

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The City was successful in carrying out its Action Plan, based upon the goals set forth in the Consolidated Plan. Highlights of this program year include:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Small Business Technical Assistance Program (\$30,000) At New Vue Communities, funds continued to be used to provide outreach and technical assistance to businesses. This program leverages loans for small businesses. 28 Jobs were created/retained, 20 businesses counseled, and 2 loans leveraged. Funds were used to pay staff salary. The benefit of this project is the promotion of economic development and job creation/job retention assisting new and existing businesses.

Small Business Financial Assistance - The City assisted 3 businesses during the program year through business loans with favorable terms or grants. We had three microenterprise grants (IDIS 1086) for Mera's Cakes, for \$25,000, Radzaddy's (IDIS 1084), for \$35,000, and AAJTT (IDIS 1087) for \$35,000. Our signs and facades program (\$50,000) completed 10 signs for the program year which included some carry over from the prior year, with several additional businesses lined up for assistance that will include our new entitlement in the coming year.

The Worcester Regional Food Hub brought the Fitchburg Public Market to the City (\$30,000) last year. We continued to monitor their progress throughout Year 50. This year, they assisted 62 microenterprise businesses. \$50,000 was initially allocated toward their microenterprise assistance program. Funds were used to support their rent and utilities as start-up costs. They officially opened their doors to the public on August 27, 2024. Currently, 8 marketplace stalls are being rented out by small businesses, with farm fresh produce available with 3 commercial kitchens open 24 hours a day to support food trucks, caterers, and other small food businesses.

REHAB AND PRESERVATION Code Enforcement (\$101,000): Inspections were conducted on a total of 232 units and 502 dwellings, during the plan year. 12 vacant and accessible buildings were boarded and secured under the orders of the target area inspector. Tickets, fines and court action have been issued to violators for various Sanitary and Building Code violations with efforts geared toward ridding target neighborhoods of conditions of blight and to promote proper and supervised repair to buildings. The City's large percentage of older housing stock continues to present the need for this code enforcement activity. There was one lead paint

determination conducted and no full lead Inspections were conducted in Year 50. \$3440.00 in fees, fines and/or reimbursements were collected in the target area as a result of these efforts. Because of when the fines were provided to Community Development, \$1200 was receipted in Year 50. The remaining fines will be receipted in year 51.

HOUSING Critical Home Repair (\$30,000) Habitat for Humanity used CDBG Funding for repairs of 7 homes total that included: The first project included removing an unsafe walkway and installing stairs and landings with railings from the driveway to her home.. The second project was mold remediation in the basement. The third repair was to remove the threshold to the home to accommodate her wheelchair. The fourth project was for a low-income, disabled, veteran homeowner where he and his wife live. This project included replacing windows and doors at the home. The fifth repair was a first-floor kitchen sink, replacing 2nd floor sink, faucet and plumbing. The sixth, an installation of vinyl siding under back addition. Lastly, installing hand rails for front walkway, fix footings and rails at a resident's front door.

North Star Family Services' Journey Home was completed in June.

RENTAL DEVELOPMENT: The City of Fitchburg funded New Vue Communities Fitchburg Arts Community's Artist Preference housing(1028). Construction of this 68 unit rental project is ongoing and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2025. They've had a very engaged outreach and tenant selection process, and has created a committee to review artist applications to determine if they qualify as artists.

The City closed on it's financing for North Star Family Service's Journey Home Permanent Housing project in Leominster during the spring of 2024. Construction was completed in June 2025. We celebrated the ribbon cutting for the project on June 12, 2025. The project provides 15 units of affordable housing to struggling families.

PUBLIC SERVICES Family Homeless Shelter (\$9,500) This program is also run through North Star Family Services. NSFS is an emergency shelter which provides case management services to homeless families, which includes assistance with employment, finances, medical issues, and securing permanent housing. All families are required to work each day towards self-sufficiency. This activity assisted 32 individuals throughout Year 50.

This year, with the Fitchburg Drug Enforcement and Foot Patrol(\$60,000), 53 Search Warrants were executed (36 NWCDTF), 58 Arrests were made due to 94C violations (28 NWCDTF), 10 Criminal Complaints were taken out by NWCDTF for 94C violations, Seized \$176,091 in U.S.

