



Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Program Year 2015 Annual Action Plan has been completed in compliance with Federal regulations and with the consultation of stakeholders and program staff. Objectives, outcomes, and goals have been identified that will assist in the provision of housing, community development activities, and assistance for the homeless. This plan identifies numerous projects that will further be allocated to specific activities that will help to meet those objectives, outcomes, and goals.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Goals include the provision of housing rehabilitation, down payment assistance, increased economic opportunities, homeless housing and services, development of CHDO housing, and revitalization of neighborhoods. These goals will be met through a number of projects, and subsequently, a number of activities within each project. The beneficiaries/outcomes are identified in the Goals and Projects sections, and include benefits to people, households, housing units, and businesses.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Staff and the consultation process evaluated past projects and determined that the continuation of these essential projects was needed. A change is being made to the funding structure of the owner

occupied rehabilitation program, however, in that HOME will no longer be made available for that use. The HOME funds will be redistributed to additional down payment assistance and to a new tenant based rental assistance for homeless residents.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Lee County encourages citizens to participate in the development of the Annual Action Plan by providing two public hearings throughout the year. Lee County also publishes a draft version of the Plan on the Department of Human Services' website, which may be reviewed for 30 days. Lee County consults with various entities throughout the development of plan, including other municipalities, the Continuum of Care, and the Public Housing Authority. Details on participation and consultation are contained herein.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Lee County did not receive comments.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

Lee County did not receive comments.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	LEE COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	LEE COUNTY	Department of Human Services
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	LEE COUNTY	Department of Human Services
ESG Administrator	LEE COUNTY	Department of Human Services
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

Lee County enhances coordination between housing providers, health providers, mental health providers, and service agencies by periodically hosting community wide planning and consultation meetings, as well as through the development of a homeless coordinated assessment program, which more effectively utilizes community resources for households in need. Lee County also directly participates with each of these contributing agencies. Some examples include the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, who qualifies homebuyers and refers them to the Down Payment Assistance program, and the qualification and referral by two local housing agencies for Neighborhood Stabilization Program assistance.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Lee County is the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care and has spearheaded the local effort to ensure compliance with HEARTH Act provisions. Therefore, there is continuous coordination between Lee County, the Lee County Homeless Coalition, and the Continuum as a whole to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness. This includes discharge planning, identifying needs and gaps in the community, and researching project models and funding sources.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

As previously noted, Lee County is the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care, and is in continuous consultation with the Continuum, including consulting on ESG planning. Continuum members continue to support utilizing the current ESG program structure of the Department of Human Services' administration of some funds to rapidly rehouse eligible households and the contracting of some funds for other eligible activities. Members affirmed that performance standards, outcomes, and policies and procedures for each administering agency or program area shall govern that portion of the funding, and that the HMIS in Lee County was both in compliance and working well for the users and no changes were recommended.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs other than Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was consulted through letter and email correspondence. Consultation was solicited on the goals, projects, and activities to be implemented with funds received for urban county partnership.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SANIBEL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs other than Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City was consulted through letter and email correspondence. Consultation was solicited on the goals, projects, and activities to be implemented with funds received for urban county partnership.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs other than Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Town was consulted through letter and email correspondence. Consultation was solicited on the goals, projects, and activities to be implemented with funds received for urban county partnership.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The PHA was consulted through email correspondence. Consultation was solicited on the goals, projects, and activities to be implemented by the PHA in the upcoming year, as well as to obtain status on existing projects and vacancy status.</p>
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Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Lee County	Goals and objectives identified in the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness are consistent with Annual Action Plan goals and objectives. Both aim to provide services and housing for individuals and families who are homeless.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Lee County encourages citizens to participate in the development of the Annual Action Plan by conducting two public hearings throughout the year. Lee County also publishes a draft version of the Plan and posts it on the Department of Human Services' website. The public can review and comment on the draft for 30 days. Public notices are published in the News-Press (the local newspaper) and include statements about making reasonable accommodations for the hearings, the format of the plan, or offer translation services. These actions are designed to encourage further participation by all citizens in Lee County. Affidavits of publication are attached to this plan, but as there were no comments, there are no attachments reflecting citizen comments.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The public hearing was held during the Community Action Agency/Neighborhood District Committee (CAA/NDC) meeting on November 13, 2014. The meeting was publicly noticed in the Fort Myers News-Press (affidavit is attached to this plan).	There were no comments made about the development of the plan.	Not applicable.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The public hearing was held during the Community Action Agency/Neighborhood District Committee (CAA/NDC) meeting on March 12, 2015. The meeting was publicly noticed in the Fort Myers News-Press (affidavit is attached to this plan).	There were no comments made about the development of the plan.	Not applicable.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The availability of the draft Annual Action Plan was publicly noticed in the Fort Myers News-Press (affidavit is attached to this plan) for 30 days. The draft was made available on the Department of Human Services' website.	There were no comments made about the draft plan.	Not applicable.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition						
		Admin and Planning						
		Economic Development						
		Housing						
		Public Improvements						
		Public Services	2,537,413	50,000	0	2,587,413	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition						
		Homebuyer assistance						
		Homeowner rehab						
		Multifamily rental new construction						
		Multifamily rental rehab						
		New construction for ownership						
		TBRA	598,975	0	0	598,975	0	12

