

### Fiscal Year 2024/25 October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

# Draft Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report









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#### **Executive Summary**

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) provides information on housing and community development activities in the County of Volusia. This is the fifth and final report for the FY 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan. The five-year plan identified several needs, goals, and objectives concerning community development and housing. The report describes the County of Volusia's progress towards those identified goals for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

The CAPER was prepared by the County of Volusia's Community Assistance Division, Grants Activity and combines planning and reporting requirements for activities funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

This is a draft version of the 2024/25 fiscal year CAPER. The community is encouraged to review, analyze, and comment on the document before it is finalized and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The draft report is available at the following locations:

- Community Assistance DeLand office
- Human Services Daytona Beach office
- All Volusia County Library locations
- Online at www.volusia.org/reports

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#### **CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes**

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

Over the last year, the County of Volusia's Housing and Grants Activities has worked towards carrying out the fifth year of the strategic plan as well as the Annual Action Plan. Due to the current construction market, there have been challenges and delays in project completion dates, however, programs continue to be implemented to work toward the county's annual and strategic plan goals. This report will summarize the fifth year of the annual performance as outlined in the five-year Consolidated Plan. Several infrastructure and public facility improvement activities are currently underway but were not completed during the reporting period. Community development projects are continuously implemented with CDBG funds administered through HUD, working with the nine participating jurisdictions, primarily benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. The primary goal of this funding is to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for persons of low- and moderate-income.

The county continued to work on CDBG-CV projects that were underway in the prior fiscal year. There were two CDBG-CV activities completed during the 2024/25 fiscal year and several projects underway that are anticipated to be completed in the 2025/26 fiscal year.

During the 2024/25 fiscal year, 100% of CDBG disbursements excluding administration benefited low- and moderate-income persons. Housing assistance activities continue to be implemented utilizing HOME, CDBG, ESG, Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), and other available funding that provides decent and affordable housing in the community.

The purpose of SHIP funding is to assist local governments with producing and sustaining affordable homeownership and multifamily housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families. Over the last year, the SHIP program has been the main funding source for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, and emergency repair projects due to high allocations and the funding's strict expenditure requirements. The county primarily focused on utilizing SHIP funds to assist residents in need of minor repairs related to immediate health

and safety reasons during the 2024/25 fiscal year. Additionally, SHIP funds were used to provide funding for new affordable housing developments.

Several families were housed or were able to maintain their housing using ESG funding. Utilizing ESG, there is currently a homelessness prevention project open and being implemented. The County of Volusia also received a third allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant -Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH) funding to assist households experiencing homelessness or housing instability in areas impacted by Hurricanes Ian, Helene, and Milton. The funding was provided by HUD and activated as a result of the President's major disaster declaration DR-4673-FL, dated September 29, 2022, in response to Hurricane Ian. The funding coverage was expanded to include the President's major disaster declarations DR-4834-FL, dated October 11, 2024, and DR-4828-FL in response to Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

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)

Affordable housing goals and outcomes are discussed in detail in the CR-20 section. The county continued to use ESG and ESG-RUSH funds toward homelessness activities. Halifax Urban Ministries was awarded ESG funds for homelessness prevention and is on track to fully expended all prior awards this fiscal year through housing assistance programs for those at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The first allocation of ESG-RUSH that the county received was fully expended during the 2023/24 fiscal year. Halifax Urban Ministries is continuing to provide rapid re-housing funded through the county's second ESG-RUSH allocation. Halifax Urban Ministries is continuing to provide rapid re-housing funded through the county's second ESG-RUSH allocation. Halifax Urban Ministries, Salvation Army, and Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless were also awarded the county's ESG-RUSH allocation for the emergency shelter operating, implementation of a rapid re-housing program, and administration.

CDBG funds were made available for the purpose of public service to the Dr. Joyce M. Cusack Resource Center, Hope Place Homeless Shelter, and Sender Retreat Adult Day Care Center. While the previous goal set for public service activities funded with CDBG was not met, it was just under 95%. Public facilities and infrastructure projects utilizing CDBG funds surpassed the goal previously set. The County of Volusia has continued to see delays in materials and increases in

construction costs which have resulted in delays of proposed projects but prior year projects completed during 2024/25 fiscal year allowed the goal to be met.

HOME funds were used to work toward goals from prior fiscal years. The housing related goals set forth for the 2024/25 fiscal year were not realized with HOME funds; however, great strides were made in the development of new rental housing. While no units have been completed and cannot yet be reported, funds were drawn for eligible expenses relating to these rental developments. The county anticipates being able to report accomplishments for these units in the next two fiscal years.

The County of Volusia continues to prioritize efforts to identify and certify new Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) to strengthen CHDO capacity within the county. Although a previously funded CHDO was unable to identify a suitable housing unit for acquisition and rehabilitation, the County remains committed to supporting CHDO activities. Due to the ongoing rise in housing costs, CHDO funds from several years will be combined to create a more competitive and feasible funding opportunity. Technical assistance has been provided to potential CHDOs and the County plans to issue a competitive solicitation to award funding for eligible housing development projects once a CHDO is certified.

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.

Non-housing community development projects, funded by CDBG, worked toward the broad goal of creating a more suitable living environment. The County of Volusia's highest priorities in this category include improving public facilities and infrastructure. During the 2024/25 fiscal year, \$1,373,240 was expended on public facilities and infrastructure projects. The county continues to see delays in materials which has caused projects to start several months after what was initially planned. Several additional projects are currently underway and are expected to be completed during the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Affordable housing has been designated as a priority goal in the five-year Consolidated Plan. Funds have been allocated towards housing rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance, rental development, homeowner development, tenant-based rental assistance, and CHDO

development to address the priority need. Funds were used to assist low to moderate families with finding affordable housing during the 2024/25 fiscal year.

Goal	Category	Funding Source and Amount Available	Outcome Indicator	Outcome Unit of Measure	Outcome Expected – Strategic Plan	Outcome Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Outcome Expected – Program Year	Outcome Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Public Facilities/ Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$3,649,332	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	34,939	110,218	Exceeded expected benefit	13,566	39,642	Exceeded expected benefit
Housing - Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$200,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	50	0	0%	0	0	N/A
Housing - Rehabilitation Administration	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$133,395	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	0	4	Exceeded expected benefit	0	0	N/A
Rental Housing - Creation of Rental Units	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$4,038,955	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	9	0	0%	2	0	0%
Homeowner housing  – Creation of Additional Units	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$2,025,084	Homeowner Housing added	Household Housing Unit	4	6	Exceeded expected benefit	5	1	20%
Homeowner Housing – Homebuyer Assistance	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$19,388	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	78	16	21%	0	1	Exceeded expected benefit
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$0	Increase Access to Affordable Housing	Households Assisted	15	0	0%	0	0	N/A
Rapid Re-Housing	Homeless	ESG: \$0	Tenant-based assistance/Rapid re- housing	Households Assisted	50	148	Exceeded expected benefit	0	0	N/A
Homelessness Prevention	Persons at risk of homelessness	ESG: \$138,031	Homelessness Prevention	Households Assisted	100	136	Exceeded expected benefit	20	10	50%
Rapid Re-Housing RUSH	Homeless	ESG-RUSH: \$1,269,338	Rapid re-housing	Households Assisted	121	127	Exceeded expected benefit	40	69	Exceeded expected benefit
Emergency Shelter Operating RUSH	Homeless	ESG-RUSH: \$124,910	Shelter Operating	Households Assisted	15	14	93%	15	14	93%
Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$117,721	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	15,227	24,722	Exceeded expected benefit	6,215	5,897	95%
Planning and Administration	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$646,178 HOME: \$386,139 ESG: \$10,966 ESG-RUSH: \$110,001	Other	Other						
Unprogrammed Funds		CDBG: \$24,230 HOME: \$128,942								

**Table 1: Con Plan Goals and Accomplishments** 

#### 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)

The following table provides details of the racial and ethnic status of the population assisted during the 2024/25 fiscal year with CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. The beneficiary data that is included in the table below is vastly different for CDBG activities than it is for HOME or ESG activities. The characteristics of persons that benefit from both HOME and ESG activities are collected directly for each service or project completed during the fiscal year, but the same is not true for CDBG activities. The characteristics reported for CDBG activities are gathered using two different methods. For activities providing housing, public services, services for persons who are disabled, and homelessness assistance, the data information is collected from beneficiaries directly which is shown in the below table. For capital projects, which provide an area benefit, census tract data is used to determine the amount of people assisted. This information is not shown in the table below because those projects benefit an area within a population that is predominantly low- and moderate-income persons rather than direct services. The distinction is important because the total CDBG beneficiary data in the table does not include all persons benefiting from completed CDBG activities.