Currency, 6,669.45 grams of Cocaine, 91.45 grams of Heroin, 357.6 grams of Fentanyl, 104.02 grams Crystal Meth, 1678.2 grams Marijuana, 98 Suboxone strips, 7.6 grams of Oxycodone pills, 1.2 grams Troxodone pills, 24 grams of Ecstasy (MDMA) pills, 28 grams of GHB, 2 grams of Lorazepam pills, 5 grams of Pregabalin pills, 2 grams of Amphetamine pills, 2 grams Cyclobenzaprine pills, 55.0 grams Gabapentin pills, 43 Firearms, 11 high capacity magazine, and 3448 rounds of ammunition (various calibers)

In Q1, Officers spent time patrolling the Main St & downtown corridor and interacted with dozens of residents, customers and business owners along the way. There have been complaints of vehicle break-ins in the area, so officers spent time patrolling and looking out for suspects. Officers also spent time patrolling the rail trail and visitors were happy to see Fitchburg patrolling the trail. Officers also moved people who were loitering and drinking in the woods by the trail. Officers interacted with kids who were playing near the trail and handed out police stickers. One citizen told police that he found a wallet while on the trail & turned that over. Officers spent time looking for dirt bikes & ATVs in the area but saw none.

In Q2, Assigned officers spent time walking Main St and the Rail Trail. Assigned officers interacted with residents, business owners, students, patrons and visitors to the area. Additionally, officers spent time during several community events like Trick or Treat on Main St and interacted with the community in a positive and productive manner. Officers walked the event, passed out candy, and interacted with thousands of families that were present. These types of interactions give police the opportunity to foster and enhance community policing efforts while keeping the area safe.

In Q3, Based on an analysis of recent call data, officers funded through CDBG resources focused their patrols in the lower Main Street area. Officers spent time on foot at both the Intermodal Center and CVS Pharmacy, two locations that have seen a noticeable uptick in criminal activity and quality-of-life issues affecting nearby businesses. Notably, CVS corporate responded by installing a solar-powered surveillance camera in the parking lot, monitored by their internal security, due to the ongoing disturbances impacting store operations.

The Intermodal, especially the area near Fuzzys Cafe, has experienced a significant increase in service calls. Our directed foot patrols on Main Street were intended to address these concerns while also engaging with business owners and community members. These efforts resulted in numerous interactions. Our business community has been supportive of our foot patrols.

Beginning May 2025, regular walking patrols resumed on Main Street as pedestrian activity has increased. Several new businesses have recently opened, including Victors Eatery at Main and Prichard, which is already facing challenges related to vagrancy and other quality-of-life issues. Our plan is to continue deploying foot patrols in response to these concerns.

In Q4, officers focused their patrols in the Main and Prichard Street areas and parking garages located on Main Street that business owners and visitors utilize. Vagrancy and illegal drug use has continued to be of concern in that area. We have been actively deployed in the area and utilize any resource we have to stem the quality of life issues.

With vagrancy issues popping up and recent drug overdoses officers were deployed to the Rail Trail so we can address quality of life concerns and keep the area safe.

Board of Health Street Outreach (\$20,000) Through this innovative program the Street outreach workers engaged homeless individuals living in inhabitable places on 9090 occasions in the City of Fitchburg supplying necessary health, hygiene, and safety items as deemed appropriate by the outreach workers including referrals to medical/mental health/substance use treatment, shelter, etc.

Homelessness Prevention (\$5,000) Community Legal Aid assisted 16 residents who were in the process of being evicted or denied Fitchburg Housing Authority Housing units due to issues like overdue rent, rent increases, no-cause evictions, identity verification issues, and displacement issues. The majority of clients served were receiving public rent assistance or had applied for assistance. All clients were income eligible.

Fitchburg Farmers Market (\$7,000) Growing Places exceeding our goal of serving 1,000 households, the Fitchburg Farmers Market provided services to 1,144 households, (76.31%) were low or moderate income. This success is due to a concerted marketing effort on social media to promote the market and our partnership in the winter months with the Fitchburg Art Museum that helped us cross promote the market. Many unique vendors signed up for the Fitchburg Farmers Market in 2024/2025 offering local crafts, food, artwork, jewelry, home and body products and more! In addition, Growing Places supported North Central MA Farmers by selling local produce on their behalf at the market and accepting SNAP and the MA Healthy Incentive Program (HIP).

The City's CDBG funding also supported 2 youth-centered programs. The Montachusett Regional YMCA's Spartacus program (\$12,000), Spartacus is a program for Fitchburg teens, which reduces the number of first-time and repeat juvenile offenders by instilling a sense of community within participants to make their neighborhoods safer for everyone and demonstrating the merits of choosing a more positive course in life. Spartacus engages over 50 participants a year through basketball, health and exercise, academic tutoring, community service, college exploration, and leadership and social skills development.

The Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster was also supported with CDBG through their Transportation STEAM program (\$14,000). This activity provided transportation for 152 students from the Fitchburg Public schools to the Boys and Girls Club located

in Leominster. Currently, the Fitchburg School system's bus route does not include the Club in its route as it crosses City lines. Without this transportation, many of these students would not otherwise have access to the programming provided by the club.

