

# City of Goldsboro

## 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan



### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Home Investment Partnership (HOME)



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (91.220 (b))

The City of Goldsboro is an Entitlement City according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) criteria. Accordingly, the City receives annual allocations of funds for housing and community development projects under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs. As an Entitlement City and as a prerequisite to receive funding, the City of Goldsboro is required to conduct a comprehensive assessment of its housing and community needs and to present a Five-Year Consolidated Plan in a detailed format prescribed by HUD. A yearly Action Plan is required for each of the five years of the City's Consolidated Plan. This is the fourth year of the City's Five-year Consolidated Plan (2015-2020), which covers [July 1, 2018](#) through [June 30, 2019](#).

The Action Plan identifies key priorities and goals that would significantly improve low-to-moderate-income citizens of Goldsboro quality of life through vital housing and community development programs. The Action Plan is derived from the methodologies established in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and it is formulated in a collaborative manner with the assistance of management staff within the Community Relations Department. In addition, the Action Plan is integrated with contributions from individuals, community groups, public forums, and inter-governmental/departmental discussions during the planning process for the 2018-2019 Action Plan. Staff regularly attended community group and association meetings in the City limits throughout the year, which created partnerships, maintain meaningful and productive relationships in the community, and enhanced the Department's ability to develop responsive and relevant programs. The City of Goldsboro completed many of its strategic community goals in year 2017-2018. The top priorities and goals determined in the 2018-2019 Action Plan include the following:

- ✓ Rehabilitation of owner-occupied single family units
- ✓ Acquisition, demolition, and clearance of dilapidated housing units
- ✓ Improving and/or preserving communities in danger of slum and blight conditions
- ✓ Construction of affordable housing through CHDO Activities
- ✓ Providing homebuyer assistance for first-time homebuyers
- ✓ Support projects or programs by non-profit organizations or for-profit corporations that benefit low-to-moderate-income (LMI) residents of the City
- ✓ Identification of infrastructure improvements (i.e., sewer, sidewalk, water line etc.)
- ✓ Eliminating hazardous materials in dwellings assisted with federal funds

### **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE CDBG & HOME PROGRAMS**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The primary objective of the CDBG Program is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. CDBG funds can only be used in compliance with the national objectives and eligibility requirements of the program; all of Goldsboro's CDBG-funded activities in the 2018-2019 Action Plan meet at least one of these national objectives:

- Benefit to low and moderate income families,
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight,
- Addressing urgent needs

The HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program was created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 to create local partnerships for providing decent affordable housing to lower-to-moderate income households. It was intended that local participating jurisdictions work with nonprofit organizations and private investment organizations within the community to achieve this goal. Cities may use their HOME funds to help renters, new homebuyers, or existing homeowners. The HOME Program is designed to provide affordable housing to low-to-moderate income families and individuals. Therefore, the program has rules about targeting program resources and establishing applicant eligibility.

**RESOURCES (91.220 (c) (1) and (c) (2))**

The Annual Action Plan describes the City’s plan for the expenditure of federal dollars for the coming fiscal year to carry out the goals and objectives prioritized in the City’s Annual Action Plan for 2018-2019. It outlines activities of two (2) major formula grants: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). In FY 2018-2019, the City anticipates receiving **\$339,336** in CDBG funds and **\$228,922** in HOME funds. Additionally, the City will have available approximately **\$23,511** in prior year CDBG funds and **\$118,697** in prior year HOME funds (prior year balances as of June 30, 2018). **The City will be requesting a 100% HOME Match Reduction for FY18-19. Therefore, the City may not be required to provide local matching funds for FY18-19 HOME allocation.** At least **70%** of all CDBG funds spent will meet the LMI benefit test within a three-year period.

