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## Consolidated Plan Goals & Priorities Update

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Increase Availability of Affordable Housing</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Through new construction, conversion, and/or rehabilitation of existing units, the City will use HOME and CDBG funds to increase the supply of affordable homeownership and rental housing units for City residents and households earning up to 80% of the area median income, including units with supportive services for extremely low-income and/or special needs populations.  Facilitate access to homeownership through down-payment and closing cost assistance or land trust programs.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Improve Quality of Occupied Housing Units</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	High costs of maintenance of the City's aging housing stock means many housing units in need of repair and rehabilitation. The City will use Federal funds to offer grants and/or loans to qualifying homeowners and tenants to rehabilitate property. Taking a blended "whole house" approach, these funds will be aligned with the City's lead grant and other programs available in the City to holistically address lead, health and safety, code violations, energy efficiency, historic preservation, and quality of life issues in the property.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Return Abandoned Property to Productive Use</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City still lives with the legacy of the foreclosure crisis and there are several hundred houses throughout the City that remain vacant and abandoned. Using Federal funds, the City will engage housing developers to conduct rehabilitation of vacant and abandoned homes for affordable homeownership or rental units, or demolish properties for use as community gardens or green space.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Reduce Homelessness</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	In collaboration with the Consolidated Homeless Fund and the Continuum of Care, the City will use Federal funds to support the elimination homelessness through street outreach, funding for emergency shelters, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing assistance.



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5	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Increase Housing Stability among PLWHA</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will use Federal HOPWA funds to ensure that low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) obtain and maintain stable housing through support for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; costs for facility operations; rental assistance; short-term payments to prevent homelessness; and the delivery of support services including (but not limited to) assessment and case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, nutritional services, job training and placement assistance, and assistance with daily living.
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Eliminate Accessibility Barriers</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City will use CDBG funds to make public and nonprofit service providers' buildings more accessible for those with physical disabilities and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Improve Condition of Public Facilities</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p>Many of the City's public school buildings require substantial and costly repairs. The City will leverage City funds with CDBG funds in order to conduct critical repairs to public school buildings to create safer learning environments for Providence children.</p> <p>Additionally, the physical condition of many of the structures which community organizations and social service agencies use are in significant disrepair, have multiple code violations, or have repair needs so extreme that portions of the building cannot be used. The City will use CDBG funds to improve these facilities so that the City's low- and moderate-income populations can continue to receive needed services. Energy-efficiency improvements that bolster long-term sustainability will also be prioritized.</p>



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<b>8</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Improve Streetscape, Sidewalks and Public Infrastructure</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The infrastructure of the City in many neighborhoods is in significant disrepair, decayed, and unsafe for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Sidewalks are often trip hazards and road conditions damage vehicles. CDBG funds will be used to improve the physical condition and functionality of the City's streets, roads, and sidewalks, and create more options for non-automobile transportation for convenient access to community destinations and public places, whether walking, bicycling, or taking public transportation. Public infrastructure improvements will include accessibility enhancements to ensure that those with physical disabilities are able to navigate the City safely. Additionally, the City may conduct eligible public infrastructure projects including sewer and service line upgrade projects as needed.
<b>9</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Improve Parks, Recreational Areas, &amp; Develop or Improve Community Gardens</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p>Neighborhood parks and green spaces can promote healthy lifestyles, community engagement and revitalization, economic development, environmental and social health. The City will support the creation of new and improvement of existing parks, open space, and sports fields.</p> <p>The City will also support the creation of new and expansion of existing community gardens and urban farms to provide opportunities for healthy eating and income generation for those wishing to grow and sell food.</p>



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<b>10</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Provide for Basic Needs of LMI Persons</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	<p>Federal funds will be used to provide for the basic, essential needs of low-income residents including food assistance, clothing, healthcare for the uninsured or underinsured, mental health and case management services, low- or no-cost childcare, and more. These essential services will be delivered to residents in need predominately through community-based organizations. Services rendered shall be equitable, accessible, and culturally-sensitive to Providence populations.</p> <p>Priority social service programs and target populations will include:</p> <p>Provision of child care and day care assistance to low- and moderate-income families and single parents in order to prepare young children for kindergarten, teach literacy skills, provide a safe early learning environment, and facilitate parents' employment.</p> <p>Job skills and literacy training for the City's low-skilled, low-literacy, unemployed, and underemployed populations to build literacy and higher-level job skills, including adult basic education, GED preparation, workforce readiness training, and job skill development so that LMI residents will be better prepared for employment opportunities.</p> <p>Educational activities and arts and cultural programs for youth that will foster their educational attainment, enhance their interest in civic life, promote pro-social behavior, and build their skills and abilities to be better prepared to make a positive impact in the world.</p> <p>Provision of health and wellness activities, exercise and social activities, medication set up, blood pressure screenings, transportation assistance, and assistance with Medicare and SNAP benefits for seniors, the disabled, the uninsured and underinsured.</p> <p>Provision of support and housing services for victims of domestic violence.</p>



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11	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Facilitate Small Business Development and Growth</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	As economic development and the creation of new living-wage jobs is one of the most efficient and effective ways to reduce poverty, CDBG funds will be used to promote the creation of new business enterprises in the City. Further, small businesses, particularly businesses owned by people of color and women, often lack the same access to financial services from traditional lending institutions. As such, CDBG funds will be used to provide lower-barrier technical assistance programs and access to capital for businesses in the City (either through direct loans or grants).
12	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Revitalize Commercial Districts in LMI Areas</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	CDBG funds will be used to enhance neighborhood-based commercial corridors, business districts, and storefront façades in low- to moderate-income areas of the City.
13	<b>Goal Name</b>	<b>Effectively Administer Programs &amp; Promote Efficiency through Planning</b>
	<b>Goal Description</b>	CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG funds will be used to administer these respective programs; to rapidly award projects and commit funds for programs; to monitor all projects, activities, and organizations annually, conduct proper evaluations of all programs; to meet all timeliness standards; and to plan for effective projects and initiatives.