During the 2024/25 fiscal year, CDBG completed 10 capital projects which included infrastructure and public facilities that were reported using area benefit data. The table below does not show individuals assisted from these capital projects, but rather the area benefit, due to the activities benefiting a predominately low- and moderate-income persons area. A total of 36,010 persons were served with the completion of these 10 capital projects in low- and moderate-income persons area. Also, during the 2024/25 fiscal year, two public services activities and one capital project that benefited disabled individuals were completed. One additional public service activity is underway, and persons served during the 2024/25 fiscal year are being reported. The table below shows beneficiary data on the total number of people assisted through the projects completed that provided a direct benefit.

	CDBG	HOME	ESG
White	3,385	6	10
Black or African American	1,124	0	14
Asian	295	0	0
American Indian or American Native	26	0	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Other multi-racial	1,524	0	3
Total	6,354	6	29
Hispanic	696	3	3
Not Hispanic	5,658	3	26

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



#### CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

#### Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source of Funds Source		Amount Expended During Fiscal Year
CDBG	public - federal	\$4,570,856	\$1,889,545
HOME	public - federal	\$6,798,508	\$1,361,320
ESG	public - federal	\$148,997	\$60,015
ESG-RUSH	public - federal	\$1,504,249	\$939,188

**Table 3 - Resources Made Available** 

The table above provides the funds available, including committed funds from prior year activities that were not yet completed at the start of the 2024/25 fiscal year. All funds expended throughout the fiscal year were used to work toward the goals set forth in the Consolidated Plan. Balances remaining are for projects that are underway or projects that will start during the 2025/26 fiscal year. The County of Volusia also had other federal, state, and local resources available to assist in completing annual plan goals.

The Volusia County Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) program is operated by the County of Volusia's Community Assistance Division with an annual budget of approximately \$2.4 million to provide rental assistance to eligible low-income households.

The County of Volusia was awarded one-time allocations of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 and 3 funds from HUD in 2009 and 2011 respectively. The NSP3 allocation continues to provide grant funds and program income to support housing activities that help stabilize neighborhoods which were hardest hit by the foreclosure crisis ("NSP target areas"). The county owns one NSP3 lot from acquiring a foreclosed home in need of reconstruction. Following demolition, construction of an affordable two-bedroom, one-bathroom, single family home was completed at the end of the 2024/25 fiscal year. The home is anticipated to be listed by the end of the calendar year and will be sold to an income eligible buyer

The County of Volusia was awarded over five million dollars in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. The funds included two CDBG-CV allocations totaling \$2,605,607. A total of \$335,120 in CDBG-CV funds was expended during the 2024/25 fiscal year.

Remaining CDBG-CV projects are underway and are projected to be completed in fiscal year 2025/26. The Community Assistance Division must fully expend the remaining CDBG-CV award by the 2025/26 fiscal year due to grant deadlines.

In addition to HUD funds, the County of Volusia also received \$3,078,746 in State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) funding for the 2024/25 fiscal year. Program income earned through the SHIP program was used to leverage HOME funds within the HOME match report which is shown in table 6.

Funded by the State of Florida, the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) serves low-income individuals and families living in Volusia County. The CSBG program provides financial assistance, case management, and referral services to low-income people. Working with clients to reach economic self-sufficiency through employment and educational opportunities is a priority of the CSBG program.

#### Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments.

A series of maps on the subsequent pages illustrate the funds that have been expended throughout the jurisdiction area in the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. The figures shown include funds expended for projects that are underway, even if accomplishments were yet to be realized at the end of the fiscal year. These maps do not include expenditures for special allocations like CDBG-CV and ESG-RUSH.

Most of the funding that is made available for affordable housing activities is available throughout the Volusia County entitlement community and is not specifically designated on a geographic basis. For CDBG funding, the Volusia County entitlement community includes the unincorporated areas of Volusia County and nine participating municipalities, excluding Daytona Beach, Deltona, Pierson, Port Orange, Ponce Inlet, Oak Hill, and Edgewater. Activities may still be carried out in the non-participating cities if they provide a countywide benefit.

There are two target areas within the County of Volusia. The historic westside of New Smyrna Beach is an area where the City of New Smyrna Beach has targeted their CDBG resources. Approximately 7% of the fiscal year 2024/25 CDBG allocation was planned to be used in the Westside area, and that allocation has not changed. The allocation was for a park improvement

project, including a new pavilion, in the target area. The project is underway, and accomplishments will be reported in the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Approximately 2% of the total CDBG allocation for fiscal year 2024/25 was allocated to a public service activity in another target area, Spring Hill in DeLand. The allocation increased when a new sidewalk improvement project was awarded utilizing fiscal year 2024/25 funds. All funds allocated for the public service activity have been expended. This funding was used to pay for operation and staff costs for the Dr. Joyce Cusack Resource Center. The capital project includes a new sidewalk connecting Southwestern Middle School to the Boys and Girls Club of Volusia/Flagler Counties located in the target area. The project is underway and is expected to be completed during the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description	
SPRING HILL	2%	15%	Public Service Activity/ Sidewalk Improvement Project	
WESTSIDE - NEW SMYRNA BEACH	7%	7%	Park Improvement Project	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

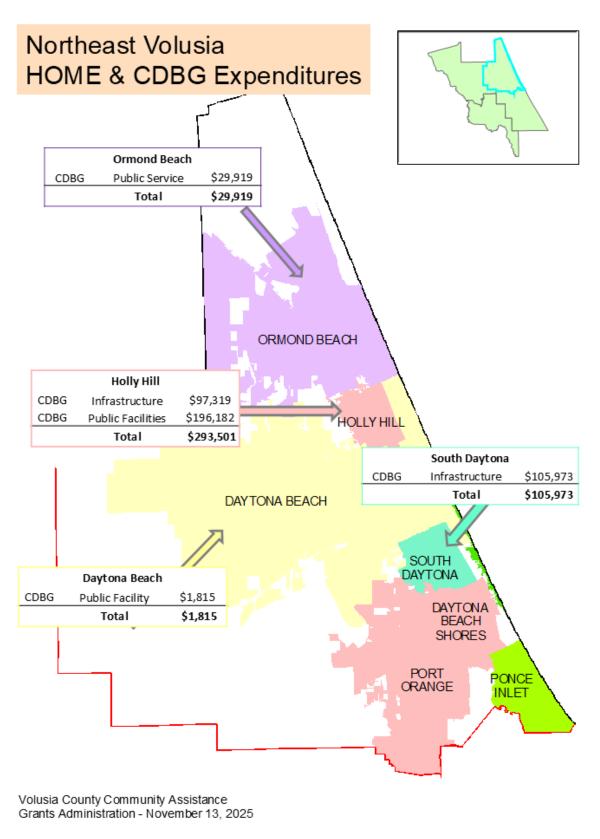
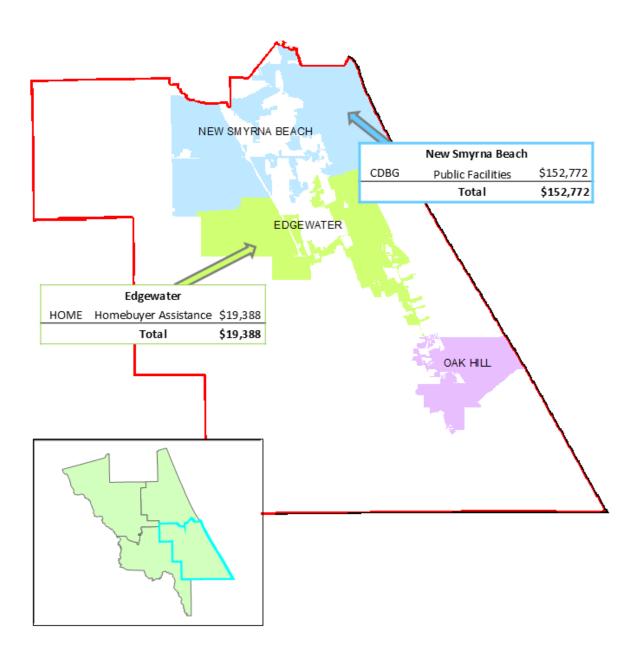


Figure 1- Northeast Volusia HOME & CDBG Expenditures

## Southeast Volusia HOME & CDBG Expenditures



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Figure 2: Southeast Volusia HOME & CDBG Expenditures