PUBLIC FACILITIES for parks and playgrounds, Mama Fitz and Parkhill Park Playground Improvement Project is finishing up. The playground was installed last fall. The remaining work includes updates to the basketball court at Mama Fitz and remaining site work at both Parks. DPW will be assigning their on-call contractor to undertake this work as soon as they have time in their schedule.

Our newly purchased fitness court for Coolidge Park was installed and the court is now open to the public. The ribbon cutting for the court was celebrated on 7/21/25.

Friends of the Abolitionist Park (\$5,000) completed their interactive display board where images of abolitionists come to life to tell their stories and how they were connected to Fitchburg. The ribbon cutting celebration took place on 6/19/25 for Juneteenth.

The Crocker Field Handrails, benches, and steel painting(\$24,587.40) included the replacement of 15 additional benches. There will be an additional phase next year to continue to replace as many benches as possible as part of the grandstand restoration project.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Acq./Dev/Rehab by Non-profit Housing Providers	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$ \$2,370,480	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	20	11	20%	17	7	28%

Acq./Dev/Rehab by Non-profit Housing Providers	Affordable Housing		Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	0		0	0	0.00%
Acq./Dev/Rehab by Non-profit Housing Providers	Affordable Housing		Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	0	2		1	2	200.00%
CDBG Administration	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ 183,967	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%
Clearance Activity	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$0	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0%
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ \$192,256.64	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	10	0%	5	10	200.00%
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development		Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	31	0.00%	60	29	48.00%

Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development		Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	50	214	382.00%	55	33	60.00%
HOME Administration	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	HOME: \$ 57,256.64	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%
Housing Program Delivery	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0	Other	Other	1	1	100.00%	0	0	0%
Public Facility Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ 1,619,515.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	84500	50700	60%	16900	16900	100%
Public Facility Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development		Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Public Facility Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development		Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	1	0%	0	0	0%

Public Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ \$137,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	18400	96912	426.70%	26,922	19403	868.86%
Public Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	16	76	475%	7	32	457%
Public Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	243	0%	0	214	0%
Public Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	50	51	102%	5	16	320%
Rehabilitation and Preservation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ 131,000/ HOME: \$0	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	6	1	16.67%	0	0	0.00%
Rehabilitation and Preservation	Affordable Housing		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	60	15	13.33%	4	7	100%

Rehabilitation and Preservation	Affordable Housing		Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	1000	1231	123.0%	200	228	114%
Rehabilitation and/or Acquisition	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$175,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	10	3	30.00%	1	2	200.00%
Rental Development by For-profit Developers	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0 / HOME: \$0	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	8	5	62.5%	0	0	0

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

The Priority of addressing the issue of homelessness is demonstrated by the jurisdiction's use of funds in Year 50. Citing tables 1 and 2 above, funding provided to the North Star Family Services family shelter gave Fitchburg families access to emergency shelter - the only family shelter in this immediate area, and the Heath Departments Street Outreach services work with homeless individual to connect them to resources and services as they are willing to take them. Community Legal Aid assists income eligible renters with wrongful evictions to help families to remain in their homes. In addition, the YMCA Spartacus is dedicated to youth, with the goal of providing guidance and skill which will lead to productive lives and lessen the chance of poverty and homelessness. The Boys and Girls club similarly has a focus on youth empowerment with which the city provides transportation to their programs. The Fitchburg Farmers’ Market provided by Growing Places increased access to local, affordable produce, goods, and services to low and moderate income families with the ability to accept SNAP/HIP at all produce vendors at the market as well as providing hands-on youth activities to attract families to accessible nutrition education residents might not otherwise be familiar with. These activities all made significant progress towards meeting the specific goals set forth in the plan. The rehabilitation of affordable rental/housing units, as well as homeowner incentives, also reduces the level of homelessness by providing safe, affordable housing. The Economic Development activities provided job creation and retention services, further preventing homelessness. During Year 50, support was needed for local businesses to stay open and retain staff. NewVue small business support was a great resource for them. Our signs and facades

program completed 10 signs for the program year, with additional businesses lined up for assistance with our new entitlement. Demolition funds have been set aside to begin this year with the hope of demolishing at least 2-3 blighted buildings.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME
White	3,644	2
Black or African American	1,813	0
Asian	64	0
American Indian or American Native	32	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0
Total	5,554	2
Hispanic	160	0
Not Hispanic	5,386	2

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

During the program year, a total of 5554 families were assisted, of which 33% identified as Black or African American, roughly 2% Asian, American Indian/American Native, and Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and the remaining 65% white. The ethnicity was just under 3% Hispanic.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	\$958,158.64	\$651,873.19
HOME	public - federal	\$2,413,458	\$844,774.96

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG Target Area, CDBG Strategy Area, Housing Strategy Area, Citywide	100	100	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The City provides funding to the North Star Family Services Shelter in an adjacent City, however, the funds are used for the benefit of Fitchburg residents who require shelter. Because our funding is assisting residents who were living in Fitchburg at the time of becoming homeless, we consider this within our CDBG target area of Citywide.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

