to Fund? Y/N	Fund Source
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Cumulative						
					Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual					
CDBG	Acquisition of existing rental units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Production of new rental units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Rehabilitation of existing rental units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Rental assistance	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Acquisition of existing owner units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Production of new owner units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Rehabilitation of existing owner units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Homeownership assistance	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
HOME	Acquisition of existing rental units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Production of new rental units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Rehabilitation of existing rental units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Rental assistance	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Acquisition of existing owner units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Production of new owner units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Rehabilitation of existing owner units	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
	Homeownership assistance	0	0	0											0	0	#####				
Totals		###	9263	6512	300	0	514	0	300	0	300	0	400	0	1814	0	#####				

Continuum of Care Homeless Population and Subpopulations Chart

Part 1: Homeless Population		Sheltered		Un-sheltered	Total	City of Venice			
		Emergency	Transitional			Data Quality			
1. Homeless Individuals		192	143	412	747	(E) estimates	▼		
2. Homeless Families with Children		20	25	34	79				
2a. Persons in Homeless with Children Families		77	75	83	235				
Total (lines 1 + 2a)		269	218	495	982				
Part 2: Homeless Subpopulations		Sheltered		Un-sheltered	Total	Data Quality			
1. Chronically Homeless		0		135	135	(E) estimates	▼		
2. Severely Mentally Ill		70		0	70				
3. Chronic Substance Abuse		85		0	85				
4. Veterans		63		0	63				
5. Persons with HIV/AIDS		10		0	10				
6. Victims of Domestic Violence		46		0	46				
7. Youth (Under 18 years of age)		34		0	34				

Part 3: Homeless Needs Table: Individuals		Needs	Currently Available	Gap	5-Year Quantities										Total			Priority H, M, L	Plan to Fund? Y, N	Fund Source: CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, ESG or Other
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Goal	Actual	% of Goal			
					Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete						
Beds	Emergency Shelters	0	374	-374	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	None
	Transitional Housing	172	242	-70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	None
	Permanent Supportive Housing	382	336	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	None
	Total	554	952	-398	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####		N	None
Chronically Homeless		n/a	n/a																N	None

Part 4: Homeless Needs Table: Families		Needs	Currently Available	Gap	5-Year Quantities										Total			Priority H, M, L	Plan to Fund? Y/N	Fund Source: CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, ESG or Other
					Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Goal	Actual	% of Goal			
					Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete	Goal	Complete						
Beds	Emergency Shelters	0	58	-58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	None
	Transitional Housing	0	89	-89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	L	N	None
	Permanent Supportive Housing	91	2	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####	M	N	None
	Total	91	149	-58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	####		N	None

Completing Part 1: Homeless Population. This must be completed using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons in sheltered and unsheltered locations at a one-day point in time. The counts must be from: (A) administrative records, (N) enumerations, (S) statistically reliable samples, or (E) estimates. The quality of the data presented in each box must be identified as: (A), (N), (S) or (E).

Completing Part 2: Homeless Subpopulations. This must be completed using statistically reliable, unduplicated counts or estimates of homeless persons in sheltered and unsheltered locations at a one-day point in time. The numbers must be from: (A) administrative records, (N) enumerations, (S) statistically reliable samples, or (E) estimates. The quality of the data presented in each box must be identified as: (A), (N), (S) or (E).

Sheltered Homeless. Count adults, children and youth residing in shelters for the homeless. "Shelters" include all emergency shelters and transitional shelters for the homeless, including domestic violence shelters, residential programs for runaway/homeless youth, and any hotel/motel/apartment voucher arrangements paid by a public/private agency because the person or family is homeless. Do not count: (1) persons who are living doubled up in conventional housing; (2) formerly homeless persons who are residing in Section 8 SRO, Shelter Plus Care, SHP permanent housing or other permanent housing units; (3) children or youth, who because of their own or a parent's homelessness or abandonment, now reside temporarily and for a short anticipated duration in hospitals, residential treatment facilities, emergency foster care, detention facilities and the like; and (4) adults living in mental health facilities, chemical dependency facilities, or criminal justice facilities.

Unsheltered Homeless. Count adults, children and youth sleeping in places not meant for human habitation. Places not meant for human habitation include streets, parks, alleys, parking ramps, parts of the highway system, transportation depots and other parts of transportation systems (e.g. subway tunnels, railroad car), all-night commercial establishments (e.g. movie theaters, laundromats, restaurants), abandoned buildings, building roofs or stairwells, chicken coops and other farm outbuildings, caves, campgrounds, vehicles, and other similar places.



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Most of all, we want to thank the 1,043 homeless persons that agreed to be interviewed and provide information for this report. We thank and honor you for your effort in helping our community better understand the plight of the homeless that reside in our community. We hope our community will reciprocate with a better understanding, more compassion and a ready willingness to lend a helping hand.

Introduction

This community report on homelessness is an analysis of information gathered during the Homeless Census conducted in January of 2007. The survey was coordinated by the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, the lead agency addressing homelessness in Manatee and Sarasota counties.

Manatee and Sarasota counties have been conducting a Homeless Census for the past 8 years, with the last census conducted in January 2005. The following report attempts to shed light on the nature and causes of homelessness in our community by reporting results of this year's census and comparing the results with the 2005 Homeless Census in an attempt to determine changes in the number of homeless individual and families, their demographics and their needs, both met and unmet. This report provides information to the Manatee and Sarasota communities to help meet the following goals:

- To help local leaders and policy-makers understand the nature and needs of homeless individuals in our community.
- To help service providers better understand the demographics and needs of homeless persons in our community so they may effectively focus their efforts and resources to best meet their needs.
- To inform planning efforts so local leaders in government, not-for-profit and the private sectors can work together to create proper housing for homeless persons.
- To educate the public about the plight of homelessness, to help dispel misunderstandings and to build support for efforts that address the needs of the many homeless people that reside in our community.
- To inform state and federal government representatives about the severity of local homeless needs in our community in an effort to increase funding and inform "best-practice" policies to achieve the goal of ending homelessness in our time.

Data and Methodology

The survey instrument used for the 2007 assessment (see Appendix A) was one of two forms proscribed by the Florida Department of Children and Families, Office on Homelessness. The short version was used for our census and took approximately 5-7 minutes to administer. The survey asked screening questions, demographic questions, and questions about an individual's history of homelessness, other family members that were or had experienced homelessness, about financial resources, and social services that they felt were necessary to help them overcome homelessness.

In December of 2006, four training sessions were held for representatives from 45 different organizations and the 20 unaffiliated volunteers that had agreed to help conduct interviews. To ensure that all volunteers were properly trained, two sessions were held in each county, with one session occurring in the morning and one in the evening. The survey was administered over a 24-hour period, from noon to noon, on January 29th & 30th. The interviews were conducted with homeless persons where they seek services (social service agencies) and through interviews at homeless camps, on the street and in other locales, such as libraries, to reach homeless persons who tend not to seek services. The outreach effort was primarily carried out with the assistance of public safety officers and caseworkers from Manatee Glens.

The purpose of using a "point in time" style survey is to approximately determine how many people in the Manatee and Sarasota community experience homelessness on an average night. The survey questions are read aloud to participants and the volunteers were instructed to write "refused" on a survey if an individual refused to be interviewed so that those who chose not to participate would still be counted. Although the training emphasized the importance of this to volunteers during training, our analysis of data shows that many volunteers did not follow this protocol. As a result, there appears to be a drastic decline in the number of homeless individuals as compared with the 2005 report even though anecdotal information and data collected through the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) suggests otherwise.

There are several other notable limitations with the methodology of this study. First, there is no way to truly account for the number of homeless people in our community because many homeless individuals cannot be located, others refuse to be interviewed and others would not necessarily visit one of the 45 agencies conducting the survey during the proscribed 24-hour period that the survey was administered. There is also no reliable way to locate and count homeless individuals that are temporarily staying with family or doubling up with a friend during the time in which this survey was given. Another limitation of the census was that surveys given in Spanish may have contained questions that were unclear when translated into English. We expect this explains the wide range of the answers given in the section regarding homeless family members.

In order to ensure that participants were not being counted more than once, respondents were asked whether or not they had taken the survey earlier in the day. If they marked "yes" or if their name was found more than once in the database, these duplicates were removed. A total of 26 surveys were removed from the study because they were duplicates.

To observe trends in homelessness over time, the results from this survey were compared

with the Homeless Census 2005 results. In 2005, Manatee and Sarasota Counties conducted their own surveys, so those results were combined in order to adequately compare that data to this year's data. However, Appendix B does provide comparative data by county and year to show trends specific to each county over time.

The size of the total usable sample from the 2007 survey for Sarasota/Manatee is 1,043, whereas the usable for the combined 2005 surveys on Sarasota and Manatee counties totals 2,427. As previously mentioned above, there are likely several reasons for this discrepancy, the primary reason being not counting people who refused to be interviewed but were likely homeless. Also, the data from surveys mailed to families of school children in Manatee and Sarasota Counties is not included in this report. Presently that data is being analyzed and prepared for release in a separate report.

Defining Homelessness

For the purposes of the survey, homelessness was defined according to the State of Florida's predefined classification based on the responses to questions 3, 4, and 5a which can be found in Appendix A. Participants had to indicate that they did not have a regular place to stay, or that they had spent the last night in an emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing for the homeless, a psychiatric facility, a substance abuse treatment facility, a hospital, a jail/prison or detention facility, or in a place not meant for human habitation. This report also defines participants who spent the last night at the house of a friend or family member as homeless. If participants refused to answer these questions, or did not remember where they had stayed the night before, they were also counted as homeless. Finally, participants were classified as homeless if they indicated they would be forced to leave the place they were staying within the next week. Using these criteria, 1,043 individuals fit this definition of homelessness. This definition of homelessness was used by the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness to provide the most accurate picture of who is experiencing homelessness in our community because it was deemed most informative in helping local providers decide how to best provide services and allocate limited staff and funding resources.

In contrast, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines homelessness in a more limited scope:

§ 11302. General definition of homeless individual

(a) In general

For purposes of this chapter, the term "homeless" or "homeless individual or homeless person" [1] includes—

- (1) an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and
- (2) an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is—
 - (A) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill);
 - (B) an institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
 - (C) a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

(b) Income eligibility

(1) In general

A homeless individual shall be eligible for assistance under any program provided by this chapter, only if the individual complies with the income eligibility requirements otherwise applicable to such program.

(2) Exception

Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a homeless individual shall be eligible for assistance under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 [29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.].

(c) Exclusion

For purposes of this chapter, the term "homeless" or "homeless individual" does not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant to an Act of the Congress or a State law.

Characteristics of Surveyed Homeless People

Gender

Of the homeless population, 734 individuals identified themselves as male, making up seventy-six percent (76%) of the local homeless population, while 236 individuals identified themselves as female, making up twenty-four (24%) of the population. In 2005, there was also a majority of 933 males (62%) making up the homeless population, with 570 females making up the other thirty-eight percent (38%). Thus, the trend of having a higher population of homeless males is not new, although this year, the difference between the two groups does appear to be more inflated.

Ethnicity

The data revealed that of the homeless population living in Sarasota and Manatee County, sixty-four percent (64%) identified themselves as white, sixteen percent (16%) as black, fourteen percent (14%) as Hispanic, three percent (3%) as American Indian or Alaskan Native, and less than one percent (<1%) as Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander. However, it should be noted that participants were allowed to give multiple answers to this question, to allow them an opportunity to best define their ethnic background. This may have resulted in an over representation of the white homeless population, as many Hispanic participants (31%) also identified themselves as white.

The results from the 2005 report show that the percentage of white and black homeless individuals has gone down slightly, while the proportion of other races stayed about the same. There was no data available for the Hispanic population in 2005, another possible reason that there were a high number of individuals that chose “other” that year.

Race	2007 Sarasota/Manatee Frequency (%)	2005 Sarasota/Manatee Frequency (%)
Hispanic	126 (14%)	N/A
White	660 (64%)	699 (67%)
Black	170 (16%)	192 (19%)
American Indian / Alaskan Native	33 (3%)	30 (3%)
Asian	4 (<1%)	2 (<1%)
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	3 (<1%)	1 (<1%)
Other	30 (3%)	113 (11%)

Age

Of the persons interviewed, ten percent (10%) were younger than eighteen-years-old, eighty-five percent (85%) were between the ages of eighteen and sixty years-old, and six percent (6%) were older than sixty. However, this data does not include the surveys of families in the Manatee and Sarasota County school districts that were conducted by mail during the same time the homeless census was conducted. Therefore this report very likely under-represents the number of young people facing homelessness.