## Southwest Volusia HOME & CDBG Expenditures

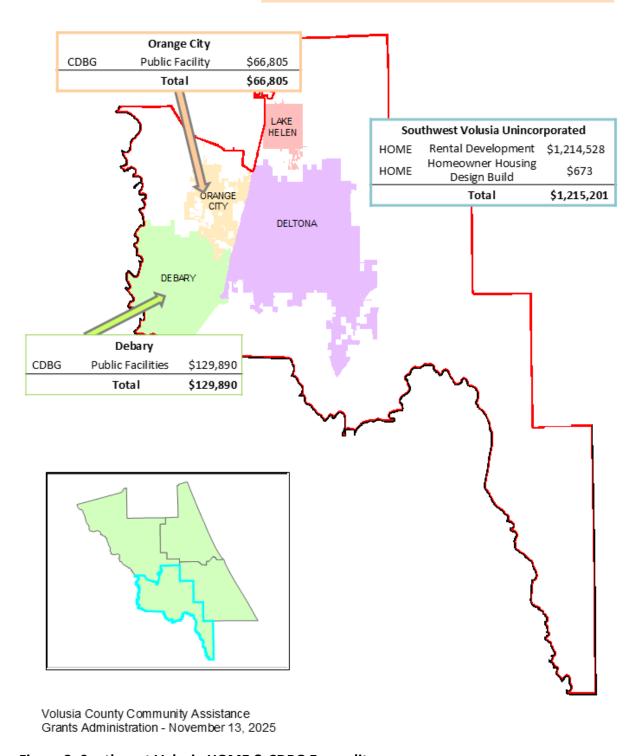
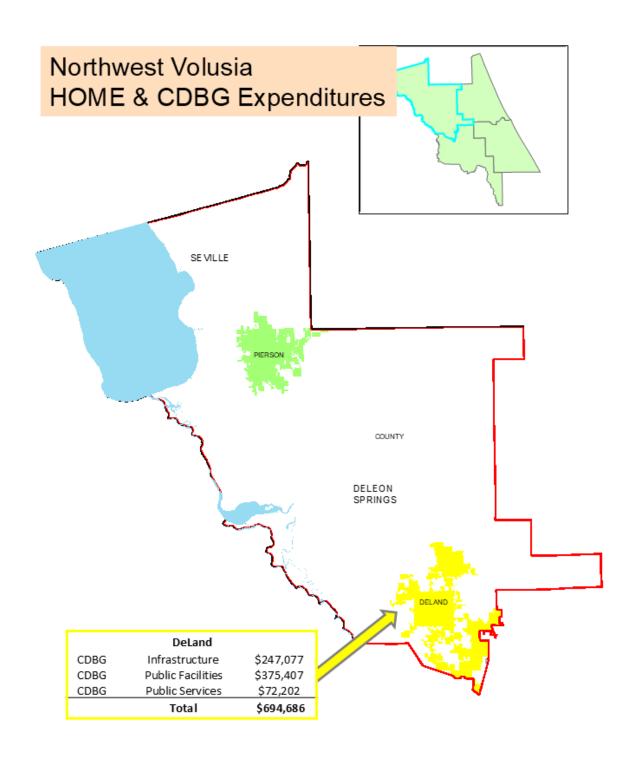


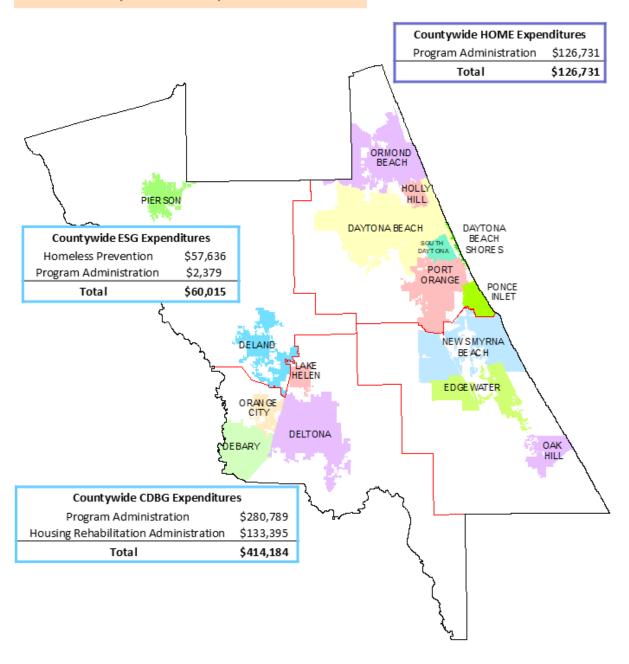
Figure 3: Southwest Volusia HOME & CDBG Expenditures



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Figure 4: Northwest Volusia HOME & CDBG Expenditures

## Countywide Expenditures CDBG, HOME, and ESG



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Figure 5: Countywide HOME, CDBG, and ESG Expenditures

#### 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 many publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Federal funds provided through CDBG, HOME, and ESG were able to leverage additional resources during the fiscal year. As costs to complete activities exceed the amount of funding available for subrecipients and non-profit agencies, CDBG funds have leveraged local funding in order for eligible projects to be completed. While CDBG does not require a match, subrecipients, and non-profits have utilized other funding sources when bid proposals or the cost to provide services exceeds available funding amounts.

As part of the Affordable Housing Initiative, there has been a focus put on ensuring that the county's funds available to affordable housing are maximized and leveraged with other funding. Innovative solicitations that combine the county's land, HOME, HOME-ARP funding, and State Housing Initiatives Program (SHIP) seek to find developments that can combine even more resources to create a successful project. During a round of competitive funding in the 2023/24 fiscal year, four multi-family rental housing projects were awarded \$7,846,763, including \$4,048,428 in HOME, that will support the development of 302 units and leverage \$107 million in other resources. All the projects have been moving through the process throughout the 2024/25 fiscal year and are either underway or soon to be underway. The HOME program match requirements were satisfied for current year eligible expenses using State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds. These expenditures were invested in homebuyer assistance and housing rehabilitation projects that had program and income requirements comparable to HOME, as well as the prior years' excess HOME match that has been reported on an ongoing basis.

Through the Homeowner Housing Design Build program, one home was developed on a county-owned lot and sold to an 80% AMI household during the 2024/25 fiscal year. This project leveraged county owned land acquired through tax deed with HOME and SHIP funds used for construction.

The County of Volusia plans to use HOME funds to expand affordable rental and homeownership opportunities on county owned land purchased with CDBG funds or deeded to the county for affordable housing purposes. As required by state law, the County of Volusia maintains an inventory of county-owned surplus land suitable for affordable housing and may donate these properties to nonprofit organizations with proceeds dedicated to increasing the affordable housing supply. During the 2023/24 fiscal year, the County issued a solicitation for nonprofit developers to produce new homebuyer units and develop affordable housing on county-owned land. Through this process, a Community Land Trust (CLT) was awarded in fiscal year 2024/25 to construct five single-family homes for buyers earning at or below 80% AMI. Under this effort, the CLT will develop a mix of single-family and duplex units, expanding long-term affordable housing opportunities for residents for an affordability period of at least 30 years.

The county revises that resolution with the inventory of lands suitable for affordable housing when required by state law, or when there is a need to add or remove properties. The last update was made in January of 2024. The list of county-owned land parcels appropriate for affordable housing is currently posted on the county's website. The Community Assistance Division continues to review all available lands with the Growth and Resource Management Department to identify parcels that appear to be suitable for building one or more affordable housing units.

#### Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match

1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	\$27,539,705.15
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	\$1,507,314.59
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	\$29,047,019.74
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	\$65,442.69
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	\$28,981,577.05

**Table 5- Fiscal Year Summary- HOME Match Report** 

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
24.01.NON	10/01/24	\$11,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,200.00
24.02.NON	10/02/24	\$6,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,375.00
24.03.NON	10/15/24	\$19,697.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,697.07
24.04.NON	10/15/24	\$18,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,500.00
24.05.NON	10/18/24	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
24.06.NON	10/18/24	\$7,975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,975.00
24.07.NON	10/24/24	\$13,330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,330.00
24.08.NON	10/27/24	\$19,630.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,630.00
24.09.NON	10/30/24	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00
24.10.NON	10/31/24	\$6,780.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,780.99
24.11.NON	11/04/24	\$6,950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,950.00
24.12.NON	11/05/24	\$9,225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,225.00
24.13.NON	11/05/24	\$9,564.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,564.46
24.14.NON	11/12/24	\$18,713.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,713.46
24.15.NON	11/15/24	\$13,883.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,883.00
24.16.NON	11/18/24	\$6,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,400.00
24.17.NON	11/26/24	\$13,506.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,506.68
24.18.NON	11/27/24	\$10,315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,315.00
24.19.NON	11/27/24	\$9,220.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,220.00
24.20.NON	12/05/24	\$12,525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,525.00
24.21.NON	12/05/24	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,500.00
24.22.NON	12/12/24	\$7,005.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,005.00
24.23.NON	12/16/24	\$15,975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,975.00
24.24.NON	12/23/24	\$9,510.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,510.28
24.25.NON	12/31/24	\$23,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,500.00
24.26.NON	01/03/25	\$8,960.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,960.00