**ANNUAL OBJECTIVES/ACTIVITIES (91.220 (c) (3))**

ACTIVITY	CDBG	HOME	OTHER FUNDS	PROGRAM INCOME		PRIOR YEAR FUNDS (As of 6-30-18)		TOTAL RESOURCES
				CDBG	HOME	CDBG	HOME	
Housing Rehabilitation	24,128	121,692		3,120			118,697	267,637
Hazardous Material (Testing and Monitoring)								0
Homebuyer Assistance		50,000			4,048			54,048
Public Facilities & Improvements	175,000							175,000
Public Services	15,000							15,000
Demolition and Clearance								0
Transitional Housing								0
CHDO Activity		34,338						34,338
Economic Development	57,341					23,511		80,852
Program Administration	67,867	22,892						90,759
Local Home Match	<b>The City will be requesting a 100% HOME Match Reduction for FY18-19.</b>							0
Urgent Repair Program			100,000					100,000
ESFRLP-Disaster Recovery			150,000					150,000
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>\$339,336</b>	<b>\$228,922</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$3,120</b>	<b>\$4,048</b>	<b>\$23,511</b>	<b>\$118,697</b>	<b>\$967,634</b>

1. [Housing Rehabilitation Activity](#) funds will be utilized to rehab the City's aging housing stock is geared towards ensuring the continued livability and viability of Goldsboro's limited affordable housing units.
2. [Homebuyer Assistance Activity](#) funds will be utilized to provide direct-subsidy assistance to low -mod income individuals and families to become homebuyers and increase the supply of affordable housing.
3. [Public Facilities & Improvement Activity](#) funds will be utilized for improvement and maintain of WA Foster Recreational Center and the Leslie Center located in low-mod census tract areas of the City.
4. [Public Services Activity](#) funds will be utilized to assist with transportation services for low-mod individuals and families only. In light of this information that has been compared to the recent studies and plans conducted since 2015, a freeze of funding to local community based organizations and/or non-profits has been instituted. This is to allow the City the opportunity to internally and/or through working with a consultant to inventory and assess the effectiveness of practices and service delivery models of past and current CDBG funds.
5. [CHDO Activity](#) funds will be utilized to set aside a minimum of (15%) of its HOME funds for CHDO activities that focus on housing development activities in which qualified CHDOs are the owners, developers and/or sponsors of the housing.
6. [Economic Development Activity](#) funds will be utilized to assist recipients to build capacity and guide economic prosperity and resiliency in Goldsboro. This activity will help to support investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of quality jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed Goldsboro citizens that are economically distressed.
7. [Program Administration Activity](#) funds will be utilized for administrative costs that are necessary for program planning and management of the CDBG and HOME programs/activities.
8. [Urgent Repair Program](#) funds will be utilized to assist very-low and low-income households with special needs in addressing housing conditions which pose imminent threats to their life and/or safety or to provide accessibility modification and other repairs necessary to prevent displacement.
9. [Essential Single-Family Rehab Loan Pool Disaster Recovery](#) funds will be utilized to assist with the rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes damaged by Hurricane Matthew in the City and County.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (91.200 and 91.220 (b))

The City of Goldsboro Community Relations Department wishes to meet with interested citizens, agencies, groups and organizations who wish to discuss and express their concerns and ideas with regards to housing and non-housing needs of Goldsboro's low and moderate-income persons and families. The City has scheduled two meetings to allow citizens the opportunity to comment on the 2018-2019 Action Plan. First, will be a public hearing to be held on [Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm](#) during the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council in Council Chamber of City Hall, 214 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, NC. Followed by a public meeting to be held on [Friday, July 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm](#) at Herman Park located at 901 East Ash Street in Meeting Room #2. If you require a language interpreter, please contact the City Manager's Office, City Hall Annex, at least four (4) business days prior to the meeting by calling (919) 580-4330. Anyone unable to attend these meetings and desire information or would like to provide your input towards the 2018 - 2019 Annual Action Plan may visit the Community Relations Department, 214 North Center Street, Goldsboro, NC, 27530, email [ssimpson@goldsboronc.gov](mailto:ssimpson@goldsboronc.gov) , or contact the Department at (919) 580-4359.