In 2005 the number of homeless participants under the age of eighteen was much higher in both frequency and percentage than this year. This is at least partially because surveys of families in Manatee and Sarasota County school districts could not be analyzed for inclusion in this report. Without the data from the school surveys, it is difficult to examine the trends in homelessness for children at this time. In both years, adults made up the majority of the homeless population, though in 2005, the proportion was much larger this year. Again, this was probably because there were fewer surveys obtained from homeless children to balance these proportions. Finally, the number of older individuals has stayed relatively constant over the course of two years.

Age	2007 Sarasota/Manatee	2005 Sarasota/Manatee
<18	102 (10%)	919 (39%)
18-60	883 (85%)	1372 (58%)
< 60	58 (6%)	91 (4%)

Disabilities

Forty-seven percent (47%) of the homeless population identified in the census indicated they had a disabling condition. Of 1,043 homeless individuals, twenty-eight percent (28%) indicated that they had a physical disability, eighteen percent (18%) a drug or alcohol addiction, fourteen percent (14%) a disability related to mental health, two percent (2%) a HIV/AIDS related disability, and one percent (1%) a developmental disability. Many people indicated that they had more than one of these conditions, and many others indicated they had a disabling condition, but did not specify a condition. This resulted in a higher percentage of people with disabilities (63% of total homeless population) than those that indicated a specific disabling condition on question 22a (47% of total homeless population).

By contrast, in 2005, 508 individuals claimed to have a disabling condition. Of these, forty-seven (47%) indicated that they had a physical disability, thirty percent (30%) a disability related to mental health, twenty percent (20%) a drug/alcohol addiction, two percent (2%) a developmental disability, and one percent (1%) a HIV/AIDS related disability.

The comparative results reveal that the proportion of homeless individuals with physical and mental disabilities has decreased over the past two years, while the proportion of those with drug/alcohol, developmental, and HIV/AIDS-related disabilities has remained relatively stable.

Veteran status

A total of 169 individuals or nineteen percent (19%) of the homeless surveyed had served active duty in the military, an increase from fourteen percent (14%) in 2005.

Foster care status

A total of 93 individuals or eleven percent (11%) of the homeless population indicated that they had been a part of the foster care system for a period in their lives

Financial resources

When asked to list their sources of income, the largest percentage of the homeless population—forty-two percent (42%)—indicated they had no financial resources. Twenty-eight percent (28%) indicated that they had some form of earned income, six percent (6%) receive Social Security Insurance (SSI), and four percent (4%) receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). One percent (1%) receive general assistance, unemployment, Social Security Retirement (SSA retirement), or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Less than one percent (<1%) receive a job pension, private disability benefit, or workman’s compensation. Finally, four percent (4%) indicated that they had some source of income other than the ones listed.

Overall, two percent (2%) of the homeless population receives child support, while less than one percent (<1%) receive alimony. However, when we examine the sub-group of the 53 homeless parents, the data shows that seventeen percent (17%) receive child support and four percent (4%) receive alimony.

Currently, one percent (1%) of the total homeless population receives veteran disability benefit, while less than one percent (<1%) receives a veteran pension. However, further analysis shows that of the 169 individuals that had served active duty in the military, five percent (5%) reported receiving a veteran’s disability benefit, and two percent (2%) reported receiving veterans’ pension.

Income	2007
Earned income	242 (28%)
Unemployment	14 (1%)
SSI	67 (6%)
SSDI	45 (4%)
Veteran disability	9 (1%)
Private disability	3 (<1%)
Workman’s Compensation	1 (<1%)
TANF	11 (1%)
General assistance	7 (1%)
SSA retirement	10 (1%)
Veterans pension	4 (<1%)
Job pension	5 (<1%)
Child support	19 (2%)
Alimony	3 (<1%)
Other source	45 (4%)
No financial resources	441 (42%)

	General population 2007	Homeless parents (53 total) 2007
Child support	19 (2%)	9 (17%)
Alimony	3 (<1%)	3 (4%)

	General population 2007	Veterans (169 total) 2007
Veteran's disability	9 (1%)	9 (5%)
Veterans pension	4 (<1%)	4 (2%)

Experience with Homelessness

There were 555 homeless individuals (53% of the homeless population) living in Manatee County at the time that this survey was conducted, while 488 (47%) resided in Sarasota County. Of the homeless men and women in Manatee and Sarasota Counties, three percent (3%) have lived here for one week or less, five percent (5%) between one week and one month, seven percent (7%) between one to three months, twelve percent (12%) between three months to one year, and, notably, seventy-three percent (73%) have lived in the community one year or longer.

This survey also attempted to ascertain how many of these individuals were experiencing chronic homelessness, and how many were only encountering occasional homelessness. When asked how many separate instances over the last three years had they been without a regular place to stay, thirty-five percent (35%) indicated that it had only happened once, twenty-eight percent (28%) two to three times, and the largest amount, thirty-seven percent (37%), indicated that they had experienced homelessness four or more times within the last three years. This pattern is similar to the finding in 2005. That year, the participants were also quite evenly divided among categories. Specifically, thirty-four percent (34%) experienced homelessness one time, another thirty-four percent (34%) experienced it two to three times, and thirty-two percent (32%) experienced it four or more times. Thus, the trend of prior experiences with homelessness has changed very little in the past two years.

The participants were also asked whether they had a regular place to stay. There were 623 individuals that answered no to this question, making up sixty-seven percent (67%) of the homeless population. It is important to note that “regular place to stay” is intended to mean a house or apartment however many participants may have interpreted this question in a different manner. For example, a homeless individual may consider a shelter or a particular spot outside to be a “regular place to stay.” As a result, responses to this question may not be conclusive.

When asked how long it had been since they had a regular place to stay, seven percent (7%) said it had been only one week or less, ten percent (10%) indicated that it had been between one week and one month, sixteen percent (16%) said it had been one to three months, twenty-three percent (23%) said that it had been three months to one year, and nearly half—forty-five (45%)—said that it had been one year or longer since they had a regular place to stay. This information illustrates how the descent into homelessness can have very long-term consequences.

Those surveyed were also asked where they had stayed the previous night. This was one of the main factors considered when determining who was defined as homeless for the purposes of this report. Twenty-two percent (22%) of participants meeting the definition of homeless spent the previous night in either an emergency shelter or used a motel voucher, twenty percent (20%) stayed in a place not meant for human habitation (such as a car or the street), seventeen percent (17%) stayed in transitional housing, sixteen percent (16%) stayed in jail, prison, or a detention center, five percent (5%) spent the previous night in a substance abuse treatment facility, and four percent (4%) spent the night in a place other than what was specified in the survey. One percent (1%) reported

staying in a hospital or a motel/hotel that they paid for themselves. Another one percent (1%) did not remember where they had spent the previous night or refused to answer the question. Less than one percent (<1%) spent the previous night in permanent housing for the homeless, a psychiatric facility, or in a foster care home.

Only seven homeless individuals or one percent (1%) spent the previous night in a rented house or apartment while 3 individuals—or less than one percent (<1%)—stayed in an apartment/house that they owned. Eight percent (8%) of the surveyed homeless population stayed with a friend, while four percent (4%) stayed with a family member.

There were a total of 207 homeless individuals that said they had previously spent the night at either a substance abuse treatment facility, a hospital, jail, prison, or a detention center. In an attempt to further discern the condition of these participants' situations, they were also asked where they had been staying before they arrived at that place. Of these 207 individuals, twenty-six percent (26%) stayed in a place not meant for human habitation while fifteen percent (15%) had been staying with a family member and thirteen percent (13%) had been staying with a friend.

Place stayed previous night	Frequency (%)
Emergency shelter (motel voucher)	212 (22%)
Transitional housing for homeless	168 (17%)
Permanent housing for homeless	3 (<1%)
Psychiatric facility	1 (<1%)
Substance abuse treatment facility	44 (5%)
Hospital	9 (1%)
Jail/prison/detention facility	154 (16%)
Rented room/apartment/house	7 (1%)
Owned apartment/house	3 (<1%)
With family member	34 (4%)
With friend	81 (8%)
Hotel/motel paid for by self	10 (1%)
Foster care home	2 (<1%)
Place not meant for habitation	194 (20%)
Other	41 (4%)
Refused	7 (1%)
Don't know	1 (<1%)

The respondents were also asked if they were going to be forced to leave the place they were staying within the next week. This question was significant because it explored the possibility that even though individuals owned or rented a house or apartment they were, in fact, homeless because they would soon be forced to leave. There were a total of 294 participants that indicated that they would soon be forced to leave the place where they were staying, making up thirty-six percent (36%) of the total respondents. In a follow-up question, those 294 participants were asked if they had a place lined up that they could stay after they were forced to leave or money to use to find another residence. The result

showed that 41 of the 294 participants, slightly more than fourteen percent (14.2%), indicated that they did not have another place to stay or money to help pay for some type of shelter. Of the 10 respondents that owned or rented their own house or apartment, 8 or eighty percent (80%) of the respondents indicated that they would be forced to leave soon.

Causes of Homelessness

A majority of fifty-four percent (54%) cited employment or financial reasons as at least one of the causes for the loss of their home, while twenty percent (20%) cited family problems, seventeen percent (17%) cited medical disability problems, twelve percent (12%) cited housing issues, eleven percent (11%) said it was because they were forced to relocate, two percent (2%) indicated that it had to do with a disaster (natural or otherwise), and one percent (1%) cited recent immigration. It should be noted that participants were allowed to select multiple answers, as there can be multiple factors that may have had an influence on their homelessness.

Reason	2007
Employment/financial	450 (54%)
Family problems	193 (20%)
Medical/disability problems	169 (18%)
Housing issues	122 (13%)
Forced to relocate	107 (11%)
Natural/other disaster	16 (2%)
Recent immigration	10 (1%)

Services Needed

Fifty-five percent (55%) of the homeless population indicated that they needed assistance obtaining food, thirty-nine percent (39%) sought basic material goods, thirty-eight percent (38%) needed transportation services, and eleven percent (11%) needed consumer assistance. Sixty-two percent (62%) indicated that they were in need of housing placement, while twenty-seven percent (27%) sought temporary housing placement. Thirteen percent (13%) indicated a need for criminal justice/legal aid services, while another thirteen percent (13%) needed case management services. Forty-two percent (42%) of the homeless population indicated a need for employment assistance and fifteen percent (15%) needed educational services. Thirty-four percent (34%) of the homeless population sought healthcare services, while eighteen percent (18%) sought services for substance abuse, sixteen percent (16%) needed mental health care, and two percent (2%) required HIV/AIDS services. More importantly, of those 185 individuals that previously indicated that they had a drug/alcohol related disability, fifty-two percent (52%) actually sought substance abuse treatment, while sixty percent (60%) of the 141 individuals with a mental health disability used mental health services, and forty-seven percent (47%) of the 17 individuals with an HIV/AIDS related disability sought HIV/AIDS related services.

Finally, four percent (4%) of the overall homeless population needed childcare/daycare services, but when looking only at information obtained from homeless parents, we find much more relevant data. Specifically, of the 53 individuals that reported having children living with them, thirty percent (30%) of these caretakers were seeking childcare or daycare services.