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
24.27.NON	01/03/25	\$14,925.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,925.00
24.28.NON	01/08/25	\$15,374.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,374.54
24.29.NON	01/09/25	\$12,175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,175.00
24.30.NON	01/09/25	\$6,865.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,865.00
24.31.NON	01/09/25	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
24.32.NON	01/10/25	\$13,510.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,510.00
24.33.NON	01/14/25	\$14,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,500.00
24.34.NON	01/22/25	\$39,388.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,388.44
24.35.NON	01/25/25	\$14,995.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,995.00
24.36.NON	01/28/25	\$7,499.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,499.28
24.37.NON	01/31/25	\$49,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,000.00
24.38.NON	01/31/25	\$13,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,100.00
24.39.NON	02/10/25	\$6,249.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,249.28
24.40.NON	02/10/25	\$17,588.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,588.82
24.41.NON	02/11/25	\$5,780.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,780.00
24.42.NON	02/18/25	\$6,990.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,990.00
24.43.NON	02/20/25	\$11,293.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,293.00
24.44.NON	02/21/25	\$19,747.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,747.58
24.45.NON	02/28/25	\$8,640.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,640.00
24.46.NON	02/28/25	\$5,320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,320.00
24.47.NON	03/05/25	\$5,995.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,995.00
24.48.NON	03/07/25	\$19,222.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,222.58
24.49.NON	03/12/25	\$6,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,080.00
24.50.NON	03/18/25	\$5,696.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,696.00
24.51.NON	03/19/25	\$15,135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,135.00
24.52.NON	03/21/25	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00

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
24.53.NON	03/25/25	\$15,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,800.00
24.54.NON	03/25/25	\$3,157.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,157.00
24.55.NON	03/26/25	\$12,485.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,485.00
24.56.NON	03/27/25	\$6,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,700.00
24.57.NON	03/28/25	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,900.00
24.58.NON	03/28/25	\$6,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,450.00
24.59.NON	04/15/25	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,500.00
24.60.NON	04/17/25	\$9,000.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.93
24.61.NON	04/21/25	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
24.62.NON	04/21/25	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
24.63.NON	04/21/25	\$8,550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,550.00
24.64.NON	04/23/25	\$12,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,300.00
24.65.NON	04/23/25	\$6,642.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,642.00
24.66.NON	04/25/25	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,300.00
24.67.NON	04/30/25	\$9,965.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,965.00
24.68.NON	05/01/25	\$13,950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,950.00
24.69.NON	05/09/25	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
24.70.NON	05/13/25	\$8,370.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,370.00
24.71.NON	05/28/25	\$1,604.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,604.00
24.72.NON	06/10/25	\$8,433.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,433.19
24.73.NON	06/12/25	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
24.74.NON	06/19/25	\$11,765.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,765.00
24.75.NON	06/27/25	\$6,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,800.00
24.76.NON	07/02/25	\$11,155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,155.00
24.77.NON	07/08/25	\$9,345.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,345.00
24.78.NON	07/15/25	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,200.00

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
24.79.NON	07/18/25	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
24.80.NON	07/18/25	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
24.81.NON	07/20/25	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,200.00
24.82.NON	07/22/25	\$8,325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,325.00
24.83.NON	07/22/25	\$7,715.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,715.00
24.84.NON	07/28/25	\$11,078.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,078.75
24.85.NON	07/29/25	\$9,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00
24.86.NON	07/30/25	\$10,715.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,715.00
24.87.NON	07/30/25	\$10,745.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,745.26
24.88.NON	08/06/25	\$8,795.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,795.00
24.89.NON	08/08/25	\$4,448.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,448.00
24.90.NON	08/11/25	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
24.91.NON	08/12/25	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
24.92.NON	08/13/25	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,300.00
24.93.NON	08/13/25	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
24.94.NON	08/21/25	\$10,760.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,760.00
24.95.NON	08/26/25	\$5,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,700.00
24.96.NON	09/03/25	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
24.97.NON	09/15/25	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
24.98.NON	09/23/25	\$12,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,100.00
24.99.NON	09/29/25	\$16,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,600.00
24.100.NON	09/29/25	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,300.00
24.101.NON	09/29/25	\$7,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,100.00

Table 6 – Match Contribution for Federal Fiscal Year

#### **Program Income** – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period

During the 2024/25 fiscal year, the county received program income from the sale or refinancing of homeowner housing units that were previously assisted using state or federal grant funds. The table below includes the amount of HOME program income received during the reporting period and allocated to rental development. A portion of the program income earned has been allocated to program administration and additional funds will be allocated based on identified needs. The resulting funds will be made available through the county's procurement process.

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
\$2,202,408.98	\$364,911.62	\$380,014.86	\$0	\$2,187,305.74

**Table 7 – Program Income** 

The HOME program works to ensure the inclusion, to the maximum extent possible, of minorities and women, and entities owned by minorities and women, in all HOME-funded and other federally funded housing contracts. Tables 8 and 9 below collect information on the number and value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the fiscal year. The primary use of HOME funds during this fiscal year was for rental development. While this information is collected, the rental development projects are not yet completed. The contracts associated with those rental developments will be reported in the fiscal year they are completed in.

#### **HOME MBE/WBE Report**

**Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises** – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period

	Total	Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	White Non- Hispanic
Contracts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-Contracts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Table 8 - Minority Business Enterprises** 

	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male
Contracts	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-Contracts	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Table 9 - Women Business Enterprises** 

Table 10 does not include numbers, or dollar amounts as no HOME funds were provided to assist rental property owners during the 2024/25 fiscal year.

**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	Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	White Non- Hispanic
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Table 10 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Historically, the County of Volusia ensures that any HOME funded projects are undertaken in such a manner that the tenants or owners are not displaced, however, no HOME funds were used to acquire parcels during the fiscal year. No tenants or owners were displaced during this fiscal year, as shown in table 11 below.

**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

	Number	Cost
Parcels Acquired	0	\$0
Businesses Displaced	0	\$0
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced	0	\$0
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced	0	\$0

Table 11- Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

Households Displaced	Total	Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	White Non- Hispanic
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Table 12- Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Households

#### **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	0	0
Number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	10	12
Number of special needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	10	12

Table 13 - Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through	0	10
rental assistance	U	10
Number of households supported through	7	1
the production of new units		1
Number of households supported through	3	0
rehab of existing units	3	U
Number of households supported through	0	1
acquisition of existing units	0	1
Total	10	12

Table 14 – Number of Households Supported

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

In the County of Volusia's fiscal year 2024/25 Annual Action Plan, the Community Assistance Division planned to support 10 households with affordable housing activities but ultimately supported 12 households using entitlement funds (HOME and ESG). The county's housing unit goals are based on the best knowledge and ability of our staff, contractors, and developers to produce housing units in a timely manner. Over the last few years there has been a decrease in the submission of viable Homebuyer Assistance applications. After seeing the goal unmet the last few years, new HOME funds were not added to Homebuyer Assistance in the 2024/25 fiscal year. While expending prior year homebuyer assistance funds, the focus for other funds has been on development of rental and homeowner units through a variety of strategies. While several CHDO and rental development projects are planned or awarded, they have not yet been completed to

report accomplishments due to the time required to implement effective development. For the 2024/25 fiscal year, HOME funds were used to assist two households, but an additional 118 households being assisted with SHIP funding in similar housing strategies.

The ESG program provided services for 10 households through the homelessness prevention program. An additional 69 households were provided with rapid re-housing services through the ESG-RUSH program. These households are not included in the tables above as they will be reported separately in the ESG Sage report.

#### Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The county plans to continue to focus on providing funds for rental and homeowner development, making a large impact with the funds available and filling the devastating gap of affordable units available to low-income households.

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	<b>HOME Actual</b>
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	2
Total	0	2

Table 15 – Number of Households Served

The above table provides data on the income level of the households assisted with housing that were completed during the year. During the 2024/25 fiscal year, the HOME-funded homeowner housing development program provided a new home for a moderate-income (80%) female-headed household, and the homebuyer assistance program provided down payment and closing costs assistance to one moderate-income (80%) female-headed household.

#### 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 Commission on Homelessness and Housing (CoHH) for Volusia and Flagler Counties represents the FL-504 CoC. The lead agency for the CoHH, which serves Volusia County, is the Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless (VFCCH). The CoHH is responsible for conducting the annual point-in-time count of the homeless and identifying the gaps in available housing and services to the subpopulations of the homeless. The CoHH also strategically plans and organizes the expansion of housing and supportive services to meet the needs of the community. These "gaps" are missing services that are needed to ensure that clients successfully exit homelessness.

Guided by the CoHH's strategic plan, the mission to reach out to the homeless population and inform them about the network of available services has been carried out by numerous community groups. These include volunteers, service agencies, churches, veteran counselors, and United Way's 2-1-1 live system.

Direct street outreach efforts have been led by VFCCH through its PATH Outreach program, along with Changing Homelessness' SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) program, the Veterans Administration (VA), The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia, and The Salvation Army.

Homeless providers who are part of the Continuum of Care (CoC), made the following services available during the 2024/25 fiscal year:

Halifax Urban Ministries' Hope Place provides housing and supportive services to homeless families with children and unaccompanied homeless youth. Halifax Urban Ministries' Barracks of Hope Veteran GPD (Grant Per Diem) program provides transitional housing for 20 low-demand individuals. The I-Dignity Program helps in obtaining Florida ID cards, birth certificates, and social security cards with assistance from legal counsel and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

SMA Healthcare provides psychiatric medications and consultation to homeless individuals through a partnership with the West Volusia Hospital Authority. Family Health Source provided primary care services to homeless persons who were indigent. Family Renew Community continued to offer transitional housing services to homeless families across the County, despite some of their facilities being compromised by the hurricanes in October 2024.