During the program year, funds were leveraged for a number of activities. Our business assistance funds provided \$95,000 in loans leveraging \$26,500 in Private funding. With respect to housing, The Fitchburg Arts Community artist preference housing project in Fitchburg, (1028), leveraged substantial funds, \$2,986,112 from private sources, and \$41,517,195 in public sources.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	\$1784880.87
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	1784880.87
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	\$164,534
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	1784880.87

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
\$93,739.39	\$157,895.65	\$93,739.39	0	\$157,895.65

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	33918950.84	0	0	3450422	2894116.74	27574412.1
Number	26	0	0	2	3	21
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	33918951	197600	33721351			
Number	26	1	25			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property
Contracts from Fitchburg Arts Community Housing Project**

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		0		0		
Businesses Displaced		0		0		
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0		0		
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0		0		
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	2	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	20	14
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	1
Total	22	15

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	5	5
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	20	9
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	1
Total	25	15

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

During the program year, Habitat for Humanity of North Central MA's critical home repair program, (1055) assisted 7 homeowners with 7 homeowner repair projects.

With respect to rental housing development, as is now noted in IDIS, progress was made on two rental development projects. The City funded NewVue Communities' rental project, a conversion of the former BF Brown school into 68 units of affordable artist preference housing. At \$850,000 in HOME

funding- this is the most funding the PJ has ever given to one project. Construction of this project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2025. We anticipate reporting outcomes for this project in the next program year. North Star Family Services' Journey Home project in Leominster received a substantial amount of HOME funds, \$600,000. The project was completed and we celebrated their ribbon cutting June 12, 2025. This project created 15 units of affordable supported housing for families ready to leave the shelter in Leominster MA, 7 of which will be HOME funded.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Unfortunately we see the high cost of construction continuing to be a challenge for completing the number of units in a given year that we were producing when the consolidated plan was created. The city does not intend to continue our homeowner repair program at this time, but recognizes that the need is still great. We are exploring ways to expand collaboration with other entities such as Habitat for Humanity and New Vue Communities to meet this need in the future. For the time being, the City is focusing its HOME Program dollars on rental housing and potential homeownership projects.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	2	1
Low-income	2	2
Moderate-income	3	0
Total	7	3

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Habitat for Humanity's Critical Home repair projects (1055) completed 7 projects that assisted two extremely low income household, and two low- income household and 3 moderate income household. Four of the households were senior homeowners. We also assisted with 2 down payments to acquire homes built by Habitat for Humanity (1079, 1078), to 2 income-eligible families in Fitchburg.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City of Fitchburg provided Year 50 CDBG funds to the North Star Family Services Shelter and the Board of Health Street Outreach Program. NSFS is an emergency shelter which provides case management services to homeless families, which includes assistance with employment, finances, medical issues and securing permanent housing.

A working relationship between the Police Department, Fire Department, Mayor's Office, and the Board of Health has resulted in a unified, and individualized, approach to their efforts. In Year 50, CDBG funding was awarded to the Board of health to support a continuing program called Street Outreach. During the program year, the homeless street outreach team implemented outreach services and CDBG funded one full time employee doing outreach staff work in the field, identifying and interacting with individuals who are homeless, providing appropriate referrals and resources. They accompany folks to appointments and agencies to ensure a successful experience and assist with any paperwork and/or documentation that may be required. In addition, a certified recovery coach assisted with coordinating treatment recovery, and dedicated weekly time slots were added at Restoration Recovery where the team accompanies individuals to help them get plugged into the Continuum of Care system to obtain permanent housing. HIV and STD testing and COVID vaccines are provided monthly. The team meets with Lt. Howe at the Police Dept. weekly for discussions of ongoing issues, and a provider group meets weekly, and regular clean-ups of former homeless camps are conducted.

During this past year, the Street Outreach Team had a total of 9090 contacts with unsheltered individuals. 5,751 were male and 3,339 were female. Monthly Outreach Collaborations in Riverfront Park with resource tables by local community partners providing food, clothing, resources and fellowship. For the second winter, Street Outreach was able to implement an Overnight Warming Center for the unsheltered population in Fitchburg. Operating on limited budget, the Warming Center opened on 31 nights from 6pm - 8am and also remained open during two full days due to inclement weather. A total of 100 guests were served and the highest census count was 30 guests on several nights. Some guests stayed one night and some stayed 25 nights. Ninety-one (91) guests requested and received services, including referral application to long term shelter, detox placement, state ID appointment, clothing, and medical/behavioral health appointments.

This project was made possible by the contributions of many community partners whose collaborative efforts led to its success.