Services	Services used frequency / %	Service not used frequency / %
Food	577 (55%)	465 (45%)
Materials	406 (39%)	636 (61%)
Transportation	399 (38%)	644 (62%)
Consumer assistance	114 (11%)	929 (89%)
Housing placement	642 (62%)	400 (38%)
Temporary housing	279 (27%)	763 (73%)
Criminal justice / Legal Aid	138 (13%)	905 (87%)
Case management	140 (13%)	903 (87%)
Healthcare	359 (34%)	684 (66%)
Substance abuse treatment	184 (18%)	859 (82%)
Mental health treatment	163 (16%)	880 (84%)
HIV/AIDS services	21 (2%)	1022 (98%)
Employment	433 (42%)	610 (58%)
Daycare	43 (4%)	999 (96%)
Education	156 (15%)	887 (85%)

General homeless population using daycare (frequency/percent)	Homeless parents using daycare (frequency/percent)
43 (4%)	16/53 (30%)

Service	General homeless population's use of service	Those with related disability using service
Substance abuse treatment	184 (18%)	97 / 185 (52%)
Mental health treatment	163 (16%)	85 / 141 (60%)
HIV/AIDS treatment	21 (2%)	8 / 17 (47%)

Homeless Families

There were 110 individuals (12%) that indicated they were married, while the majority of 799 individuals (88%) indicated they were single. Of the 1043 respondents defined as homeless, fifty-three individuals or five percent (5%) reported having children that lived with them and ninety-three individuals or nine percent (9%) indicated that they lived with one or more adults. Of the fifty-three individuals that lived with children, seventy-eight percent (78%) were female and twenty-two percent (22%) were male. Seventeen percent (17%) reported receiving child support, four percent (4%) reported receiving alimony, and thirty percent (30%) reported a need for child care services. There were a total of 167 children that were reported living with those 53 homeless parents, which amounts to an average of three children per homeless parent.

As mentioned previously, there is an under-representation of homeless children because this report does not contain data received through mailed surveys to families in the Manatee and Sarasota County school districts. This is clearly one reason the number of homeless people under the age of eighteen was low this year compared to 2005. Specifically, there were 102 respondents that were under eighteen this year making up ten percent (10%) of the homeless population, yet there were 919 of these respondents in 2005 making up thirty-nine percent (39%) of the homeless population that year. It is likely the number of children/young adults experiencing homelessness has not drastically decreased. Although it has not been confirmed, it is likely the 2005 report did include data from school-provided surveys. However, because of methodological issues (different survey forms/questions), a separate analysis is underway and a report on homelessness among school-age children will be issued in the not too distant future.

It is also important to note that many of the volunteers who administered the survey appeared to have trouble filling out the respondent's information regarding homeless relatives and children. For instance, many individuals that were recorded as owning or renting their own home reported that their children were homeless. Most of these errors occurred on the Spanish language surveys. Thus, it appears that some volunteers recorded how many children the respondent had, regardless of whether or not the participant was homeless. Another issue could have been in the translation into English. As an aside, this confusion is a clear indicator that a language barrier can be an impediment in any number of ways—from obtaining housing, to finding employment and accessing services.

Furthermore, many of the participants appeared to answer some questions regarding family and skip others and this made it very difficult to interpret the data. Thus, the data obtained from family-related questions is likely skewed. This is a problem that can be addressed in the future through more careful wording of survey questions and more accurate translations of the text into other languages.

Fortunately, the work of Project HEART in Manatee County and the YMCA in Sarasota County, both supported by their respective school boards, provides a more accurate assessment of the tragedy of children growing up homeless in our community. By way of example, Project Heart reports that there are currently 1,485 homeless students enrolled in Manatee County schools.

Discussion

According to the 2007 Homeless Census, there were a considerably smaller number of homeless individuals than in 2005. There were 1,043 homeless individuals identified in Sarasota and Manatee County this year, compared to the 2,427 in 2005. As mentioned, this year's numbers were unduly influenced by several key factors. Most importantly, many identified individuals refused to take the survey although they were supposed to be recorded by the volunteers who administered the survey. Many of these individuals would have been considered homeless according to the community's definition of homelessness (as discussed in on Page 6). The analysis also shows that the total number of individuals that refused to take the survey decreased this year. There may be several reasons for this decrease in the refusal count. As mentioned, volunteers did not count those that refused to be interviewed even though they were likely homeless either judging from appearance or because of the type of services they were seeking. There were also several anecdotal accounts that there was a concerted campaign advising homeless individuals not to participate in the homeless census this year.

Another reason that the local homeless population appears to have declined is because a different survey was sent out to families with children enrolled in Manatee or Sarasota schools. For methodological reasons, the school survey information is not included in this report. This likely explains why the percentage of participants under the age of eighteen (10%) was much smaller this year in comparison to 2005 when minors made up thirty-nine percent (39%) of the homeless population. That data will be reported separately and is expected shed to better light on the particular concern that many children are growing up homeless in our community.

On another note, the purpose of a point-in-time survey is to count the population of homeless on an average day—a snapshot of homelessness if you will—yet homeless individuals do not necessarily seek services everyday so many homeless individuals were simply not present to be interviewed and counted. Of course, other homeless individuals and families chose to remain “invisible” for a myriad of reasons—prejudice, stigma, fear and distrust of authority, among them.

Although there were many issues, both known and unknown, that influenced and likely under estimated the homeless count this year, the census results do have a lot to tell us about the homeless individuals that populate our community. It is noteworthy that thirty-seven percent (37%) of respondents reported they have been without a place to stay four or more times in the past three years. Sixty-seven percent (67%) reported they did not have a regular place to stay at present and forty-five percent (45%) indicated that it had been one year or longer since they had a stable place to call home. As we have found in the past, most homeless individuals—seventy-three percent (73%)—have lived in Sarasota or Manatee County for one year or longer which shows that the vast majority of homeless people are relatively long-term community members that face unstable living conditions and live in fear of not knowing where their next night's bed will be found.

A large portion of the homeless population—forty-two percent (42%)—indicated they were making an effort to seek employment and fifty-four percent (54%) attributed their homelessness to the inability to gain employment or to other financial reasons. It thus appears that a large number of homeless individuals are attempting to better their

situation by actively seeking employment, although it is apparent that many of them cannot find stable employment that pays a living wage. And many homeless individuals—forty-three percent (43%)—have no financial resources of any kind.

The Community Report on Homelessness illustrates a need for more and continuing support for homeless persons that reside in our community. The homeless individuals that completed our survey expressed the greatest need for the very basic elements of life that most people in our community are blessed with and take for granted: a home, a job, food and health care. Many live with physical, mental health, substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS disabilities and, most disturbing of all, there are too many homeless children—children that should behold a promising future but instead are grappling with a life of humiliation and poverty.

There are several issues that should be addressed in future homeless census efforts. The survey instrument used to produce this report asks questions about family members and others that live with respondents. This proved to be confusing to interviewers and interviewees alike. As a result, many times the entire section was left blank. There was also no specific question that inquires about incidents of domestic abuse being a causative factor of homelessness for women and children. Although there are clearly many circumstances that require confidentiality, we feel the report is misleading because of the omission of a question related to domestic violence.

A related issue is the local community's definition of homelessness. This year, as in years past, the community definition of homelessness has included individuals that were counted even if they refused to partake in the survey. It is likely that many individuals who refused to participate in the census were, indeed, homeless either because of their perceived hygiene or living conditions or because of the services they were seeking. However, an interviewer can not make a clear judgment unless they are told. Again, because these persons were not counted, we feel this report does not accurately report the true number of homeless persons living in the Manatee and Sarasota County community. For this reason, in the future we recommend that those who are identified but refuse to be interviewed be counted as refused and "individuals likely at risk of homelessness."

In closing, we hope that this report makes local citizens and leaders more aware of the obstacles and challenges facing those living at the lowest rung of the socio-economic ladder in our community. Of the many men, women and children experiencing chronic homelessness and living in unsafe or unstable places, almost half—forty-seven percent (47%)—have some form of disability that presents a particular life challenge. A large proportion—forty-two percent (42%)—indicated that they need employment while twenty-eight percent (28%) indicated that they are working but still experiencing homelessness.

The 2007 Community Report on Homelessness illustrates a grim reality of our times: it is difficult for many to find an affordable home, a job with a livable wage and the services they so desperately need.

A community is only as strong as its most vulnerable citizens. It is our hope that this report serves as a clarion call to every community citizen to support those individuals and organizations that do help homeless individuals by providing support services, housing,

employment, food, medical care and education and training to homeless persons so they may again, to the greatest extent possible, lead productive and dignified lives.

Appendix A

Suncoast Partnership to End Homeless: Manatee County

2007 Homeless Census

Your answers to the following survey by questions will help us understand how we can better meet the needs of people who are homeless in Manatee County. This survey is voluntary. You may choose not to answer some questions. You may also stop answering at any time. Your answers will not affect the services available to you or your family, even if you do not answer at all. Your individual answers will not be shared with anyone. Thank you for taking a few moments to help us.

SECTION A. Please answer these questions about yourself.

THANK YOU!
St., Sarasota, FL 34236

PLEASE RETURN TO: Jackie Bethune, Suncoast Partnership, 1445 2nd.

SECTION B. Please answer these questions about your family and others staying with

1. Have you completed this survey earlier today or this week?

	Yes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Please tell us your first name and last initial:

3. Do you have a regular place to stay right now?

	Yes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

4a. Where did you stay last night?

Emergency shelter, include motel voucher	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transitional Housing for Homeless	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permanent housing for homeless	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatric facility	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance abuse treatment facility	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jail, prison, detention facility	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Room, apartment, house rented	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apartment or house owned	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stay with family member	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stay with friend	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hotel/motel paid for by self	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foster care home	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place not meant for habitation (car, street, boat)	14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refused	98	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't Know	99	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Jail/Prison, Hospital or Treatment Facility is checked above, ask the following question – IF NOT, SKIP TO QUESTION 5

4b. Where were you staying before you came to that place?

Emergency shelter, include motel voucher	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transitional Housing for Homeless	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permanent housing for homeless	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychiatric facility	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Substance abuse treatment facility	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jail, prison, detention facility	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
Room, apartment, house rented	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apartment or house owned	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stay with family member	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stay with friend	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hotel/motel paid for by self	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Foster care home	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place not meant for habitation (car, street, boat)	14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refused	98	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't Know	99	<input type="checkbox"/>

5a. Will you be forced to leave the place you stayed within the next week?

	Yes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No (SKIP to question 6)	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

5b. Will you have a place to stay OR money that you will use to get a place to stay once you leave?

	Yes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Are you:

	Male	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Female	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. What is your date of birth

MM/DD/YY ____|____|____

RACE/ETHNICITY:

8a. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

	Yes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

8b. What is your race? (you may name more than one race)

American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black/African American	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
White	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	6	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. military?

	Yes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Person Completing Survey: _____

Police Officer Completing Survey?	Yes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date: ____|____|____ County: _____

Agency/Location Where Survey Completed:	Street	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Agency	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Camp	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Housing Facility	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Building	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hospital	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other	7	<input type="checkbox"/>

Respondent living doubled up in conventional housing?	Yes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

you.

10. Are you:

Married	1
	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single	0
	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Do you have any family members who are homeless and with you now?

Yes (Complete questions 12-19)	1
	<input type="checkbox"/>
No (SKIP to question 20)	0
	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. If YES, including yourself, other adults and children, how many family members are homeless now?
(Complete questions 13-19)

<input type="text"/>

CHILDREN

Girls		Boys	
13. How many?	<input type="text"/>	15. How many?	<input type="text"/>
14a. Age Girl 1	<input type="text"/>	16a. Age Boy 1	<input type="text"/>
14b. Age Girl 2	<input type="text"/>	16b. Age Boy 2	<input type="text"/>
14c. Age Girl 3	<input type="text"/>	16c. Age Boy 3	<input type="text"/>
14d. Age Girl 4	<input type="text"/>	16d. Age Boy 4	<input type="text"/>

Check here if more children recorded at left

ADULTS

Adult 1	Adult 2	Adult 3
17a. Gender	17b. Gender	17c. Gender
Male 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Male 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Male 1 <input type="checkbox"/>
Female 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Female 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	Female 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
18a. Age <input type="text"/>	18b. Age <input type="text"/>	18c. Age <input type="text"/>
19a. Veteran?	19b. Veteran?	19c. Veteran?
Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes 1 <input type="checkbox"/>
No 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	No 0 <input type="checkbox"/>	No 0 <input type="checkbox"/>

Check here if more adults recorded at left

SECTION C. Please answer these questions about your experiences.

20. How many separate periods of time in the past 3 years have you been without a regular place to stay (including right now)?

<input type="text"/>	1 time	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	2-3 times	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	4 or more times	3	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. What caused you to become homeless?

<input type="text"/>	Employment/financial reasons	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	housing issues	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	medical/disability problems	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	forced to relocate from home	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	family problems	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	natural/other disasters	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	recent immigration	7	<input type="checkbox"/>

22a. Do you have a disabling condition?