VFCCH's PATH Outreach program delivered case management services to individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and living with severe and persistent mental health disabilities. Services included outreach, engagement, assessment, housing assistance, SOAR application support, and help with maintaining stable housing. Case managers also connected participants to healthcare and behavioral health providers to address identified needs. VFCCH issued emergency hotel vouchers to support families transitioning into permanent housing solutions that had already been identified but were not yet ready for occupancy, to address the camping issues identified in House Bill 1365. HMIS collected client data on the local homeless population to improve service delivery and ensure their needs are better met through coordinated access to information. It established client records and functioned as a bridge, helping individuals move from homelessness to the services and support they need.

#### Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

The following agencies continue to provide emergency or transitional housing and services to families, individuals, youth, and special needs populations:

Domestic Abuse Council provides emergency housing for homeless women with or without children who are fleeing domestic violence.

First Step Shelter and The Bridge offer single adults struggling with homelessness opportunities to find help and successfully reconnect with services including coordinated entry, case management, and housing referrals. Emergency shelters serve as an entry point for the outreach component of the CoC's housing crisis response system with the goal of ensuring that those experiencing homelessness can be quickly housed.

VFCCH initiated and implemented Safe Place Transitional Housing for seniors ages 62+ who have become homeless due to the housing crisis.

A priority consistently stated throughout the strategic plan is the need to, "create permanent housing since emergency shelter is its costly alternative and persons often stay too long in emergency shelters because transitional facilities are not available." The plan specifically calls for the creation of sufficient emergency shelters for single men, women, and families with children. Currently, the Domestic Abuse Council, The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia, and Halifax Urban Ministries provide emergency shelter beds and services to families, individuals, youth, and special needs population .

Hope Place, facilitated by Halifax Urban Ministries provides temporary and transitional housing and services to unaccompanied homeless youth under the age of 25 and families with children. First Step Shelter has the capacity to accommodate up to 100 homeless individuals. The Bridge, operated by the Neighborhood Center of West Volusia currently has the capacity to accommodate up to 30 homeless individuals with short-term overnight lodging, food, water, access to non-emergency health care, and social services programs.

Several agencies provide transitional housing along with supportive services that help homeless individuals transition to permanent independent living. Services include referrals for substance abuse and mental health counseling, life skills training, and education or job-readiness programs. Stays typically range from 6to 24 months. Transitional housing is offered by Halifax Urban Ministries, The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia, VFCCH Safe Place, and Family Renew Community.

Safe Place is a transitional housing shelter that opened during the 2023/24 fiscal year and offers transitional and supporting housing for seniors 62 and older. The shelter serves up to 24 single, seniors experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of becoming homeless. The facility provides safe housing, essential services, and a supportive environment that promotes empowerment, resilience, and community engagement, along with mental health services and meals offered in partnership with the Council on Aging.

The CoHH has been successful in obtaining supportive housing program funds for the County of Volusia to narrow the gap in obtaining transitional and supportive services for populations,

including those with special needs. All programs utilize the Coordinated Entry System facilitated by VFCCH to link individuals and families to permanent housing solutions.

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.

Agencies are helping low-income individuals and families from becoming homeless through diversion and prevention assistance. Prioritization is placed on low-income single and family households who meet HUD's definition of homeless under Category 3, those at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Diversion can include referrals to other local health, social services, employment, housing, education, or youth service needs. ESG homelessness prevention is used to reduce the number of emergency shelter entries and eliminate the trauma of homelessness. Rapid re-housing funds are essential in assisting with housing location and rental subsidies for those meeting HUD's homeless definition under Category 1 and Category 4.

Rapid re-housing and homelessness prevention are vital in addressing homelessness. Rapid re-housing assistance helps extremely low-income individuals and families who are homeless move as quickly as possible into permanent housing, whereas homelessness prevention assists low-income individuals and families who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless remain in their home. In both circumstances, stability is achieved through a combination of rental assistance and supportive services. ESG funds have been used successfully throughout the fiscal year to help extremely low-income households move into permanent housing and to assist those who are at risk of homelessness remain housed.

The County of Volusia's subrecipient for ESG-RUSH funding, Halifax Urban Ministries, utilized the county's first allocation, to re-house 25 households who experienced homelessness as a result of Hurricane Ian through their rapid re-housing services. The county received a second allocation of ESG-RUSH funding totaling \$1,206,144. After a competitive application process, Halifax Urban Ministries was awarded \$1,175,990 to continue providing rapid re-housing services in August 2024. \$994,993 of that allocation has been expended to date. Halifax Urban Ministries are

currently on track to expend the entire second allocation. The County of Volusia received a third allocation of ESG-RUSH totaling \$366,336 funding in response to Hurricanes Helene and Milton during the 2024/25 fiscal year, and \$12,427 of that was expended during the last quarter.

Permanent supportive housing is also an important strategy in preventing homelessness for those who are vulnerable and in need of case management, and supportive services. Permanent supportive housing is one of the services allowable through HUD's competitive application process. Currently, there are several agencies that can provide permanent supportive housing in Volusia County as recipients of the competitive process: The Neighborhood Center, Halifax Urban Ministries, and Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless.

The CoC has developed strong partnerships with several of the local public housing authorities including the Housing Authority of the City of Daytona Beach (HACDB) to expand their homeless preference adopted on July 1, 2016, to incorporate referrals from coordinated entry. The collaborative applicant has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the HACDB for coordinated entry which includes the Homeless Preference Vouchers and a move-on strategy. The move-on strategy supports independence and choice for individuals and families who are ready and have a desire to move on from permanent supportive housing to independent permanent housing. They reported 128 out of 500 households were homeless prior to being housed in one of their public housing units.

The CoC also partners with the New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority (NSBHA). They adopted their homeless preference based on a point system in July 2017 and maintain an MOU with the CoC for coordinated entry which includes the Homeless Preference Vouchers and move-on strategy. They reported that 40% of families housed in public housing units in 2022 were homeless prior to being housed. The CoC is also working with the DeLand Housing Authority (DHA) who implemented a homeless preference beginning in 2020.

The CoC entered partnerships with the Housing Authorities of New Smyrna Beach, Daytona Beach, DeLand, Flagler County, and the County of Volusia to implement the 2020, 2021, and 2022 Mainstream Voucher program. The CoC continued with the NSBHA and DHA Mainstream Voucher program in 2023 using coordinated entry. The program targets non-elderly persons with

disabilities who are currently experiencing homelessness or previously experienced homelessness. Eligible individuals must currently be in a permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing program, or at risk of experiencing homelessness. There are a total of 138 mainstream and emergency housing vouchers being facilitated through these partnerships. The CoC entered into MOUs with the DHA and the HACDB for the implementation of 28 emergency housing vouchers made available through the American Recovery Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These vouchers are also facilitated through the CoC Coordinated Entry System.

NSBHA was awarded 21 Foster Youth to Independence Vouchers which will use coordinated entry in partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) referrals. NSBHA has dedicated six housing choice vouchers that will match the new permanent supportive housing bonus grant's six units (total of 12 units) being applied for by Halifax Urban Ministries under the 2023 HUD CoC grant competition through reallocation.

HOME funds were previously provided by the County of Volusia to the City of DeLand to acquire and rehabilitate a five-bedroom house that provides affordable rental transitional housing for up to five households. The house, known as the HOME House, is managed under a long-term lease to the Neighborhood Center of West Volusia. The house is operated on a group home model, and prospective tenants must have incomes at or below 50% of the area median income to qualify.

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.

The CoC's Coordinated Entry System is facilitated by VFCCH, the HUD collaborative applicant and lead agency for the Commission on Homelessness and Housing. Coordinated entry is a process that utilizes the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) as a single point of entry for referrals to homelessness prevention, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, and other permanent housing solutions. The goal of coordinated entry is to prioritize the most vulnerable homeless individuals and families for available housing solutions, therefore, shortening the length of time they are homeless. Families and individuals are prioritized using

the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) along with mitigating factors in a case conferencing process to identify the most vulnerable for immediate referral into permanent supportive housing solutions. This process also matches available funding options such as rapid re-housing to families in need.

The following services are provided to make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period 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.

The Domestic Abuse Council provides emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Case management is provided to assist clients in securing permanent shelter.

The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia assists clients with the transition to permanent housing by first stabilizing the family with emergency housing. The Neighborhood Center also has permanent housing available for direct referrals into housing that they facilitate through HUD CoC funding and privately funded sources.

Halifax Urban Ministries also provide homelessness prevention assistance in the form of utility and rental assistance for up to four months of arrears through the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funding for families under 200% of the poverty level and with at least one child in the household.