This past year, 1,526 doses of Naloxone were distributed. In addition to daily outreach to the unsheltered, formal Narcan trainings were conducted at local organizations including the Community

Justice Support Center of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, Community Health Connections ACTION, Clean Slate, Fitchburg Health Fair, Overdose Vigil, Mount Wachusett CC Health class, District Attorney Joseph D. Early's staff & My Turn. Several public community trainings were also held. The Health Department is an affiliate of the Commonwealth Naloxone Purchasing Program. We also distribute Fentanyl test strips as a harm reduction strategy.

Outreach & Prevention continues to facilitate biweekly Fitchburg Interagency Team Collaborative HUB meetings, bring together local providers and city departments who work with the unsheltered community, averaging 25+ attendees per meeting. Arranging guest speakers for each meeting resulted in a variety of presentations on pertinent topics. Outreach facilitated a winter coat drive to benefit students at Fitchburg Public Schools. Outreach staff collaborate with the McKinney-Vento program at FPS. Once again we also participated in the 12th Annual Homeless Persons Memorial Day Event at Action Community Health Center held each December. Working in collaboration with AIDS Project Worcester, the designated SSP for this region, we coordinated a successful HepA, HepB & Meningitis vaccine clinic.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Fitchburg supported the following agencies which address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons living within Fitchburg: North Star Family Services offers emergency shelter to families. The City of Fitchburg provided NSFS with CDBG funds in Year 50 to assist in their efforts. The CDBG funds were only used to assist Fitchburg families. The City is also working with Central MA Housing Alliance, (CMHA) located in Worcester Ma to create a better presence in North Worcester County. CMHA is our Continuum of Care and provides funds and services for the entire Worcester County.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The following activities aided in the prevention of low-income individuals and families with children from becoming homeless: HOME program activities in both Consortium cities, including the project from North Star Services' Journey Home Providing 15 units of affordable housing; CDBG-CV support to NewVue Communities to assist with rent and utilities. CDBG support to the CDBG Administration and Planning component of the Community Development Department enabled all of the CDBG programs which aid the homeless and those at risk of homelessness to operate in Fitchburg. The Board of Health Code Enforcement performs inspections of dwellings and enforce the state's sanitary and building codes in order to improve Fitchburg's housing stock inspecting over 502 dwellings in Year 50. Community Legal Aid is in its sixth year as a CDBG recipient and provides legal services to 16 individuals whose families are

facing eviction and/or housing discrimination. The Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster provided Transportation to 152 Youth from the Fitchburg Public School system to the Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster so they could attend their afterschool program, Project Learn STEAM, offering local youth transportation to a safe, positive place to learn and grow during crucial after school hours between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. to improve the educational outcomes of the youth served. The YMCA Spartacus Program is designed to promote the transformation of At-risk teens by utilizing the resources of the MCB Teen Center, the wellness center and Local Collaborators through adventure-based activities, boot-camp style workouts, academic tutoring, community service, leadership development, anger management counseling, and substance abuse assistance giving them the tools to succeed at school, at home, and in the community and go on to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

1. **North Star Family Services** offered services to homeless families in securing permanent housing, employment and child care. They also provided follow up services to families after they have left the shelter, to make sure they are able to maintain permanent housing.
2. **AIDS CARE Services Supportive Housing Program** located in Fitchburg provided homeless prevention services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their family members.
3. **Veteran Hospice Homestead** located in Fitchburg offered transitional housing to veterans.
4. **Fitchburg Veteran Services Office** provided referral services to veterans in need of housing and supportive services.
5. **VA Fitchburg Community-Based Outpatient Clinic** was opened in July 2015 providing services to Veterans living in the greater Fitchburg area. Services include primary care, mental health and lab blood drawing as well as connecting homeless veterans to appropriate services.
6. **Fitchburg Public Schools McKinney-Vento liaison** provided supportive services and referrals to homeless students and their families.
7. **ACTION Health Services** provided behavioral health, medical and dental care to the homeless as well publicly-housed individuals. Case management and skill training was offered to prevent homelessness.
8. **Community Legal Aid** provided legal services to those facing housing discrimination and/or eviction, as well as helped mediate landlord/tenant disputes that could lead to housing instability.

9. **Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Repair** identifies and works with existing homeowners to assess and alleviate critical health, life, and safety issues or code violations in need of repair.

10. **Board of Health Street Outreach Program** supplying necessary health, hygiene, and safety items as deemed appropriate by the outreach workers including referrals to medical/mental health/substance use treatment, shelter, etc.

11. **Fitchburg HUB**, an adhoc group of agencies working together and meeting twice a month to discuss challenges and solutions to homelessness issues. This is organized by the Board of Health's Outreach and Prevention Coordinator.