<input type="text"/>	Yes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	No (SKIP TO QUESTION 23)	0	<input type="checkbox"/>

22b. What type of disabling condition do you have?

You may choose more than one condition

<input type="text"/>	Physical	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Developmental	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Mental Health	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Drug or Alcohol Addiction	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	HIV/AIDS	5	<input type="checkbox"/>

25. Do you receive any of the following forms of income?

<input type="text"/>	Earned income	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Unemployment	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	SSI	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	SSDI	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Veterans disability	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Private disability insurance	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Workers' comp	7	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	TANF	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	General Assistance	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	SSA retirement	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Veteran's pension	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Job pension	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Child support	13	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Alimony	14	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Other source	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	No financial resource	16	<input type="checkbox"/>

26. Services that you or your family need right now.

<input type="text"/>	Food	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Housing placement	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Material goods (clothing)	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Temp. housing/aid	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Transportation	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Consumer assistance	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="text"/>	Criminal justice/legal aid	7	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. How long since you last had a regular place to stay?

1 week or less	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
More than 1 week, but less than 1 month	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
1 to 3 months	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
More than 3 months, but less than 1 year	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
1 year or longer	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

24. How long have you been staying in Manatee County?

1 week or less	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
More than 1 week, but less than 1 month	2 <input type="checkbox"/>
1 to 3 months	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
More than 3 months, but less than 1 year	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
1 year or longer	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

Education	8 <input type="checkbox"/>
Health care	9 <input type="checkbox"/>
HIV/AIDS service	10 <input type="checkbox"/>
Mental health care	11 <input type="checkbox"/>
Substance abuse service	12 <input type="checkbox"/>
Employment	13 <input type="checkbox"/>
Case management	14 <input type="checkbox"/>
Daycare / child care	15 <input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____	16 <input type="checkbox"/>

27. Were you ever a foster care child?

Yes	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
No	0 <input type="checkbox"/>
Refused to answer	98 <input type="checkbox"/>

THANK YOU!

PLEASE RETURN TO: Jackie Bethune, Suncoast Partnership, 1445 2nd. St., Sarasota, FL 34236

Appendix B

Data Separated by County and Year

	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
Total Homeless	488	1,008	555	1,419

Gender	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
Male	325 (73%)	592 (64%)	409 (78%)	341 (59%)
Female	119 (27%)	331 (36%)	117 (22%)	239 (41%)

Race	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
Hispanic	38 (9%)	N/A	88 (18%)	167 (25%)
White	308 (64%)	387 (72%)	352 (64%)	312 (47%)
Black	87 (18%)	94 (18%)	83 (15%)	98 (15%)
American Indian / Alaskan Native	17 (4%)	11 (2%)	16 (3%)	19 (3%)
Asian	2 (>1%)	0	2 (>1%)	2 (>1%)
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	1 (>1%)	0	2 (>1%)	1 (>1%)
Other	9 (2%)	43 (8%)	21 (4%)	70 (10%)

Marital Status	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
Single	382 (90%)	299 (90%)	417 (86%)	201 (39%)
Married	42 (10%)	35(10%)	68 (14%)	107 (21%)
Divorced, separated, widowed	N/A	N/A	N/A	213 (41%)

Age	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
> 18	54 (11%)	400 (40%)	48 (9%)	519 (38%)
18-60	405 (83%)	567 (57%)	478 (86%)	807 (59%)
< 60	29 (6%)	41 (3%)	29 (5%)	50 (4%)

Do you have a regular place to stay?	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
Yes	121 (28%)	N/A	184 (37%)	229 (40%)
No	308 (72%)	N/A	315 (63%)	345 (60%)

How long since you had a regular place to stay?	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
1 week or less	26 (6%)	17 (5%)	29 (7%)	46 (10%)
More than 1 week, less than 1 month	44 (11%)	42 (12%)	39 (9%)	47 (10%)
Between 1 and 3 months	75 (18%)	83 (24%)	67 (15%)	88 (19%)
More than 3 months, less than 1 year	85 (21%)	59 (17%)	109 (25%)	131 (28%)
1 year or longer	181 (44%)	142 (42%)	200 (45%)	152 (33%)

Prior episodes of homelessness in the past 3 years	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
1 time	151 (37%)	155 (29%)	150 (34%)	192 (39%)
2-3 times	103 (25%)	198 (37%)	138 (31%)	158 (32%)
4 + times	153 (38%)	188 (34%)	160 (36%)	144 (29%)

Disabling condition?	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
Yes	212 (52%)	242 (24%)	199 (43%)	172 (12%)
No	199 (48%)	N/A	266 (57%)	N/A

Disability type	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
Physical	94 (28%)	126 (53%)	129 (29%)	111 (42%)
Developmental	6 (1%)	1 (>1%)	5 (1%)	9 (3%)
Mental health	61 (13%)	78 (32%)	80 (14%)	75 (28%)
Substance abuse	105 (22%)	35 (14%)	80 (14%)	65 (25%)
HIV/AIDS	14 (3%)	2 (1%)	3 (1%)	4 (2%)

Services Needed	2007 Sarasota Services used by frequency / percent	2005 Sarasota Services used by frequency / percent	2007 Manatee Services used by frequency / percent	2005 Manatee Services used by frequency / percent
Food	242 (50%)	N/A	335 (60%)	293 (51%)
Housing placement	300 (62%)	N/A	342 (62%)	298 (51%)
Temporary housing	132 (27%)	N/A	147 (26%)	106 (18%)
Healthcare	181 (37%)	N/A	178 (32%)	201 (35%)
Substance abuse treatment	100 (20%)	N/A	84 (15%)	60 (10%)
Mental health treatment	72 (15%)	N/A	91 (16%)	69 (12%)
Education	95 (19%)	N/A	61 (11%)	147 (25%)

Veteran	2007 Sarasota	2005 Sarasota	2007 Manatee	2005 Manatee
Yes	71 (17%)	61 (5%)	98 (20%)	82 (15%)
No	358 (83%)	444 (95%)	382 (80%)	452 (85%)

I: CoC Housing Inventory Charts

Emergency Shelter: Fundamental Components in CoC System – Housing Inventory Chart													
Provider Name	Facility Name* *Place an asterisk after the facility name if it receives HUD McKinney-Vento dollars.	HMIS Part. Code	Number of Year-Round Beds in HMIS		Geo Code <input type="checkbox"/>	Target Pop		Year-Round			Total Year-Round Beds	Other Beds	
						A	B	Fam. Units	Fam. Beds	Indiv. Beds		Seasonal	O/V*
Current Inventory			Ind.	Fam.									
(Available for Occupancy on or before Jan. 31, 2006)													
34 th St. Station	34 th St. Station	D	0	0	120270	SM		0	0	18	18	0	0
Epiphany Cathedral	Mercy House Shelter	D	0	0	120270	FC		3	6	0	6	0	0
Family Resources Manatee Runaway Youth Crisis Center	Safe Place 2 B	N	0	0	129075	YMF		0	0	14	14	0	0
Hope Family Services/Domestic Violence Center	Family Shelter	DV	0	0	129075	FC	DV	4	16	0	16	0	0
Salvation Army-Manatee	Men's Shelter	PA	92	0	120270	SM		0	0	92	92	0	0
Salvation Army-Manatee	Family Shelter	PA	40	0	120270	SF		0	0	40	40	0	0
Salvation Army-Sarasota	Center of Hope	PA	182	20	122766	M		5	20	182	202	0	80
Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)	SPARCC*	DV	0	0	122766	M	DV	4	16	8	24	0	0
YMCA of Sarasota	Youth Shelter	D	0	0	129115	YMF		0	0	20	20	0	0
SUBTOTALS:			314	20	SUBTOTAL CURRENT INVENTORY:			16	58	374	432	0	80

New Inventory in Place in 2006 (Available for Occupancy Feb. 1, 2006 – Jan. 31, 2007)			Ind.	Fam.										
NA	NA	NA	0	0	NA	NA		0	0	0	0	0	0	
SUBTOTALS:			0	0	SUBTOTAL NEW INVENTORY:			0	0	0	0	0	0	
Inventory Under Development (Available for Occupancy after January 31, 2007)			Anticipated Occupancy Date											
HOPE Family Services, Inc.	Emergency Shelter	December 2009	129075	M	DV	4	20	16	36	0	36			
SUBTOTAL INVENTORY UNDER DEVELOPMENT:						4	20	16	36	0	36			
Unmet Need						UNMET NEED TOTALS:			0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Year-Round Beds—Individuals				Total Year-Round Beds—Families										
1. Total Year-Round Individual Emergency Shelter (ES) Beds:		374		6. Total Year-Round Family Emergency Shelter (ES) Beds:		58								
2. Number of DV Year-Round Individual ES Beds:		8		7. Number of DV Year-Round Family ES Beds:		32								
3. Subtotal, non-DV Year-Round Individual ES Beds (Line 1 minus Line 2):		366		8. Subtotal, non-DV Year-Round Family ES Beds (Line 6 minus Line 7):		26								
4. Total Year-Round Individual ES Beds in HMIS:		314		9. Total Year-Round Family ES Beds in HMIS		20								
5. HMIS Coverage—Individual ES Beds (Divide Line 4 by Line 3 and multiply by 100. Round to a whole number):		86%		10. HMIS Coverage—Family ES Beds (Divide Line 9 by Line 8 and multiply by 100. Round to a whole number):		77%								

*In the column labeled "O/V," enter the number of Overflow and Voucher Beds

I: CoC Housing Inventory Charts

Transitional Housing: Fundamental Components in CoC System – Housing Inventory Chart

Provider Name	Facility Name* *Place an asterisk after the facility name if it receives HUD McKinney-Vento dollars.	HMIS Part. Code	Number of Year-Round Beds in HMIS		Geo Code <input type="checkbox"/>	Target Pop		Year-Round			Total Year-Round Beds
						A	B	Fam. Units	Fam. Beds	Indiv. Beds	
Current Inventory (Available for Occupancy on or before January 31, 2006)			Ind.	Fam.							
Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice	Our Mothers House*	N	0	0	129115	FC		10	20	0	20
Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice	Casa San Jose of Bethesda House	N	0	0	129115	SMF	HIV	0	0	8	8
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare	Heritage Home	D	0	0	129115	SMF		0	0	15	15
Domestic Abuse Shelter Inc.	DASH	DV	0	0	129115	SF	DV	0	0	6	6
First Step	Transitional Living Center	N	0	0	129115	FC		7	7	0	7
First Step	Transitions Program	N	0	0	129115	SM		0	0	24	24
Gulfcoast Community Care	Gulfcoast Community Care	N	0	0	129115	SMF		0	0	24	24
HOPE Transitional Housing	SPARCC of HOPE	DV	0	0	122766	FC	DV	8	24	0	24
House of Hope	House of Hope	D	0	0	129075	SF		0	0	7	7
Manasota Solve	Manasota Solve	N	0	0	129075	SF		0	0	18	18
Salvation Army-Manatee	Transitional Program	PA	20	0	120270	SM		0	0	20	20
Salvation Army-Sarasota	FAITH Program*	PA	0	38	122766	FC		12	38	0	38

Sarasota YMCA	Transitional Living Program for Youth	D	0	0	122766	M		4	8	12	20				
Step House	Step House	D	0	0	129115	SM		0	0	38	38				
The Safe Place	Residential Substance Abuse Recovery	D	0	0	120270	SM		0	0	24	24				
SUBTOTALS:			20	38	SUBTOTAL CURRENT INVENTORY:			41	100	196	293				
New Inventory in Place in 2006 (Available for Occupancy Feb. 1, 2006 – Jan. 31, 2007)				Ind.	Fam.										
NA	NA	NA	0	0	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0				
SUBTOTALS:			0	0	SUBTOTAL NEW INVENTORY:			0	0	0	0				
Inventory Under Development (Available for Occupancy after January 31, 2007)				Anticipated Occupancy Date											
HOPE Family Services, Inc.	Transitional Leasing Program		June 2007			M		4	12	4	16				
SUBTOTAL INVENTORY UNDER DEVELOPMENT:								4	12	4	16				
Unmet Need								UNMET NEED TOTALS:				0	0	172	172
Total Year-Round Beds—Individuals						Total Year-Round Beds—Families									
1. Total Year-Round Individual Transitional Housing Beds:			196			6. Total Year-Round Family Transitional Housing Beds:			100						
2. Number of DV Year-Round Individual TH Beds:			6			7. Number of DV Year-Round Family TH Beds:			24						
3. Subtotal, non-DV Year-Round Individual TH Beds (Line 1 minus Line 2):			190			8. Subtotal, non-DV Year-Round Family TH Beds (Line 6 minus Line 7):			76						
4. Total Year-Round Individual TH Beds in HMIS:			20			9. Total Year-Round Family TH Beds in HMIS			38						
5. HMIS Coverage—Individual TH Beds (Divide Line 4 by Line 3 and multiply by 100. Round to a whole number):			11%			10. HMIS Coverage—Family TH Beds (Divide Line 9 by Line 8 and multiply by 100. Round to a whole number):			50%						