Halifax Urban Ministries provides ESG-RUSH as well as HUD CoC-funded rapid re-housing for placement of families and individuals who are in shelter programs, transitional programs, or coming from the street directly into housing. The agency works to minimize the amount of time a person or family experiences homelessness. Financial assistance is provided by assisting households with security deposits, utilities, and rent.

Halifax Urban Ministries' Hope Place provides temporary and transitional housing for homeless unaccompanied youth under the age of 25 and for families with children. Hope Place also provides administrative and supportive services to homeless families and unaccompanied youth residing on the property.

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

#### Actions taken to address the needs of public housing.

There are three public housing authorities and one housing agency in the County of Volusia. The County of Volusia only offers the Housing Choice Voucher program whereas the DeLand Housing Authority (DHA), New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority (NSBHA), and the Ormond Beach Housing Authority (OBHA) offer public housing and the Housing Choice Voucher program (HCV), formerly Section 8 rental assistance to eligible residents. The Housing Authority of Daytona Beach is located in Volusia County but operates within the separate CDBG entitlement area of Daytona Beach.

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

All the public housing authorities in the County of Volusia encourage their residents to be involved through advisory boards.

The DHA involves residents in management by having a Housing Choice Voucher participant on the DHA Board of Directors. Additionally, DHA provides training workshops on a regular basis and distributes newsletters with information to help residents become more involved in management and the community. The DHA continues to provide homeownership programs as they become available to encourage their residents to participate in homeownership.

The NSBHA has an elected Resident Council that acts as the voice of the public housing residents. The Resident Council holds public meetings to get feedback from residents on what they want to see rebuilt in their historic westside community. The NSBHA also has a Resident Advisory Board that helps with the development of the 5-year action plan and the submission of the annual plan. Residents who are determined to have the appropriate income level are referred to Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Volusia for homeownership potential. NSBHA developed a senior housing building with 60 project-based vouchers which allows for more participation within the senior community.

The OBHA encourages its public housing residents to sign up for the Family Self-Sufficiency program. At the OBHA annual meeting, residents are encouraged to organize a tenant association

for their respective communities. The OBHA also conducts workshops with residents that feature speakers to discuss homeownership and encourages their residents to seek higher education.

During the 2024/25 fiscal year the county's housing choice voucher program increased the number of Family Self Sufficiency program participants, from 16 to 20 households. The program can help low-income families increase their earnings, reduce reliance on government assistance, and build savings through a structured support system. County staff will continue to encourage residents to participate in the program and help them increase their escrow balances.

#### Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs.

None of the public housing agencies within the Volusia County CDBG entitlement area are designated as troubled PHAs by HUD. Therefore, no actions were taken to provide assistance in this regard.

## 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)

In accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 420.9076 guidelines and regulations, the County of Volusia formed the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC). This committee meets regularly throughout the year. The purpose of the committee is to review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government comprehensive plan in an effort to increase affordable housing.

After submitting "The Path Forward – Strategies for Success" five-year plan to Volusia County Council in 2022, the AHAC and county staff continued to work toward the action steps outlined in the plan. Several of the strategies included changes to the housing element of the comprehensive plan. County Council approved an affordable housing zoning ordinance in May 2025. The ordinance defers impact fees for affordable housing, allows deferrals for newly constructed accessory dwelling units used for certified affordable housing and approves up to a 10 percent deviation for various development standards.

Additionally, the County of Volusia is a Florida SHIP jurisdiction, and the SHIP Act requires a periodic review of certain barriers to affordable housing. The County of Volusia's AHAC reviews and recommends actions to lessen the impact of regulations and policies on affordable housing. The AHAC reviewed the affordable housing incentive strategies and will be submitting the final report of recommendations to the Volusia County Council in December 2025.

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

The Community Assistance Division works in coordination with Transform386, the county office that is administering \$462 million in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds allocated to Volusia County to address the impacts of Hurricanes Ian and Milton. A large portion of the funding will be used to help households with incomes at or below 80% of the AMI with housing rehabilitation. Additionally, low-income neighborhoods will benefit from mitigation and infrastructure projects completed with the funds.

Recent hurricanes have greatly impacted our community causing a loss or decrease in income for many households. The county is currently using a portion of the SHIP allocation to administer a disaster recovery program for those who were impacted by Hurricane Milton. The program can help eligible participants with relocation assistance, home repairs, and insurance deductibles. CDBG funds for public services were also used to assist underserved residents. One activity was completed during the fiscal year by serving residents in a low-income target area. Another activity was completed to serve homeless individuals countywide. While these funds help to supplement existing funding sources, CDBG funds are not always a viable source to fund public services due to spending caps and regulations.

The County of Volusia uses general revenue to fund various services for the underserved population of children and many others in the community through the Children and Families Advisory Board (CFAB). Funding for this program was allocated based on the priority needs categories identified. Services are provided in the following categories:

- services for persons with disabilities
- services for seniors
- youth development services
- basic needs services
- family support and services

Additionally, CFAB funds are used to fund programs such as affordable quality childcare, water safety education, and summer camp scholarships for low- and moderate-income families.

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

The County of Volusia is committed to testing for, abating, or stabilizing lead-based paint in each housing unit that was originally placed into service prior to January 1, 1978, that is assisted with federal or state grant funds through any of the housing programs implemented directly by the Community Assistance Division, as well as those implemented through developers or community housing development organizations (CHDOs).

The following specific actions summarized below are currently being implemented to reduce lead-based paint hazards in Volusia County's housing stock.

- If a rehabilitated home was originally placed into service prior to January 1, 1978, rehabilitation must comply with HUD lead-based paint rules (24 CFR Part 35 and 24 CFR Section 570.608). A lead-based paint risk inspection for lead-based paint hazards is conducted by the county using professional consultants procured for this purpose. Additionally, staff perform visual assessments for deteriorated paint surfaces in all residential units, regardless of the year of construction.
- The county uses professional consultants and demolition contractors to provide lead-based paint hazard screening and inspections, scope of work for abatement, demolition and clearance activities, and consultation. The county requires the abatement work to be completed by a contractor that has a lead-based paint abatement certification. The lead-based paint hazards will be addressed in all applicable housing activities that require testing and/or abatement, and will include but not be limited to performing the following:
  - Visual assessments for deteriorated paint surfaces in all residential units,
     regardless of year construction;
  - Risk assessments on single-family and multifamily dwelling units to determine the existence, nature, severity, and location of lead-based paint hazards;
  - Paint testing and lead or hazard screening, by testing on a limited number of surfaces in the housing unit, when indicated based on the risk assessment;
  - A scope of work for abatement provided by the lead-based paint consultant, when lead-based paint has been found, the County of Volusia requires the abatement work to be completed by a contractor that has a lead-based paint abatement certification;
  - Instructing rehabilitation contractors to work with lead safely in accordance with HUD and/or EPA standards; and
  - Ensuring that CDBG subrecipients that undertake demolition projects comply with lead-based paint hazard assessments, abatement, and clearance

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

The County of Volusia's Community Assistance Division actively pursues programs to reduce poverty for residents through CSBG and HCV-funded Family Self-Sufficiency programs. The goal

of tenant-based rental assistance and rapid re-housing is to have the client be self-sufficient by the end of the program. Generally, assistance is paid at a decreasing rate, and other services, or case management, are offered to assist the client. The Community Assistance Division refers residents to the Mid-Florida Housing Partnership credit counseling clinic to help them not only prepare to own a home but to develop a financial plan. The county also has a Social Worker in the Libraries program that helps residents identify potential resources in the community. Social workers will travel among the county's public libraries to meet with residents to identify their specific needs and guide them to the appropriate agency. All of these programs, along with public services offered, seek to reduce poverty.

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

The County of Volusia's Community Assistance Division has continued to partner with other governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, private enterprises, and individuals to provide opportunities for residents; specifically targeting low- and moderate-income residents. Partnership efforts include working with representatives of various service organizations to assist households and inform residents of the variety of agencies available to serve their needs. The number of partnering agencies is numerous and additional information can be found throughout the CAPER, including previous sections on leveraging, resources available, reducing the number of poverty-level families, and the following section on coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

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

<u>Volusia County Affordable Housing Partners (AHP)</u>: The Community Assistance Division has a partnership with not-for-profit and for-profit affordable housing organizations and companies, including Mid-Florida Housing Partnership, Habitat for Humanity affiliates (Greater Volusia, Southeast Volusia, and West Volusia), other private lenders, banks and real estate professionals that provide residential mortgages throughout the county. The AHPs help very low-, low- and moderate-income individuals and households apply for homebuyer assistance loans awarded through the County of Volusia.