12. **Restoration Recovery** through their choices program assists with housing applications and other housing funds referrals, making shelter referrals, sober home referrals, and providing clinically homeless CoC intake, case management, as well as wrap-around services once housed.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City's Community Development Department continues to build relationships with the housing authority and has provided commitments to assist in the rehabilitation of substandard housing authority units. The department continues to work with the Fitchburg Housing Authority regardless of if we fund a project. The board of Health is providing code inspections for the Housing Authority.

Actions taken to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Housing Authority started a Family Self-Sufficiency program and invited Community Development staff to join their program steering committee. Staff have attended two committee meetings thus far and we will be picking up the meetings again in the fall.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

N/A

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

Through the use of CDBG funds, The Sanitary Code Enforcement Inspectors of the Board of Health Code Enforcement team monitors and enforces compliance with sections of the State Sanitary Code that relate to housing, lead paint, asbestos, rodent, abandoned vehicles, graffiti, trash, and related nuisance complaints. Inspections were conducted on a total of 232 units and 502 dwellings, during the quarter. 988 violations were issued and 880 corrections were noted. 228 units received a code violation in the quarter and 228 were corrected. All violations were corrected by property owners therefore no CDBG or other funds were used for these repairs. Most compliance occurred after inspectors filed a complaint against the property owners in Housing Court.

The Public Safety Group called the Neighborhood Improvement Code Enforcement or NICE continues to improve communication among various departments in the city. Procedures and new strategies continue to develop between the Board of Health, Community Development, Building Department, Public Works, Law, Police and Fire Departments to address fire-damaged, vacant, foreclosed, abandoned and blighted dilapidated and problem dwellings.

No dwellings were demolished in year 50; while 12 vacant and accessible buildings were boarded and secured under the direction of the target area inspector.

Tickets, fines, and court action have been issued to violators for various code violations with efforts geared toward ridding target neighborhoods of conditions of blight and to promote proper and supervised repair to buildings. There were \$3440 in fines collected this year.

There was one lead Paint Determinations and no Full Lead Inspections conducted this year.

The City of Fitchburg revised downtown zoning regulations, aligning with the 2021 MBTA Communities Act. This act requires 177 Massachusetts cities and towns, including Fitchburg, to accommodate multifamily housing near public transportation.

The updated zoning regulations now allow multifamily housing developments by right in designated areas, rather than by special permit. This change is anticipated to enhance the local economy, expand the availability of workforce housing, and foster more inclusive communities.

Fitchburg also updated its accessory dwelling unit zoning. This provides small additional dwelling units to rent without adding to the number of buildings in the City, or substantially altering the appearance of the City, providing alternative housing options for elder residents, and enable owners of single family dwellings larger than required for their present needs, particularly elderly homeowners, to share space and the burdens of home ownership.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The principal obstacle in meeting underserved needs was the lack of adequate resources to address those needs in a comprehensive manner. The City of Fitchburg effectively and efficiently addressed many obstacles to meeting underserved needs by not only funding essential services through CDBG, but also by encouraging collaboration and cooperation among various city agencies and departments. The Year 50 Action Plan included funding to provide services to very low income families through the North Star Family Services (NSFS) shelter, which is the only family shelter in the region, and provides access to shelter, food, employment assistance, and case management. Through CDBG-CV funds, NewVue Provided rent and utility assistance to income-qualified families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mayor's Energy Fund continues to assist low-income families in need of utility assistance.

Youth were served by Year 50 funding through afterschool programs provided by the YMCA Spartacus Program for 50 at-risk youth. The Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster provided transportation to 152 youth from the Fitchburg Public School system to the Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster so they could attend their afterschool program, Project Learn STEAM, offering local youth a safe, positive place to learn and grow during crucial after school hours between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. to improve the educational outcomes of the youth served.

CDBG Funding in Year 50 enabled the Board of Health to continue a program called Street Outreach, which assisted an average of 2272 individuals each quarter by supplying necessary health, hygiene, and safety items as deemed appropriate by the outreach workers including referrals to medical/mental health/substance use treatment, shelter, etc.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

During the program year, every housing repair project assisted by the City of Fitchburg had been tested for, and had lead paint hazards addressed if it was present.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Economic Development office, a division of the Community Development Department, worked with local businesses to create and/or retain low- and moderate-income jobs in the City of Fitchburg. This will ultimately reduce the number of persons below the poverty line. Year 50 CDBG funding was provided to NewVue Communities for the Small Business Technical Assistance Program. This program aided in the effort of assisting businesses to create/retain jobs, develop business plans and provide funds to leverage loans to small businesses in Fitchburg. The City recognized that the current level of federal, state and local resources is inadequate to sufficiently address the vast number of issues which contribute to, or are caused by, poverty. It continued, however, to address issues of homelessness, transitional housing needs, youth services, and economic development, all of which can be associated in part with poverty, through its CDBG program investments.