I: CoC Housing Inventory Charts

Permanent Supportive Housing*: Fundamental Components in CoC System – Housing Inventory Chart											
Provider Name	Facility Name <small>*Place an asterisk after the facility name if it receives HUD McKinney-Vento dollars.</small>	HMIS Part. Code	Number of Year-Round Beds in HMIS		Geo Code <input type="checkbox"/>	Target Pop.		Year-Round			Total Year-Round Beds
						A	B	Fam. Units	Fam. Beds	Indiv./CH Beds	
Current Inventory (Available for Occupancy on or before January 31, 2006)			Ind.	Fam.							
Goodwill of Manasota	Beneva Oaks	D	0	0	129081	SMF		0	0	60/0	60
Harvest Tabernacle	Esther's House	D	0	0	122766	SF		0	0	25/0	25
Harvest Tabernacle	Harvest House	D	0	0	122766	SM		0	0	85/0	85
Throne of Grace Ministries, Inc.	The Life Center	D	0	0	129115	SM		0	0	45/0	45
Volunteers of America	Holiday Heights VOA Living Center	D	0	0	129115	SMF		0	0	17/0	17
Volunteers of America	Bradenton VOA Living Center	D	0	0	129115	SMF		0	0	8/0	8
Volunteers of America	Manatee VOA Living Center	D	0	0	129081	SMF		0	0	10/0	10
Renaissance Manor	ALF, Independent	PA	86	0	129115	SMF		0	0	86/86	86
SUBTOTALS:			86	0	SUBTOTAL CURRENT INVENTORY:			1	2	336/86	336
New Inventory in Place in 2006 (Available for Occupancy Feb. 1, 2006 – Jan. 31, 2007)			Ind.	Fam.							
Renaissance Manor	Renaissance Manor	PA	9	0	129115	SMF		0	0	9	9
Catholic Charities	Bethseda House	D	9	0	129115	SMF	AID	0	0	9	9

SUBTOTALS:			18	0	SUBTOTAL NEW INVENTORY:			0	0	18	18	
Inventory Under Development (Available for Occupancy after January 31, 2007)			Anticipated Occupancy Date									
First Step of Sarasota	Permanent Housing	D	June 1, 2008	129115	SMF		0	0	50/0	50/0		
Harvest Tabernacle	Esther's House	D	June 1, 2007	122766	SF	0	0	0	16/16	16		
Harvest Tabernacle	Harvest House	D	June 1, 2007	122766	SM	0	0	0	65/65	65		
Manatee Glens	Shelter Plus Care	PA	June 1, 2007	129075	SMF	0	0	0	7/0	7		
Renaissance Manor	Gateways	PA	June 1, 2008	122766	SMF	0	0	0	12/12	12		
SUBTOTAL INVENTORY UNDER DEVELOPMENT:							0	0	150/93	150		
Unmet Need							UNMET NEED TOTALS:		91	284	382	666
Total Year-Round Beds—Individuals				Total Year-Round Beds—Families								
1. Total Year-Round Individual Permanent Housing Beds:		336		6. Total Year-Round Family Permanent Housing Beds:				2				
2. Number of DV Year-Round Individual PH Beds:		0		7. Number of DV Year-Round Family PH Beds:				0				
3. Subtotal, non-DV Year-Round Individual PH Beds (Line 1 minus Line 2):		336		8. Subtotal, non-DV Year-Round Family PH Beds (Line 6 minus Line 7):				2				
4. Total Year-Round Individual PH Beds in HMIS:		86		9. Total Year-Round Family PH Beds in HMIS				2				
5. HMIS Coverage—Individual PH Beds (Divide Line 4 by Line 3 and multiply by 100. Round to a whole number):		26%		10. HMIS Coverage—Family PH Beds (Divide Line 9 by Line 8 and multiply by 100. Round to a whole number):				100%				

City of Venice
Community Development Block Grant Program

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 91.105, the City of Venice has prepared a Citizen Participation Plan to explain the opportunity all residents have to participate in the process of preparing the Consolidated Plan, amendments to the plan, Action Plan and Performance Report for Community Development Block Grant funding from the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Beginning October 1, 2008, the City of Venice will be entitled to receive approximately \$90,000 annually of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the Office of Housing and Urban Development. These funds can be used for eliminating homelessness, providing public improvements in areas designated low and moderate income, and serving the youth, disabled and elderly. The funds can not be used to build new housing, but can be used for demolition, rehabilitation, site work, or architectural work. Prior to the adoption of the Consolidated Plan, the notice of actual funding availability, range of activities, and estimated amount that will benefit low and moderate income persons will be published in the Venice Gondolier and emailed to area service providers for low income residents, minorities, non-English speaking residents, and disabled residents 30 days prior to application deadline.

As part of the CDBG requirements, the city must advertise and receive comments on a Consolidated Plan, yearly Action Plan, any amendments to the plan, and subsequent Performance Reports.

As the city develops its Consolidated Plan, we encourage all citizens and members of the public to participate. The goal of the Consolidated Plan is to utilize federal, state and local funding in a coordinated manner to promote the development of viable communities. Viable communities are described as meeting the residents' needs in regard to affordable and decent housing; a safe and suitable living environment; and adequate economic opportunities particularly for low and moderate income persons.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

In preparation for the Consolidated Plan, the city will distribute a letter and questionnaire to known area service providers of homeless, elderly, disabled, HIV/AIDS, home buying, and low/moderate income residents. The city will hold a pre-Consolidated Plan public workshop at least 120 days prior to the completion of the draft Consolidated Plan and year one Action Plan.

Any agency that can not attend the public workshop may call city hall for a summary of the public workshop or to provide input for the Consolidated Plan.

All workshops will be announced by letter or email to known area service providers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

It is expected that the first public hearing on the draft Consolidated Plan will be held at least 40 days prior to the August 15th deadline. A summary of the Consolidated Plan will be published in the local newspapers and free print copies of the draft plan will be available at the Venice Public Library, Venice City Hall, and on the city's web site.

All public hearings will be held before or during City Council meetings. City Council meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. City Hall is located in close proximity to the low to moderate income areas. All persons who cannot attend the public hearing will be encouraged to provide written comment for the record.

Subsequent public hearings will be held twice a year to address housing and community development needs, development of proposed activities, and review of program performance. One public hearing will be held during the Performance Evaluation and one public hearing will be held for the annual Action Plan.

OUTREACH PLAN

Notices on all public hearings will be posted on city's web site and in the local newspaper, the Venice Gondolier, 14 days prior to the hearing. Notices will also be sent to the Venice Housing Authority, and e-mailed to interested local participating service groups.

A summary of the plans will be published and will describe the contents and purpose of the report, and will include a list of locations where entire copies of the plans are available. The complete plans will be available at Venice City Hall, Venice Public Library and on the city's web site.

PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Performance Reports will be published annually and show the progress made in carrying out the Strategic Plan and Action Plan. Performance Reports include the description of resources available, the investment of the resources, where resources were spent geographically, the families and persons assisted, and other actions as indicated in the Strategic Plan and Action Plan. The Performance Report must be submitted to HUD within 90 days after the close of the program year.

Notice and a summary of the annual performance report will be published in the Venice Gondolier two weeks prior to the public hearing. Comments will be received for 14 days following the public notice. Copies of the annual performance report will be available at the Venice Public Library, Venice City Hall and on the city's web site.

The city shall accept written or oral comments and reviews of annual performance reports. The city will consider all comments and provide a summary of such comments with the performance report. The city shall submit an explanation of any comments not incorporated into the plans.

DISPLACEMENT

The city will seek to minimize displacement of persons and will assist persons displaced as a result of housing and community activity. If a person is displaced as a result of any activities, the city must provide the displaced person with relocation assistance in accordance with 49 CFR part 24 which contains the government-wide regulations implementing the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. Additional information can be found in the Consolidated Plan in the “Anti-Displacement Plan” section.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Upon request, the city will provide technical assistance to groups representative of persons of low and moderate income that request such assistance in developing proposals for funding assistance under any programs covered by the Consolidated Plan, with the level and type of assistance determined by the city. This assistance does not include funding.

COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

All written or oral comments and all complaints made at the public hearings will be addressed in writing within 15 days of the date received. A summary of the comments, complaints and views will be addressed in the consolidated plan or in any substantial amendments to the consolidated plan. The city shall submit an explanation of any comments not incorporated into any plans.

In the case of a petition, the City of Venice will provide a written response to the group or individual submitting the petition rather than provide a written response to each individual signing the petition.

SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE AND AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Substantial changes are any changes to:

- Purpose – when a change is made to the primary function of a strategy that makes it necessary to classify that strategy under a different eligible activity.
- Project scope – if the service area, budget, or beneficiaries are changed so that 50 percent or more of the intended beneficiaries no longer benefit from the project. This does not include a budget change in a direct benefit or other project where a service or another benefit is available as long as funds are available.
- Project location – if the location of a project is changed so that 50 percent or more of the intended beneficiaries are no longer able to benefit, the proposed change is a substantial change.

- Beneficiaries – a change is substantial if the project’s location or eligible recipients are changed so that 50 percent or more of the intended beneficiaries will no longer benefit from the project.

Amendments to the plan will require 30 days public review and comment. Any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore, shall be attached to the amendment. All substantial changes will require approval by City Council.

NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING AND RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The City of Venice does not expect a significant number of non-English speaking residents to attend the public hearing; however, this plan must address the needs if such a case occurs. Any persons with disabilities or who need assistance or translation must contact the City Clerks Office, (941) 486-2626 ext. 23001, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Upon request, this plan can be available in formats for those who are non-English speaking or have disabilities.

ACCESS TO RECORDS

The City of Venice will provide citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the Consolidated Plan and the city’s use of assistance under the programs covered by this part during the preceding five years. Minutes from the public hearings will be available through the City Clerk’s Office.

Copies of all plans will be available at the City Clerk’s Office, 401 West Venice Avenue, Venice, FL 34285, (941) 486-2626 ext. 23001.



First Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP First Annual Action Plan includes the [SF 424](#) and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations. The Executive Summary narratives are optional.

Narrative Responses

GENERAL

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is required. Include the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan and an evaluation of past performance.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Executive Summary:

In the past, the City of Venice's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were maintained by the Sarasota Consortium. This is the first year the City of Venice is a CDBG entitlement entity, therefore past performance cannot be evaluated in this five year plan.

The City of Venice is the lead agency for administering CDBG funds and will oversee the development and implementation of the Consolidated Plan for that purpose. The City of Venice has an interlocal agreement with Sarasota County/City of Sarasota and will continue to partner with the Sarasota Consortium for ESG and HOPWA funding. The city does not qualify for HOME funds and the City of Sarasota will not be providing HOME funds to Venice residents during fiscal year 2008/2009. State Housing Initiative Partnership funds will be maintained by the Sarasota Consortium during 2008 and the city expects to administer SHIP funds starting 2009.

The City of Venice will continue to work with the Sarasota Consortium, local agencies and non-profits to meet and accomplish the community needs for providing and sustaining decent housing for low and moderate income residents, maintain a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities for low and moderate income persons.

Objectives for this year include:

Homeownership:

- Sarasota Consortium and non-profit organizations will continue to assist low and moderate income down payment assistance, homebuyer education, impact fee assistance, and affordable housing.

- Royal Venice provides assistance to low income homeowners who are facing foreclosures.
- Form an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to assist in future compilation of the Consolidated Plan and assist in goals and objectives for the SHIP program.

Rental Activities:

- The city will continue to partner with the Sarasota Consortium who will provide affordable rental units for low and moderate income residents. This includes tenant based assistance.