The Children and Families Advisory Board: The Children and Families Advisory Board (CFAB) was established to assess and evaluate children and family priority needs, develop strategies to meet those needs, and make funding recommendations to the Volusia County Council to allocate the county general revenue funds budgeted for these needs. The Community Assistance Division provides staff support and coordinates with the board to ensure that information, data, and funding opportunities available are shared with board members and agencies. CFAB funding helped support agency programs to move households from transitional to permanent housing; provide early childhood education programs; provide accessibility features for seniors living in rental housing; support essential services to prevent homelessness, and for case management services for disabled persons. During the 2024/25 fiscal year, CFAB continued to provide recommendations to the Volusia County Council on children and family matters. CFAB reviewed and approved risk factors and scopes of work for the five services categories for the upcoming year. CFAB began to reevaluate community needs in 2024 through sub-committee meetings, a community needs survey, and stakeholder workshops for public and social service professionals to discuss current service categories. The committee also established program outcomes and appropriated various program funding to five requests for statement of qualifications agreements, five special contracts, three contingency funding agreements, the Justice Assistance Grant agreements, and summer camp scholarship funding that was awarded to 22 organizations and served 1,205 children.

The Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless (VFCCH): The County of Volusia and The Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless have created a partnership to enhance the coordination of homeless services countywide. VFCCH holds the central leadership position with all agencies offering homeless services and coordinates the Volusia/Flagler County Continuum of Care. The county advises and offers funding opportunities and participates in bi-weekly coordinated entry meetings between VFCCH and these organizations. As the lead agency in the Continuum of Care, VFCCH staff collaborated with the County of Volusia in the identification of the activity to be funded with the Emergency Solutions Grant.

<u>Flagler Cares, Inc. DBA One Voice for Volusia:</u> The County of Volusia continued to provide financial support to One Voice for Volusia using its general revenue funds during the 2024/25 fiscal year.

One Voice for Volusia is an organization that connects non-profit, government, and community-based health and human services organizations along with local businesses to promote the system and community improvements for the benefit of youth and families of Volusia County. The Community Assistance Division also coordinated with One Voice for Volusia to ensure that information and data gathered addressed identified priority needs, whenever possible.

<u>Volusia Helps:</u> During the 2022/23 fiscal year, the Community Assistance Division launched the Volusia Helps app. The app was created to improve access to services with a centralized resource that delivers up to date information. Agencies can sign up to add programs or services they offer and then make updates as needed to ensure that the information is accurate. The Community Assistance Division continued to market and support this app during the 2024/25 fiscal year, and there continues to be interest and appreciation for the resource in the community. The division has been working to outreach more agencies to sign up and add their services.

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

The County of Volusia held a Section 8 landlord briefing where 47 attendees were provided with information on fair housing rights, and how to report concerns. Additionally, CDBG subrecipients are required to implement CDBG projects in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing and continuously inform residents or clients about fair housing. Subrecipients report no less than quarterly on current efforts to inform the public. Fair housing pamphlets and posters were distributed at many city halls, outreach events, community centers, and city websites. During the 2024/25 fiscal year, fair housing presentations were provided to members of the public, city organizations, and non-profits during various public meetings.

The county had agreements with Mid-Florida Housing Partnership and the University of Florida-Extension Services Volusia County to conduct homebuyer and credit counseling classes which include fair housing and fair credit related activities. The University of Florida-Extension Services and Mid-Florida Housing Partnership conducted 50 homebuyer education classes during the 2024/25 fiscal year. Mid-Florida Housing Partnership conducted 12 credit counseling classes. The table below summarizes these activities, including the direct expenditures, as well as the estimated number of people attending these fair housing events.

Name of event	Type of event	Source of expenditures	Amount of expenditures	Number of people attending/ reached
Monthly Homebuyer Education classes – University of Florida Agricultural Extension and Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	First-time homebuyer education classes, including housing discrimination topics	SHIP	\$6,000	286 persons
Monthly Credit Counseling – Mid- Florida Housing Partnership	Credit counseling classes for homebuyers, including housing discrimination topics	SHIP	\$9,600	155 persons
Housing Choice Voucher Informational Landlord Briefing	Section 8 Informational Packets— fair housing materials distributed	N/A	\$0	47 persons

**Table 16: Table of Fair Housing and Homeowner Counseling Activities** 

#### **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.

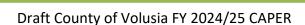
The County of Volusia's Community Assistance Division ensures compliance with program and comprehensive planning requirements through diligent monitoring of all activities implemented by participating municipalities. During the planning process, the Community Assistance Division reviews all activities proposed to be funded to ensure conformity to meeting identified priorities in the Consolidated Plan and regulatory eligibility.

CDBG desk monitorings were completed monthly to verify compliance with specific program requirements. Monthly monitorings also provided data needed to track the timeliness of expenditures compliance utilizing a spreadsheet. On-site monitoring visits were conducted for every participating CDBG jurisdiction during the 2023/24 fiscal year. The monitoring visits included an evaluation of the jurisdictions' files, active activities, financial/oversight, costs/procurement, and fair housing activities. The monitorings found some areas that could be improved but no major findings or contractual violations. Because of this, no additional on-site monitorings for jurisdictions were completed during the 2024/25 fiscal year. However, several on-site monitorings were conducted during the 2024/25 fiscal year for specific capital projects based on an internal risk assessment. Employee interviews were conducted at several capital project sites and an examination of the required documents to be displayed. The county plans to continue on-site monitorings for all participating jurisdictions and agencies funded at least every two years or more frequently if concerns are brought forward.

ESG desk monitorings were also completed monthly to verify compliance with specific program requirements and to track expenditures. Additionally, ESG client referrals were reviewed by county staff prior to the awarded agency expending funds. The same process of monthly desk monitorings and client referrals was implemented for ESG-RUSH during the 2024/25 fiscal year. The county plans to continue the on-site monitoring for all participating agencies at least annually to ensure compliance.

Community Assistance conducted its annual monitoring of non-profit and for-profit housing providers to ensure compliance with long-term affordability requirements for the HOME-assisted

rental units funded in previous years. Uniform Physical Condition Standards (UPCS) inspections for several HOME funded rental units were conducted by a third-party vendor. While several units passed upon a reinspection, there are 12 units pending reinspection after correcting deficiencies. The list of HOME-assisted units that had physical inspections are contained in CR-50. All housing accomplishments since October 1, 2021, are reported in a public dashboard allowing full transparency and the ability to quickly monitor overall expenditures and accomplishments.



### 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 County of Volusia's Community Assistance Division encourages residents to review and provide feedback in relation to performance reports. Several measures are taken to ensure that performance reports are readily available and accessible to citizens to review and comment on.

A notice of availability of the draft 2024/25 fiscal year CAPER was made available on the County of Volusia's website at <a href="www.volusia.org/reports">www.volusia.org/reports</a>. The notice provided citizens with several locations around the county where they could review and comment on the draft plan throughout the 15-day comment period which spanned from December 1, 2025, through December 15, 2025.

On November 30, 2025, a newspaper advertisement announced the availability of the draft CAPER on the County of Volusia's website at <a href="www.volusia.org/reports">www.volusia.org/reports</a>, as well as hard copies at several offices throughout the county. The same advertisement announced a public meeting to be held on December 11, 2025, to discuss the draft CAPER. Additional announcements were made utilizing the county's website and Community Connector to advertise the public meeting. All notices and meeting advertisements gave instructions to the public that require any special accommodation.

Any comments received regarding the published draft report will be noted in the final version of the 2024/25 fiscal year CAPER.

### 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 County of Volusia continues to have positive experiences in implementing activities, partnering with participating jurisdictions, and meeting national objectives. The biggest challenge during this fiscal year was due to delays in materials from manufacturers for participating jurisdictions to complete capital projects as projected. All projects that were impacted due to these delays are expected to be completed in the 2025/26 fiscal year.

To improve program objectives staff will provide technical support to participating jurisdictions to continue to move projects forward. This includes meeting with participating jurisdictions regarding the status of the projects that are underway periodically if there are any concerns regarding the projects' progress. Staff also continue to receive weekly updates from participating jurisdictions to track the progress of all construction activities.

Throughout the 2024/25 fiscal year, there were several changes made to previously approval Action Plans. This included moving CDBG funds due to projects being canceled or projects being completed under budget which allowed for additional projects to be created. Additionally, the county had several years of unallocated program income that was moved to eligible projects. Each time a substantial amendment occurred the public was given the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes, as dictated by the Citizen Participation Plan. No comments were received from citizens related to amendments during the 2024/25 fiscal year.

Unfortunately, the County of Volusia was unable to meet the timeliness test for the 2024/25 fiscal year. There are several factors involved in this as discussed in the county's submitted response. Factors contributing to the timeliness issues extended material supply chain disruptions, permitting delays, legal challenges, and the impact from Hurricane Milton. While the county has made several changes to the program during the 2024/25 fiscal year, in an effort to mitigate untimely expenditures, these factors beyond our control have contributed to the continued delays. The county continues to make changes to the program to be timely by the 2025/26 fiscal year test.