The City continued to work with several local anti-poverty agencies to pursue available resources to combat poverty. Those agencies included NewVue Communities, Making Opportunities Count, (MOC) the designated regional anti-poverty agency serving the Consortium, as well as Community Legal Aid's Homelessness Prevention Program to provide thorough and comprehensive legal outreach and advocacy to Fitchburg's low-income and elderly renters, with the goal of helping them obtain and maintain safe and affordable housing.

The North Central Massachusetts Regional Employment Board distributed information regarding publicly funded education, training and employment programs at the local Housing Authority sites. Information regarding the housing programs funded through CDBG and administered through the Fitchburg Community Development Department was distributed locally at various human service agencies that serve lower-income and minority populations.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

None at this time

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City works in collaboration with a number of housing entities and agencies including the Fitchburg Housing Authority. Ongoing relationships between these entities and social service agencies already exist, most notably, MOC, and the Fitchburg Housing Authority. The City continues to encourage the Farmer's Market run through Growing Places to remain in the downtown area near a number of Senior Housing Authority properties for ease of access to fresh produce.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

Recommendations in the current analysis of impediments to fair housing choice report included; improve public and private housing choices, improve and support informational programs which promote fair housing and housing opportunities; increase diversity on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, Promote visitability in housing by considering ways in which the concept of visitability can be included in residential projects, and record actions taken to eliminate identified impediments.

The City committed available resources to address housing needs through rehab. of homeownership and rental units and providing development funding for the creating of new rental and homeownership units with community developers. The City promotes reuse of abandoned, former demolition lots; amends zoning and other regulatory requirements; uses public funds for demolition of abandoned and blighted properties; and encourages housing development and programs which service the elderly. In recent years, the City requested proposals for development of affordable housing on two city-owned parcels, selling both parcels to Habitat for Humanity for nominal amounts. Rental projects funded with

HOME Program are required to make at least 5% of those units accessible and meet affirmative marketing requirements for the full affordability period under the program. The City monitors compliance with these requirements annually.

During the reporting period, the Community Development Dept. continued to provide as needed housing counseling and referral services to minority and low income property owners, renters and potential renters, along with NewVue Communities. The City also provided funding to Community Legal Aid to assist with wrongful eviction and/or housing discrimination for both Low-income renters with CDBG funding and low-income renters effected by the COVID-19 pandemic with CDBG-CV funding. Additionally, with the onset of the pandemic, shut downs, and overall job losses, the City allocated the remainder of its federal CDBG-CV assistance to NewVue Communities to provide rent and Utility Assistance to clients who are income eligible Fitchburg residents in need. This project and the Cares Act project with Community Legal Aid is expected to be completed by December 2024.

The Fitchburg Housing Authority listed activities to affirmatively further fair housing in its 2015-2019 PHA Plan. The City's of Fitchburg holds its Community Resources Fair each fall and includes information on fair housing as well as information from the Public Housing Authority regarding their affordable housing.

InTown Fitchburg focused on several neighborhoods in the heart of our CDBG target area. The collaboration is focused in three key areas: economic development & entrepreneurship, housing, and community engagement. Through community engagement, the project proposes to Increase the collective impact by developing systems that empower residents to address their needs in the neighborhood, build capacity of resident leaders, and strengthen social connections among residents. MassDevelopment awarded Fitchburg with a TDI (Transformative Development Initiative) Fellow for 3 years. This Fellow works with the City and private developers to expand development in Downtown.

The City also continues to fund the Health Departments Code Enforcement activites in the CDBG target area, the areas with the highest concentration of low income rental households to improve the quality of housing for these renters.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Fitchburg's Community Development Department will continue its practice of conducting regular program meetings during which the following agenda will be addressed: Review of all active housing cases and issues, including codes and CDBG/HOME regulatory compliance; Review of all proposed projects for compliance with program priorities and conformance with Consolidated Plan goals and strategies; including timeliness of expenditures; Review overall progress in meeting goals and strategies of the Consolidated Plan.

Final housing project recommendations are subject to the review and approval of the Community Development Executive Director and the Director of Housing and Development. Individuals who disagree with a decision or other action of the housing program or its staff, may appeal first to the Community Development Executive Director and then subsequently, to the Planning Board at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Both Fitchburg and Leominster's CDBG and HOME funded housing and code enforcement staff will work with their respective building departments and other municipal departments to ensure long term compliance with housing codes, and other appropriate regulations and statutes.