Special Needs:

- The city will participate with the Sarasota Consortium to address the elderly, those with addiction problems, HIV/AIDS victims, and disabled low income residents.
- The city will set aside \$5,000 of annual funds for local food banks and home food delivery for the elderly.

Homelessness Strategies:

- The city will participate with the local Continuum of Care (COC) group who assists homeless individuals throughout the community. The Sarasota Consortium gives \$500,000 to the COC to assist 25 low income families to end or prevent homelessness.

Infrastructure:

- Flood protection improvements are needed in the Airport Census Tract.

General Questions

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year. Where appropriate, the jurisdiction should estimate the percentage of funds the jurisdiction plans to dedicate to target areas.
2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

4. Identify the federal, state, and local resources expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the plan. Federal resources should include Section 8 funds made available to the jurisdiction, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds expected to be available to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan.

Program Year 1 Action Plan General Questions response:

The city will not receive HOME investment Partnership program, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), public housing capital funding, public housing operational funding, Section 8 voucher funding, Continuum of Care funding, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding. As a result, the city will continue to participate in the interlocal agreement with the Sarasota Consortium for the distribution of their funds. The city will take over SHIP funds in 2009.

The city estimates that during this year, CDBG funds will be distributed as follows: (\$90,000 total)

Airport Census Tract 75% of funding - \$67,000 (2 year program)
 Administration 20% of funding - \$18,000
 \$5,000 (5%) will be set aside to assist food banks and transported meals.

The Airport Census Tract is in an area that is 60% LMI according to 2000 US Census information. All funding will be used to benefit low to moderate income individuals and families. Since this is the first program year, program income and carry over funds are not applicable to the budget.

City Council met on May 27, 2008 and assigned the priorities. The Venice Housing Authority was ranked as the highest priority, but funding will not be needed until Program Year 3. The Housing Authority is currently relocating residents, locating funding sources, and preparing to develop a master campus plan.

The city does not have funding available for affordable housing units; therefore table 3B, "Annual Housing Completion Goals" is not included in this report.

The following priorities will be addressed in fiscal 2008/2009 with CDBG funds:

Special Needs

Need	1
Priority	1: Because of the city's elderly population, special needs are ranked second for need.
Strategy	Assist meal transportation services who serve low income elderly and the disabled.
Obstacles	Limited amounts of funding.
Resources	CDBG funds, non-profit agencies.
Funding	\$25,000 (shared with Homelessness Need 4/Priority 1)
Time Period	5 years – At least 250 people served over 5 years.

Homelessness

Need	1
Priority	1: Homelessness was ranked last based on input from special needs groups and on homelessness estimates.
Strategy	Continue to work under the Sarasota Consortium interlocal agreement that assists with homelessness activities for low income. The city will set aside funds for homeless public services.
Obstacles	Very limited amounts of funding available.
Resources	Sarasota County Coalition for the Homeless, Continuum of Care, Fishers of Men Bible Church.
Funding	\$25,000 (shared with Special Needs Need 2/Priority 1)
Time Period	5 years – At least 250 people served over 5 years.

Neighborhood Improvements

Need	2
Priority	2: Reduce flooding in the Airport Census Tract
Strategy	Provide engineering and construction services to an area that needs stormwater modifications to reduce the risk of flooding.
Obstacles	None.
Resources	City of Venice
Funding	\$134,000 CDBG
Time Period	2 years – Approximately 30 households will benefit.

Managing the Process

1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.
2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.
3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Managing the Process response:

The City of Venice is the lead agency responsible for the Consolidated Plan. Development Services has taken the lead in preparing workshops, public hearings, and in preparing the Consolidated Plan.

The City of Sarasota is the recipient of HOPWA, HOME and SHIP funds and the City of Venice participates in an interlocal agreement for them to oversee and administer those programs on behalf of the city and the rest of Sarasota County. Starting in 2009, Venice will administer the SHIP program.

The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc. is the provider of the Continuum of Care for all of Sarasota County.

The plan writing process began in January 2008 with Development Services meeting with fellow staff members, and phone conferences and meetings with the City of Sarasota Office of Community and Housing Development and HUD. In March 2008, the city began contacting service providers for data and information about low and moderate income needs and homeless needs. In April 2008, a public workshop was held with local agencies, non-profit organizations, and other area service providers. A questionnaire was also sent to local service providers. Members who provided input into this plan include:

- Ed Martin, Mayor City of Venice
- John Moore, City of Venice Council Member
- John Simmonds, City of Venice Council Member
- Rick Tacy, City of Venice Council Member
- Vicki Noren, City of Venice Council Member
- Ernest Zavodnyik, City of Venice Council Member
- Sue Lang, City of Venice Council Member
- Martha Thomas, Venice Housing Authority
- Kent Macci, Sarasota County Health Department, Environmental Hazards
- Christine Davis, Office of Housing and Community Development Sarasota Consortium
- Donald Hadsell, Office of Housing and Community Development Sarasota Consortium
- Olivia Thomas, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)
- Martin Black, City of Venice City Manager
- Nancy Woodley, Ph.D., P.E., City of Venice General Manager of Development Services
- Tom Slaughter, AICP, City of Venice Planning Director
- Don Caillouette, City of Venice Comprehensive Planning
- Dave Dunaway, Police Captain
- Spencer Edwards, Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida, Inc.
- Yvonne Heckler, Habitat for Humanity
- Brian Meurs, Community Housing Trust of Sarasota County, Inc.
- George Barr, Venice Housing Authority
- Lynette McClelland, Fishers of Men Bible Church
- Judith Wilcox, Habitat for Humanity
- Ellen McLaughlin, YMCA Schoolhouse Link
- George Aristizabal, Royal Venice
- Kirstin Fulkerson, Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
- Don O'Connell, Royal Venice
- Tangelia Lane, Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC)
- Phillip Brooks, First Step of Sarasota
- Michael Rose, Venice Police Department
- Patti Murphy, Goodwill Manasota
- Ron Solanes, Venice Police Department
- Kevin McGrath, Venice Police Department
- Eric Hill, Venice Police Department
- T.R. Crepeau, Venice Police Department
- Jason Adams, Venice Police Department
- Donna Leclerc, DASH, Inc.
- Richard Martin, Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Inc.
- Benjamin Bell, MDStrum Housing Services, Inc. (HUD/VHA)

City Council met on May 27, 2008 to review comments from questionnaires and the service provider workshop. A motion was made to set aside funds for infrastructure improvements to benefit the Venice Housing Authority, local food pantries, and public improvements in the Airport Census tract.

The Consolidated Plan is to be carried out through a combination of public, private, and non-profit organizations, many who participated in the public workshop in April 2008, and through the Sarasota Consortium. The partnerships are vital to carrying out the strategies listed in the Consolidated Plan since the city is only receiving CDBG funds and has a limited amount to spend on activities. The Sarasota Consortium is a very important entity for carrying out many of the goals within the city's jurisdiction. The city will participate with the Sarasota Consortium and attend meetings related to the Continuum of Care, HOPWA and the Consortium.

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.
2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.
3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.
4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Citizen Participation response:

The City of Venice adopted a Citizen Participation Plan on April 22, 2008. This plan outlines the steps to obtain public comment on the Consolidated Plan, Action Plans and Performance Reports.

The public hearing on the Consolidated Plan and Year One Action Plan was held on July 22, 2008. No comments were received.

This is the first year the City of Venice is entitled to receive CDBG funds. One workshop, one public hearing, and one public meeting were held for the draft Consolidated Plan and Year One Action Plan. If this plan is accepted by HUD, the city will be holding two public hearings a year as outlined in the Citizen Participation Plan; one for the Action Plan, and one for the Performance Report.

Notices about the availability of the Consolidated Plan/Year One Action Plan and public hearing were announced in the Venice Gondolier on June 22, 2008. The draft Consolidated Plan was also emailed to the local service providers who attended the public workshop and submitted completed questionnaires. We encourage the service providers to share this document with others. Also copies of the Consolidated Plan are available at City Hall and the Venice Public Library.

For non-English speaking residents and residents with disabilities, accommodations

can be made with 24 hour notice to the City Clerks Office.

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Institutional Structure response:

The Sarasota Consortium and numerous non-profit organizations that deliver public services provide an invaluable service to improving the lives of the citizens of Venice. The city's existing partnerships continue to be valuable and productive. It is the city's intent to continue working with Sarasota Consortium and its partners while strengthening these relationships. Any gaps that may arise in program delivery may be overcome by the variety of available partners.

Monitoring

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Monitoring response:

The City of Venice has established standards and procedures in order to monitor activities authorized under federal programs and to ensure long-term compliance with the provisions of those programs. As a method for checking progress, the standards and procedures will serve to measure resources consumed, track the status of projects, measure and compare accomplishments with projections, and provide methods for change and/or improvement, where needed.

The city will monitor its performance set forth in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans. This includes steps and actions being taken to ensure compliance with program requirements involving timeliness of expenditures. Projects receiving program assistance are monitored to ensure on-going compliance with program requirements. The city's Finance Department will provide ongoing fiscal monitoring of each project receiving CDBG funds. Development Services will provide on site monitoring. In addition, the city will conduct monitoring of CDBG funded construction projects for labor standards compliance related to Davis-Bacon regulations and environmental assessments.

Monitoring efforts to address timeliness of expenditures require accurate internal and external tracking and reporting systems. Monthly draw down of funds will be recorded in the IDIS system to track the expenditure rate and the progress of project activities. This data is also used during preparation of the annual year-end report.

The following are other monitoring methodology utilized by the city for all funds:

- Yearly internal auditing completed by the Finance Department.
- External auditing of both federal and state funds completed by an independent auditing firm for all grant funds received by the city.
- Tracking software used for federal and state funds in place.

- Annual reports submitted for federal and state programs.
- Monthly reconciliation of funds for both federal and state programs.
- Drawdown completed jointly by the CDBG staff and Finance Department staff.
- Desk monitoring conducted monthly with each drawdown request.

Monitoring the Consolidated Plan is an ongoing process to ensure that the city is meeting its goals and objectives. The city will monitor the effectiveness of the Consolidated Plan and submit reports to HUD. These reports will evaluate the performance of the Consolidated Plan by examining and commenting on project costs and benefits.

MONITORING OF SUBRECIPIENTS

Contract Agreements: The city will enter binding contractual agreements with all other parties participating in federal programs. Such agreements will insure compliance with program provisions between the City and these parties. Additionally, these agreements will provide a basis for enforcing program requirements and for identifying remedies in the event of a breach of any of the provisions. Elements contained in these agreements will be inclusive of, but not limited to:

- Type of activity
- Specific "boiler plate" provisions
- Other terms and conditions
- Special program requirements
- Budget
- Scope of services
- Reporting requirements
- Other special provisions

Monitoring Standards: The city will monitor the program through communication and evaluation of program participants. Such a process involves frequent telephone contacts, written communication, analysis of reports and audits, and periodic meetings. The primary goal of monitoring will be to identify deficiencies and advocate corrections in order to improve and reinforce participant performance. As part of this process, the city will watch for evidence of fraud, waste and mismanagement or for situations with potential for such abuse. The emphasis will be on prevention, detection and correction of problems. Technical assistance may be included, if required.

The City of Venice will monitor each program participant annually, or more frequently if circumstances should require, in order to review the activities included in their agreement with the city. The purpose of this monitoring is to assess compliance with the requirements of the federal program. Such review will include desk audits and on-site examinations to determine compliance with all applicable requirements.

Monitoring activities shall be comprised of the following:

- Development of an annual monitoring strategy
- Selection of program areas to review
- Timing of monitoring visits
- Follow-up action
- Assessment of individual activities
- Assessment of progress for the program as a whole

- On-site procedures
- Conclusions

The city may conduct a workshop to provide training to those agencies selected to receive CDBG funding. The workshop will include information regarding CDBG contracts, fiscal management requirements, recordkeeping, reporting requirements, and monitoring of projects by the city.

A Comprehensive Planner has been involved in preparing this Consolidated Plan to ensure that all projects fall within comprehensive planning requirements. Any redevelopment areas will have to go through technical planning review process which is overseen by the Planning and Zoning Department.

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 1 Action Plan Lead-based Paint response:

Based on information from the Sarasota Consortium and the Sarasota County Health Department, there is not a recent history of lead-based paint hazards and there has not been a widespread problem.