The Community Assistance division also made additional changes to the administration of CDBG in order to relieve some of concerns surrounding timely expenditures. These changes included reducing the annual allocation the county keeps for program administration and a new method for allocating funding to make the process competitive. The division will continue to provide monthly updates to our HUD field office as stated in our response.

The County of Volusia continued to expend CDBG-CV funds during the 2024/25 fiscal year. One capital project and one public service activity were completed. The final remaining projects are underway and expected to be completed during the 2025/26 fiscal year when the grant expires.

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

The County of Volusia does not have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI).

### CR-50 - HOME 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 §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 chart below includes the status of each monitoring for HOME funded rental units at the time of the draft CAPER. Five rental units have successfully passed reinspection and 12 are currently pending reinspection. An updated table will be provided with the final version of this report.

Owner	Address	Type of Inspection	Status	Issues to be Resolved
Neighborhood Center of West Volusia	417 S Palmetto Avenue, Deland	UPCS- Periodic	Passed Reinspection	Bad window balance, exhaust fan and light inoperable (Resolved).
NSB Housing Authority	126 Railroad Street, New Smyrna Beach	UPCS- Periodic	Passed Reinspection	Fridge door seal gasket damaged, faucet leaking, sink stopper inoperable, screen damaged (Resolved).
NSB Housing Authority	128 Railroad Street, New Smyrna Beach	UPCS - Periodic	Passed Reinspection	Sink stopper inoperable (Resolved).
NSB Housing Authority	130 Railroad Street, New Smyrna Beach	UPCS – Periodic	Passed Reinspection	Window screens damaged, roach in kitchen, fire extinguish expired, dryer vent not hooked up (Resolved).
NSB Housing Authority	124 Railroad Street, New Smyrna Beach	UPCS – Periodic	Passed Reinspection	Refrigerator damaged door seal gasket, faucet leak (Resolved).
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	946 15 <sup>th</sup> Street #103, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Listed as "under renovation".
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	905 Newcastle Court, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Deadbolt inoperable, sink stopper, window blocked exit, window lock missing, smoke detector repair/replace, window screen missing, smoke detector missing, ceiling tiles missing.

Owner	Address	Type of Inspection	Status	Issues to be Resolved
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	942 15 <sup>th</sup> Street #104, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Sink stopper inoperable, faucet leaking, sink stopper missing, screen missing, mold/mildew on window, smoke detector, breaker GFI bad, laundry GFI missing.
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	1228 Granada Ave, Daytona Beach	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Sliding door blocked, refrigerator seal gasket, light inoperable, sink stopper, tub stopper, bedroom light inoperable, light switch cover, window balance, smoke and CO detector inoperable.
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	1023 Alabama Ave, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	GFI missing/bad in kitchen, sink stopper, shower divertor inoperable, closet door off track, window screens missing, closet door missing, CO detector inoperable, garage light switch cover, stairwell carpet missing.
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	8 Howard Drive, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Fan light inoperable, window balances bad, sink stopper missing, smoke detector inoperable.
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	907 Newcastle Court, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Fan light out, tub stopper missing, missing screen, smoke detector repair/replace, window no lock, window bad balance, closet door missing.
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	942 15 <sup>th</sup> Street #202, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Sink/tub stoppers missing, sink stopper inoperable, smoke detector inoperable, laundry GFI missing.
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	946 15 <sup>th</sup> Street #102, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Smoke detectors inoperable, shower diverter inoperable, faucet leaking in master.

Owner	Address	Type of Inspection	Status	Issues to be Resolved
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	675 Unabelle Ave, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Smoke detector inoperable, freezer/fridge gasket seals, GFI inoperable, roaches, laundry GFI missing, light out over washer, toilet paper holder missing, closet door hinge loose, window blocked, missing smoke detector.
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	846 Oleander Ave, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Faucet leaking, missing window screen, exit door molding rotted, sink stopper inoperable, toilet paper holder missing piece, outlet cover cracked, closet doors off track, closet door missing knob, attic access molding off, outlet inoperable, breaker box GFI inoperable, laundry GFI missing.
Mid-Florida Housing Partnership	942 15 <sup>th</sup> Street #102, Holly Hill	UPCS- Periodic	Pending Reinspection	Smoke detector missing, GFI inoperable (kitchen), shower divertor inoperable, sink stopper inoperable, mold/mildew around window, smoke detector missing, front door lock inoperable, laundry GFI missing.

Table 17: Table of HOME Assisted Rental Units

# Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

The County of Volusia and its partners undertake affirmative marketing actions for its HOME units. Marketing was accomplished through workshops, press releases, a network of affordable housing partners, and other informal efforts to promote knowledge of and involvement with affordable housing opportunities. Several HOME-assisted rental units were monitored for the 2024/25 fiscal year to ensure program compliance, which included a review of their affirmative marketing 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.

According to the IDIS PR09 report, the County of Volusia receipted \$364,911.62 of program income and expended \$380,014.86 of program income during the 2024/25 fiscal year. The expended program income is higher than the receipted because prior year program income was also expended. The remaining program income will be allocated toward identified needs to tackle affordable housing within the County of Volusia. Currently, a large portion of prior year program income is being utilized for new rental developments. The rental development project will be used to benefit renters whose AMI is 80% or below, with many units being set aside for those at or below 50% or 60% of AMI.

#### Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k)

The County of Volusia continues to foster and maintain affordable housing through its use of HOME funds, which have been supplemented by SHIP allocations, including through SHIP program income. The county also continues to work with additional organizations that may be interested in becoming a CHDO or partnering in other ways. Applications are currently being reviewed for new organizations seeking CHDO certification, funding will be made available to those that are certified.

The county received HOME-ARP funds to assist with current housing needs for qualifying populations associated with homelessness and supportive services. Funds will be used for the development of affordable rental housing, non-profit operating, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), supportive services, and administration and planning. Two developers that will have permanent supportive housing units incorporated into their affordable multi-family housing projects have been awarded HOME-ARP funding for those units.

## CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)

### **ESG Supplement to the CAPER in** *e-snaps*

### **For Paperwork Reduction Act**

## 1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete

## **Basic Grant Information**

Recipient Name	VOLUSIA COUNTY
Organizational DUNS Number	067849901
EIN/TIN Number	596000885
Identify the Field Office	JACKSONVILLE
Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or	FL-504 CoC
subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance	

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## 2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date	10/01/2024
Program Year End Date	09/30/2025

## 3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: Halifax Urban Ministries		
City: Daytona Beach		
State: Florida		
<b>Zip Code:</b> 32117		
<b>DUNS Number:</b> 806990735		
Is subrecipient a victim services provider: No		
Subrecipient Organization Type: Non-profit		
ESG Subgrant or Contract Award Amount: \$143,782 (FY 24/25)		

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#### 8. Shelter Utilization

Number of New Units – Rehabbed	0
Number of New Units – Conversion	0
Total Number of bed - nights available	0
Total Number of bed - nights provided	0
Capacity Utilization	0

**Table 26 – Shelter Capacity** 

## 9. Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)

The County of Volusia, in consultation with the CoHH, homelessness prevention services as a priority as substantial ESG-RUSH funding was put toward rapid re-housing in the last two years. Homelessness prevention assists extremely low-income households who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless to achieve stability through a combination of rental assistance and supportive services. Rapid re-housing assists extremely low-income households who are homeless to move as quickly as possible into permanent housing.

During the 2024/25 fiscal year, the County of Volusia's homeless prevention program provided rental and utility assistance to 10 households, serving a total of 29 individuals. Additionally, utilizing ESG-RUSH funding, the county was able to house 69 households during the 2024/25 fiscal year. Both programs received referrals from local non-profit organizations and the Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless. Priority was given to families with children facing first-time homelessness and the program's written standards, as developed in consultation with community homeless service providers.

#### **IDIS REPORTS**

The County of Volusia has access to multiple reports that summarize the current state of CDBG, HOME, and ESG in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). One of these reports, the Consolidated Plan Goals and Accomplishments Report, can be found in the Goals and Outcomes section of the CAPER. The PR-26, CDBG and CDBG-CV Financial Summary Reports will be included as an appendix of the final published report.

#### **ESG REPORTING**

Since October 1, 2017, ESG reports have been submitted through the Sage HMIS Reporting Repository system. Previously, grantees reported the number of persons assisted in various categories and ESG expenditures within the CAPER in section CR-65- Persons assisted and CR-75- ESG Expenditures. These sections are not required but are being included to illustrate all beneficiaries. As directed, data has been submitted to HUD through the Sage HMIS Reporting Repository. The Sage report will be included as an appendix of the final published report.

#### CONCLUSION

The information presented in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be used as a base for establishing future goals, to evaluate performance, and to address any areas of concern or lacking. Community participation is a pillar in the programs reviewed herein. The residents of Volusia County are encouraged to examine, evaluate, and comment on past performance as well as the direction of the programs. Community meetings are held throughout the year to facilitate this type of feedback. The County of Volusia's Community Assistance Division is proud to be a part of the activities presented and see the value of these accomplishments through the outcomes in our community every day.