Contractor advertisements related to housing rehab include the statement: "Minority and women owned contracting firms and Section 3 businesses (owned by 51% or more by low or very-low income persons) are strongly encouraged to apply." In addition to its regular meetings, the Department solicits citizen participation and comment on its performance in meeting its overall Consolidated Plan program goals throughout each program year. Citizens and interested parties may offer comments at public hearings, etc. Any member of the public may review housing program policies and other public information available at the Community Development Department and on our website. We received no no written comments and any comments received during our first public hearing are provided in the copy of the minutes with our citizen participation attachments.

Both Fitchburg and Leominster participated in the North Central Mass. Community Reinvestment Act Coalition (NCMCRA) and the Continuum of Care Coalition which meets regularly with agencies and individuals representing various community needs, including the housing needs of the low income, minority and special needs population.

The City funded anti-poverty and minority agencies, including NewVue Communities, Inc., North Star Family Services, the Street Outreach Program, and MOC, Inc. Through the NewVue Communities CDBG-funded Microenterprise Program, income documentation was required for job creation and job retention with low-mod percentages. The CDBG mailing list includes minority agencies.

Performance Measurement was included in CDBG applications and monitoring forms. Action Plans contained activity descriptions, outputs, and outcomes. The CDBG/HOME staff regularly monitored the programs and projects carried out under its CDBG and HOME programs. Program Monitoring and Fiscal Monitoring tools were used by Community Development Department when conducting formal agency monitoring. Job creation/job retention forms were used by CDBG subrecipients when appropriate. In addition to monitoring activities, an audit was required as part of the CDBG application and is reviewed upon receipt.

The Community Development Department's Director of Housing and Development was responsible for insuring that information submitted to HUD, through its IDIS reporting system, is correct and complete.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

The City maintains a Citizen Participation Plan to guide the Department in seeking public comment on Action Plans, Amendments, and Performance Reports.

In addition to the standard legal ads in the local newspaper, the Community Development Department utilizes its website, departmental newsletters, social media accounts, and emails notifications to alert the public to formal opportunities for feedback, including the Public Comment Form and public meetings. Staff contact information is available on the City website, and the comment portal remains open throughout the year.

This year, in recent updates to our Citizen Participation Plan, are now utilizing the Community Bulletin Board and televised public service announcements through the local Fitchburg Access Television as a means to increase outreach and participation of our community in lieu of the legal Ads in the local newspaper.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The jurisdiction had no changes in the program objectives for the CDBG Year 50

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-50 - HOME 24 CFR 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in 24 CFR §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

The City is currently working with the Board of Health to schedule inspections for the calendar year 2025-2026. Our previous inspector retired. All properties currently due an inspection will be inspected before the calendar year ends.

Projects subject to inspection include:

In Fitchburg: 470 Main St., 30 Summer St., 143 Marshall St., 16 Prichard St., 184 Prichard St., 69 Academy St., 4 Leighton St., 1428 Main St., 10 Main St,

In Leominster: 140 Adams St., 95 Adams St., 42 Terrace Dr., 24 State St., and 142 Water St.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 24 CFR 91.520(e) and 24 CFR 92.351(a)

We've reviewed and approved Fitchburg Arts Community and Journey Home's Affirmative Marketing and Tenant selection plans.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

During the program year, we did not utilize any program income.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 24 CFR 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 24 CFR 91.320(j)

Several community programs have also been funded with CDBG funding to foster and maintain affordable housing. The City's CDBG funded Community Legal Aid to assist Fitchburg residents with

eviction prevention, funded Habitat for Humanity's critical home repair to assist low-income homeowners to make needed home repairs, and funded code enforcement to ensure low-income renters can live in housing that meets state-required quality standards. Working with Habitat for Humanity, we provided down payment assistance to 2 low-income family with our HOME funding. The City is also providing HOME funding to assist NewVue Communities with the Fitchburg Arts Community which will provide 68 mixed-income, artist-preference apartments in three former historic municipal buildings, 10 of which will be benefit low-income and very low-income households. Four more units were assisted in the North Star Family Shelter Project will be specifically set aside for extremely low-income families living in shelter, ready to transition to permanent housing.

CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours	0	0			
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0			
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0			

Table 14 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers	0	0			
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	0	0			
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0	0			
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.	0	0			
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	0	0			
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0			
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	0	0			
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.	0	0			
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.	0	0			
Held one or more job fairs.	0	0			
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	0	0			
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.	0	0			
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0	0			
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.	0	0			
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	0	0			
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0	0			
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0			
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.	0	0			
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.	0	0			
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.	0	0			

Other.	0	0			
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Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

Our streetscapes activities up to this point have been combined activities. Each program year. While the activities combined exceed \$200,000, we have not had a single construction project that has exceeded \$200,000 in construction work that was contracted out to an individual company. Most of the work is completed by the municipality and therefore have had no section 3 eligible activities.

During the Program Year, the PJ funded the Fitchburg Arts Community Project, as this project is not yet complete, Section 3 data will be reported next year.