The Health Department tests all clients up to age six for lead exposure. Children over age six are tested only if they are considered high risk. Private physicians occasionally test for lead exposure and refer clients to the Health Department. High lead count is a mandatory reportable incident to the state.

Officials at the Sarasota County Health Department said they have found very few incidents where lead numbers were in the 10 to 15 mg/dcl (micrograms per deciliter) range which they investigate as a public service. At 15 mg/dcl, action and investigation is mandatory. The State Health Department reports only one child with lead poisoning throughout the entire county from 2004 and 2006 with a blood lead level that required action.

The city will continue to cooperate with the Sarasota Consortium that takes the following measures to evaluate and reduce lead based paint hazards:

- Low income homeowners who discover lead based paint in their homes will qualify for a grant to remedy the risks posed by the lead.
- Individuals qualifying for rental assistance through the Section 8 program will receive a HUD pamphlet titled "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home"
- Owners of Section 8 rental properties constructed prior to 1979 that receive Federal assistance through the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community development are required to send new tenants the applicable lead-based paint notices
- Section 8 units and sites must be in compliance with the new HUD lead based paint regulations

- Individuals taking part in a Down Payment Assistance Program receive a copy of "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home"
- Units rehabilitated using federal funds will be required to abide by new HUD lead based paint regulations.

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 1 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

In 2008/2009, the city will establish an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to assist in future Consolidated Plan compilation and assist in goals and objectives for the SHIP program.

Homeownership Activities

Need	1
Priority	1: The amount of people going through foreclosure is rising, and the cost for single family homes is still high in some areas.
Strategy	Work with the Sarasota Consortium and various non-profit agencies to address facilities and individuals facing foreclosures and need affordable housing.
Obstacles	Limited amounts of funding.
Resources	Non profit agencies such as Royal Venice and Catholic Charities.
Funding	Funded by non-profit agencies.
Time Period	Yearly – outcomes will vary based on funding ability.

Affordable Housing

Need	2
Priority	2: Affordable housing was ranked the highest priority by service providers and city council.
Strategy	Local non-profit agencies are working to provide affordable and workforce housing in the city. Projects such as the proposed "Bridges" development will provide affordable workforce housing.
Obstacles	Limited amounts of funding, "not in my backyard" views, may be limits on how the property can be developed.

Resources	Habitat for Humanity, Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, other local non-profit agencies.
Funding	Overseen and funded by local non-profit agencies.
Time Period	Ongoing.

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 1 Action Plan Public Housing Strategy response:

The Venice Housing Authority has been labeled by HUD as troubled. The city will not undertake any activities during this year since the housing authority is working on relocating residents, locating funding and they are going to develop a master development plan. Future year funding is allocated for the Venice Housing Authority.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing response:

The Sarasota Consortium is in the process of conducting an updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Their analysis is done county wide and will include the City of Venice. The document will be drafted and submitted for approval by the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) in the late fall/early winter of 2008. The last Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Sarasota County was completed on April 1, 2002.

The city, in cooperation with the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development, will provide education and outreach to landlords, property owners, realtors, developers, banks and non-profit organizations who provide or develop affordable housing. In addition, the city will continue to seek ways to assist developers and all of those involved in affordable housing in locating land, providing waivers of fees, and technical assistance to encourage the development of affordable housing and compliance with fair housing laws. Any agreements executed with affordable housing providers will incorporate the requirements of the equal opportunity and fair housing laws.

Public policies are designed to balance competing interests in the community. To ensure that the interests of affordable housing are being considered, the City of Venice requires all public policies be reviewed for impact on the cost of housing before City Council considers and adopts them.

HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)

1. Describe other forms of investment not described in § 92.205(b).
2. If the participating jurisdiction (PJ) will use HOME or ADDI funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of the HOME rule.
3. If the PJ will use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines required under § 92.206(b). The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt. At a minimum these guidelines must:
 - a. Demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing.
 - b. Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestments in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.
 - c. State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.
 - d. Specify the required period of affordability, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.
 - e. Specify whether the investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy under 24 CFR 91.215(e)(2) or a Federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.
 - f. State that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
4. If the PJ is going to receive American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds, please complete the following narratives:
 - a. Describe the planned use of the ADDI funds.
 - b. Describe the PJ's plan for conducting targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public housing and manufactured housing and to other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purposes of ensuring that the ADDI funds are used to provide down payment assistance for such residents, tenants, and families.
 - c. Describe the actions to be taken to ensure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.

Program Year 1 Action Plan HOME/ADDI response:

The City of Venice will not receive HOME or ADDI funding.

HOMELESS

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

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

1. Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.
2. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.
3. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.
4. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Homeless response:

The City of Venice will continue to participate with the Continuum of Care to meet homeless prevention elements.

The goals of the Continuum of Care are to:

- Create new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless
- Increase the percentage of homeless persons staying in permanent housing over 6 months
- Increase the amount of persons moving from transitional housing to permanent housing
- Develop a coordinated transportation system to meet employment, medical and other service needs
- Assist provider agencies in strengthening their capacity and resources
- Increase homeless prevention services and coordinate with various local resources
- Develop a bi-county ten-year strategic plan to end chronic homelessness in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

According to the Sarasota County Coalition for the Homeless, the following are priority needs of the homeless in Sarasota County:

1. Affordable housing
2. A living wage
3. Better public transportation
4. Assistance with security and utility deposits for individuals overcoming homelessness.

The jurisdiction has the following strategies to combat homelessness:

1. Continue to work with the Sarasota Consortium to encourage a land trust and affordable housing trust to produce and maintain affordable housing projects.
2. Continue to work with the Venice Housing Authority to provide additional housing units for low and very low income people.
3. Work with the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness and assist them as needed to address homeless prevention and chronic homelessness.
4. Continue to work with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice to provide assistance for housing for moderate income families. The Bridges is a project that is located within city limits that will house workforce families.
5. Work with service providers on adjusting impact fees and zoning concerns for the development of low to moderate income projects.

The city will continue to participate with the Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development (SOHCD) and the Sarasota Consortium to address the end of Chronic Homelessness. SOHCD has a twofold approach to ending chronic homelessness that involves service development and outreach.

Service development includes increasing the current capacity of existing services to chronic homeless. Emergency shelters, provision of food and basic medical care are high priorities. SOHCD will use HOME dollars to fund 10 housing vouchers annually for those graduating from transitional shelters to safe and affordable housing. SOHCD has also recruited retired doctors, dentists, nurses for a successful health clinic for the elderly. They are currently working to expand the concept for general chronic homeless populations.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

Program Year 1 Action Plan ESG response:

This does not apply to the City of Venice.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

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

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.
2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

*Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Community Development response:

The Venice Housing Authority was determined to have the highest need for community assistance; however, they are in the process of relocating residents. It is expected that the Venice Housing Authority will utilize CDBG funds in 2010.

The following activity will begin in the first program year and will carry on to the second year:

Neighborhood Improvements

Need	2
Priority	2: Reduce flooding in the Airport Census Tract
Strategy	Provide engineering and construction services to an area that needs stormwater modifications to reduce the risk of flooding.
Obstacles	None.
Resources	City of Venice
Funding	\$134,000 CDBG
Time Period	2 years – Approximately 30 households will benefit.

Antipoverty Strategy

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.

Program Year 1 Action Plan Antipoverty Strategy response:

The city will continue to participate under the Sarasota Consortium programs that are designed to reduce the number of poverty level households in Sarasota County through the provision of human services, the creation of economic opportunities in low-income areas, and the improvement of the physical condition of lower income

areas. The largest element of the anti-poverty strategy is the community's successful implementation of the Continuum of Care for the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless.

The city will continue to work with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice for providing workforce housing opportunities.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))

*Please also refer to the Non-homeless Special Needs Table in the Needs.xls workbook.

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.
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 1 Action Plan Specific Objectives response:

The city will participate with the Sarasota Consortium to address the low income elderly, those with addiction problems, HIV/AIDS victims, and disabled low income residents. The city will also make funds available for meal transportation to elderly and disabled residents.

Special Needs

Need	1
Priority	1: Because of the city's elderly population, special needs are ranked second for need.
Strategy	Assist meal transportation services who serve low income elderly and the disabled.
Obstacles	Limited amounts of funding.
Resources	CDBG funds, non-profit agencies.
Funding	\$25,000 (shared with Homelessness Need 4/Priority 1)
Time Period	5 years – At least 250 people served over 5 years.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

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

1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.
2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.

3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.
4. Report on annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.
5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.
6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.
7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.
8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.
9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.

Program Year 1 Action Plan HOPWA response:

The City of Venice will not be receiving HOPWA funds and will continue to participate with the Sarasota Consortium to meet the needs in their Consolidated Plan.

The Sarasota Consortium addresses the needs of persons with HIV/AIDS and families of these persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing and the needs of the same client population who are homeless, HOPWA funds are used for activities such as:

- Short term rent, mortgage and utility assistance
- Case management
- Grantee administration
- Project sponsor administration

The City of Sarasota is the lead jurisdiction and ensures:

1. Regular meetings with the HOPWA team are scheduled
2. Assists in locating required information for team members to perform optimally
3. Assists in leading the team in exploring all available opportunities and resources to ensure a strategic plan complete with a mission, vision, organizational values, and quantifiable measures are created

4. Monitors all reimbursement requests from the project sponsor for accuracy, completeness, compliance, and performs on-site monitoring

The project sponsor that assists in administering the HOPWA Grant for the Sarasota/Manatee counties also assists the State of Florida in administering State HOPWA funds. The dual role of the project sponsor allows for the use of actual case history to make funding decisions for Sarasota County and the City of Venice based on historic information.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

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 the Action Plan.

Program Year 1 Specific HOPWA Objectives response:

The City of Venice will not receive HOPWA funds, but will cooperate with the Sarasota Consortium to meet the needs in their Consolidated Plan.

Other Narrative

Include any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.



SF 424

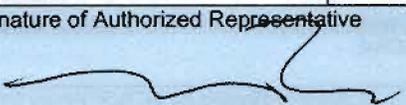
The SF 424 is part of the CPMP First Annual Action Plan. SF 424 form fields are included in this document. Grantee information is linked from the 1CPMP.xls document of the CPMP tool.

SF 424

Complete the fillable fields (blue cells) in the table below. The other items are pre-filled with values from the Grantee Information Worksheet.

Date Submitted 8/13/2008	Applicant Identifier	Type of Submission	
Date Received by state	State Identifier	Application	Pre-application
Date Received by HUD	Federal Identifier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
		<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction
Applicant Information			
		FL129115 SARASOTA COUNTY	
City of Venice		Organizational DUNS 09-360-2191	
401 West Venice Avenue		Organizational Unit City	
Venice	Florida	Development Services	
34285	Country U.S.A.	Engineering Department	
Employer Identification Number (EIN):		Sarasota	
59-6000443		10/2008	
Applicant Type:		Specify Other Type if necessary:	
Local Government: Township		Specify Other Type	
Program Funding		U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers; Descriptive Title of Applicant Project(s); Areas Affected by Project(s) (cities, Counties, localities etc.); Estimated Funding			
Community Development Block Grant		14.218 Entitlement Grant	
CDBG Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s)	
\$CDBG Grant Amount \$90,226	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s)			
Home Investment Partnerships Program		14.239 HOME	
HOME Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s)	
\$HOME Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	

\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOME-based Project(s)			
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS		14.241 HOPWA	
HOPWA Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOPWA Project(s)	
\$HOPWA Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOPWA-based Project(s)			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program		14.231 ESG	
ESG Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by ESG Project(s)	
\$ESG Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for ESG-based Project(s)			
Congressional Districts of:		Is application subject to review by state Executive Order 12372 Process?	
Applicant Districts 13	Project Districts 13		
Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? If "Yes" please include an additional document explaining the situation.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	This application was made available to the state EO 12372 process for review on DATE
		<input type="checkbox"/> No	Program is not covered by EO 12372
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review

Person to be contacted regarding this application		
Martin	P	Black
City Manager	941-486-2626	941-480-3031
mblack@ci.venice.fl.us	www.venicegov.com	Other Contact
Signature of Authorized Representative		Date Signed
		7/23/08

Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed		
SL-1 Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment									
SL-1 (1)	Specific Objective: Provide assistance to low income elderly and disabled homeowners.	Source of Funds #1: SHIP \$891,000	Performance Indicator #1: Number of households assisted.	2009	0				
				2010	59		0%		
		Source of Funds #2		2011	59		0%		
				2012	59		0%		
		Source of Funds #3		2013	59		0%		
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL				236	0	0%	
		Source of Funds #1		Performance Indicator #2	2009				
					2010				
		Source of Funds #2			2011				
		2012							
	Source of Funds #3	2013							
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0			
	Specific Annual Objective: Rehabilitate homes of low income elderly and disabled homeowners for ADA improvements, roofing improvements, hurricane shutter installation.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #3	2009					
				2010					
		Source of Funds #2		2011					
		2012							
Source of Funds #3		2013							
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0				

Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed		
EO-1 Availability/Accessibility of Economic Opportunity									
EO-1 (1)	Specific Objective: Increase the attractiveness of Business US 41 between Fairway and Pinegrove Drives to encourage commercial development and employment opportunities for the low to moderate income area.	Source of Funds #1: FDOT LAP: \$35,577	Performance Indicator #1: Number of commerical businesses developed by the improvements.	2009					
				2010	1	0	0%		
		Source of Funds #2		2011					
				2012					
		Source of Funds #3	2013						
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL					1	0	0%
		Specific Annual Objective: Landscape the block within the low income area.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #2	2009				
					2010				
			Source of Funds #2		2011				
			2012						
	Source of Funds #3		2013						
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL						0		
		Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #3	2009					
				2010					
	Source of Funds #2	2011							
	2012								
Source of Funds #3	2013								
MULTI-YEAR GOAL						0			

Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed		
NR-1 Neighborhood Revitalization									
NR-1 (1)	Specific Objective: Improve infrastructure in the Airport Census Tract.	Source of Funds #1: CDBG \$134,000	Performance Indicator #1: Number of residences benefited by improvements	2009					
				2010	30	0	0%		
		Source of Funds #2		2011					
				2012					
		Source of Funds #3		2013					
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL				30	0	0%	
		Source of Funds #1		Performance Indicator #2	2009				
		2010							
	Source of Funds #2	2011							
		2012							
	Source of Funds #3	2013							
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL						0		
	Specific Annual Objective: Provide better infrastructure to a low income area.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #3		2009				
				2010					
Source of Funds #2		2011							
		2012							
Source of Funds #3		2013							
MULTI-YEAR GOAL						0			

Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed		
NR-1 Neighborhood Revitalization									
NR-1 (2)	Specific Objective: Improve infrastructure to the Venice Housing Authority.	Source of Funds #1: CDBG \$201,000	Performance Indicator #1: Number of low income residents benefited by improvements.	2009					
				2010					
		Source of Funds #2		2011					
				2012					
		Source of Funds #3		2013	70		0%		
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL				70	0	0%	
		Source of Funds #1		Performance Indicator #2	2009				
					2010				
		Source of Funds #2			2011				
		2012							
	Source of Funds #3	2013							
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0			
	Specific Annual Objective: Improve stormwater, lighting, water, sidewalks and park for the Venice Housing Authority.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #3	2009					
				2010					
		Source of Funds #2		2011					
		2012							
Source of Funds #3		2013							
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0				

Summary of Specific Annual Objectives

Specific Obj. #	Outcome/Objective Specific Annual Objectives	Sources of Funds	Performance Indicators	Year	Expected Number	Actual Number	Percent Completed		
O-1 Other									
O-1 (1)	Specific Objective: Provide public services to low income and homeless people throughout the city.	Source of Funds #1: CDBG \$25,000	Performance Indicator #1: Number of people assisted by food pantries and meals on wheels.	2009	50		0%		
				2010	50		0%		
		Source of Funds #2		2011	50		0%		
				2012	50		0%		
		Source of Funds #3		2013	50		0%		
		MULTI-YEAR GOAL				250	0	0%	
		Source of Funds #1		Performance Indicator #2	2009				
					2010				
		Source of Funds #2			2011				
		2012							
	Source of Funds #3	2013							
	MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0			
	Specific Annual Objective: Provide food to low income, elderly, disabled, and homeless people in the city.	Source of Funds #1	Performance Indicator #3	2009					
				2010					
		Source of Funds #2		2011					
		2012							
Source of Funds #3		2013							
MULTI-YEAR GOAL					0				

Project Name: Administration				
Description:	IDIS Project #: _____ UOG Code: FL129115 SARASOTA COUNTY Administration of the CDBG program.			
Location: Citywide.	Priority Need Category Select one: Priority Need Category ▼			
Expected Completion Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)	Explanation:			
<input type="radio"/> Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives			
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability				
	1, ▼			
	2, ▼			
	3, ▼			
Project-level Accomplishments	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/>	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/>	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/>	Accompl. Type: ▼ Proposed <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Underway <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/>		
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome		
31B Administration - grantee ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼		
Program Year 1	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt. \$18,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.
		Actual Amount		Actual Amount
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units
		Actual Units		Actual Units
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		Actual Units		Actual Units

Program Year 2	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.	\$18,000		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount						Actual Amount	
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
Program Year 3	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.	\$18,000		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
Program Year 4	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.	\$18,000		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
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			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
Program Year 5	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.	\$18,000		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		

Project Name: Public Services						
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: FL129115 SARASOTA COUNTY					
Funds set aside for local food pantries and meal deliveries to low income and low income elderly and disabled residents.						
Location: Citywide.	Priority Need Category Select one: Non-homeless Special Needs ▼					
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2013	Explanation: Provide meals to both homeless and elderly or disabled low income residents.					
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives					
Outcome Categories <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1, Improve the services for low/mod income persons ▼ 2, _____ ▼ 3, _____ ▼					
Project-level Accomplishments	01 People ▼	Proposed	250	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome				
Provide services to elderly, homeless and disabled.	250 people will have access to food.					
05 Public Services (General) 570.201(e) ▼		Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼		Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼		Matrix Codes ▼				
Program Year 1	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$5,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	01 People ▼	Proposed Units	50	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		
	Actual Units			Actual Units		

Program Year 2	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.	\$5,000		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount						Actual Amount	
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	01 People	▼	Proposed Units	50		Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
Program Year 3	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.	\$5,000		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	01 People	▼	Proposed Units	50		Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
Program Year 4	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.	\$5,000		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	01 People	▼	Proposed Units	50		Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
Program Year 5	CDBG	▼	Proposed Amt.	\$5,000		Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source:	▼	Proposed Amt.		
			Actual Amount					Actual Amount		
	01 People	▼	Proposed Units	50		Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		
	Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type:	▼	Proposed Units		
			Actual Units					Actual Units		

Project Name: Infrastructure Improvements in the Airport Census Tract						
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: FL129115 SARASOTA COUNTY					
Stormwater improvements in the airport census tract.						
Location:	Priority Need Category					
Census tract 24.02	Select one: Infrastructure ▼					
Explanation:						
Expected Completion Date:	Stormwater improvements to benefit low income residents in the airport census tract.					
9/30/3010						
Objective Category						
<input type="radio"/> Decent Housing						
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment						
<input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity						
Outcome Categories	Specific Objectives					
<input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility	1 Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons ▼					
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordability	2, _____ ▼					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	3, _____ ▼					
Project-level Accomplishments	04 Households ▼	Proposed	30	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
		Complete			Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway			Underway	
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Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome				
Improved flood protection.	Number of households benefited.					
031 Flood Drain Improvements 570.201(c) ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼	Matrix Codes ▼				
Program Year 1	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	67,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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Program Year 2	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	67,000		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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Program Year 3	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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		Actual Units				Actual Units	
Program Year 4	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units				Actual Units	
Program Year 5	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
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		Actual Units				Actual Units	

Project Name: Infrastructure Improvements for Venice Housing Authority							
Description:	IDIS Project #: UOG Code: FL129115 SARASOTA COUNTY Stormwater, lighting, sidewalks, and park development assistance for the housing authority.						
Location: 201 Grove Street North, Venice, Florida	Priority Need Category Select one: Infrastructure ▼						
Expected Completion Date: 9/30/2013	Explanation: The Venice Housing Authority, labeled troubled by HUD, is in the process of developing a master redevelopment plan. CDBG funds will be used to improve infrastructure for the development.						
Objective Category <input type="radio"/> Decent Housing <input checked="" type="radio"/> Suitable Living Environment <input type="radio"/> Economic Opportunity	Specific Objectives						
Outcome Categories <input type="checkbox"/> Availability/Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability	1. Improve quality / increase quantity of public improvements for lower income persons ▼ 2. _____ ▼ 3. _____ ▼						
Project-level Accomplishments	04 Households ▼	Proposed	70		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed			Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed	
		Underway				Underway	
		Complete				Complete	
Proposed Outcome	Performance Measure	Actual Outcome					
Improve infrastructure for low income renters.	Number of low income renters benefited.						
03I Flood Drain Improvements 570.201(c) ▼		Matrix Codes ▼					
03K Street Improvements 570.201(c) ▼		Matrix Codes ▼					
Matrix Codes ▼		Matrix Codes ▼					
Program Year 1	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.			Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount				Actual Amount	
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		Actual Units				Actual Units	
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Program Year 2	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
Program Year 3	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$67,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
Program Year 4	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$67,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
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	Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units		Accompl. Type: ▼	Proposed Units	
		Actual Units			Actual Units	
Program Year 5	CDBG ▼	Proposed Amt.	\$67,000	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
	Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.		Fund Source: ▼	Proposed Amt.	
		Actual Amount			Actual Amount	
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CPMP Non-State Grantee Certifications

Many elements of this document may be completed electronically, however a signature must be manually applied and the document must be submitted in paper form to the Field Office.

- This certification does not apply.
 This certification is applicable.

NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about --
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will --
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted --
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

8. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
9. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
10. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

11. Maximum Feasible Priority - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
12. Overall Benefit - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2___, 2___, 2___, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
13. Special Assessments - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

14. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
15. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities, which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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 This certification is applicable.

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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 This certification is applicable.

HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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ESG Certifications

I, _____, Chief Executive Officer of **City of Venice**, certify that the local government will ensure the provision of the matching supplemental funds required by the regulation at 24 *CFR* 576.51. I have attached to this certification a description of the sources and amounts of such supplemental funds.

I further certify that the local government will comply with:

1. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.53 concerning the continued use of buildings for which Emergency Shelter Grants are used for rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; or when funds are used solely for operating costs or essential services.
2. The building standards requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.55.
3. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56, concerning assurances on services and other assistance to the homeless.
4. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57, other appropriate provisions of 24 *CFR* Part 576, and other applicable federal laws concerning nondiscrimination and equal opportunity.
5. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.59(b) concerning the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
6. The requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.59 concerning minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of a project assisted with these funds.
7. The requirements of 24 *CFR* Part 24 concerning the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.
8. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56(a) and 576.65(b) that grantees develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted with ESG funds and that the address or location of any family violence shelter project will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter.
9. The requirement that recipients involve themselves, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, homeless individuals and families in policymaking, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of these facilities as provided by 24 *CFR* 76.56.
10. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57(e) dealing with the provisions of, and regulations and procedures applicable with respect to the environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related

authorities as specified in 24 *CFR* Part 58.

11. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.21(a)(4) providing that the funding of homeless prevention activities for families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services will meet the requirements that: (A) the inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income; (B) the assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of the services to the family; (C) there must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time; and (D) the assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other source.
12. The new requirement of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 *USC* 11362) to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. I further understand that state and local governments are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and that ESG funds are not to be used to assist such persons in place of state and local resources.
13. HUD's standards for participation in a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the collection and reporting of client-level information.

I further certify that the submission of a completed and approved Consolidated Plan with its certifications, which act as the application for an Emergency Shelter Grant, is authorized under state and/or local law, and that the local government possesses legal authority to carry out grant activities in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Signature/Authorized Official

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 This certification is applicable.

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

Place Name	Street	City	County	State	Zip

7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules: "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15); "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of *nolo contendere*) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes; "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any

controlled substance; "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including:

- a. All "direct charge" employees;
- b. all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and
- c. temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Note that by signing these certifications, certain documents must be completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

- 1. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
- 2. Citizen Participation Plan
- 3. Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan



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