Annual Action Plan 2015

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Financial Assistance						
		Overnight shelter						
		Rapid re-housing (rental assistance)						
		Rental Assistance Services	222,776	0	0	222,776	0	
Shelter Plus Care	public - federal	Admin and Planning						Lee County is the Collaborative Applicant for Continuum of Care. Legacy Shelter Plus Care (now Continuum of Care funds) will be utilized by SalusCare and CASL to provide permanent supportive housing in the community.
		Housing	249,579	0	0	249,579	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Supportive Housing Program	public - federal	Admin and Planning Financial Assistance Housing Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Services Transitional housing	1,812,242	0	0	1,812,242	0	Lee County is the Collaborative Applicant for Continuum of Care. Legacy Supportive Housing Program (now Continuum of Care funds) will be utilized by Lee County Human Services, The Salvation Army, SalusCare, and CASL to provide permanent supportive housing in the community.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Federal funds will leverage other funds by referring identified at-risk households or homeless household to appropriate programs for assistance for prevention and re-housing, who are served with County General Fund, Continuum of Care programs, SSVF, and CSBG. Additionally, State SHIP funds will be used to assist low income persons with owner occupied housing rehabilitation and down payment assistance. ESG will be matched with County General Fund, as well as other additional resources as documented by subrecipients.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

There are no publicly owned land or properties that are currently identified for projects identified in the plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Areas Included	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Rehabilitated	2013	2017	Affordable Housing	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$450,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 38 Household Housing Unit
2	Down Payment Assistance Provided	2013	2017	Affordable Housing	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$274,231	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 34 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Areas Included	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Revitalized Neighborhood Districts	2013	2017	Non-Housing Community Development	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor	Neighborhood Revitalization Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$1,019,386	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12420 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12420 Persons Assisted Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 3243 Household Housing Unit
4	CHDO Housing Development	2013	2017	Affordable Housing	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$89,847	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Areas Included	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Increased Economic Opportunities	2013	2017	Non-Housing Community Development	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor	Public Improvements and Infrastructure Economic Development	CDBG: \$122,358	Businesses assisted: 1 Businesses Assisted
6	Increased Homeless Housing and Services	2013	2017	Homeless	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor	Housing for the Homeless Homeless Services	CDBG: \$25,000 HOME: \$175,000 ESG: \$222,776	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 614 Persons Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 20 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 552 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitated
	Goal Description	In Program Years 2013 and 2014, housing rehabilitation was completed using CDBG and HOME funds, but beginning in Program Year 2015, only CDBG funds will be used. Rehabilitations will be completed in target areas as well as non-targeted areas of Lee County.
2	Goal Name	Down Payment Assistance Provided
	Goal Description	Down payment assistance will be provided to eligible homebuyers using HOME funds. Funds will be used in target areas as well as non-targeted areas of Lee County.
3	Goal Name	Revitalized Neighborhood Districts
	Goal Description	This overall project will consist of enhanced code enforcement services, provision of public services, and improvements to public facilities in five low to moderate income neighborhoods of the County. The population totals in each low to moderate income area were taken from the 2010 US Census.
4	Goal Name	CHDO Housing Development
	Goal Description	CHDO funds will be used by an eligible organization to provide affordable housing. Location has not been determined at the time of submission of the plan, but projects may completed in target areas as well as non-targeted areas of Lee County.
5	Goal Name	Increased Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	Increased economic opportunities will be made available through microenterprise programs, special economic development projects, and/or nonprofit capital improvement projects in Lee County, and will be completed in target areas as well as non-targeted areas of Lee County.
6	Goal Name	Increased Homeless Housing and Services
	Goal Description	Projects to provide homeless housing and projects to provide homeless services will include CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. Projects may be completed in target areas as well as non-targeted areas of Lee County.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

Through the HOME program, it is estimated that affordable housing will be provided to three low income households and 31 moderate income households.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Lee County anticipates completing 17 projects in Program Year 2015-2016.

#	Project Name
19	CDBG Program Administration
20	CDBG Housing Delivery
21	CDBG Urban County Administration
22	CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
23	CDBG Homeless Coalition Coordination
24	CDBG Fort Myers Beach Public Services
25	CDBG Bonita Springs
26	CDBG Sanibel Rental Rehabilitation
27	CDBG Neighborhood Infrastructure
28	CDBG Neighborhood Enhanced Code Enforcement
29	CDBG Neighborhood Public Services
30	CDBG Non-Profit Capital Improvements
31	HOME Project Delivery
32	HOME Down Payment Assistance
33	HOME CHDO Project
34	HOME TBRA
35	ESG Program

Table 8 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Lee County determined the allocation through the evaluation of past program performance, staff recommendations, and the public input received during the citizen participation and consultation process. There are no anticipated obstacles to delivering the programs and services described in the plan, which will help to alleviate underserved needs.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitated Revitalized Neighborhood Districts Down Payment Assistance Provided CHDO Housing Development Increased Economic Opportunities Increased Homeless Housing and Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Neighborhood Revitalization Public Improvements and Infrastructure Economic Development Housing for the Homeless Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000

	Description	This project is for the administration of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken by the Lee County Department of Human Services, which is located in Fort Myers, Florida.
	Planned Activities	This project will include activities for the administration of the CDBG program.
2	Project Name	CDBG Housing Delivery
	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitated
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000
	Description	This project is for the delivery of housing projects and activities.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 25 owner occupied housing rehabilitation projects will be completed; therefore, the estimated number of households to benefit from Housing Delivery will also be 25.
	Location Description	The project will be countywide.
	Planned Activities	This project will include activities for the delivery of housing projects and activities.

3	Project Name	CDBG Urban County Administration
	Target Areas Included	Not applicable.
	Goals Supported	Revitalized Neighborhood Districts Increased Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,654
	Description	This project is for the administration of the urban county program.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken by the Lee County Department of Human Services, which is located in Fort Myers.
	Planned Activities	This project will include activities for the administration of the urban county program.
4	Project Name	CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitated
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$450,000

	Description	Rehabilitation of owner occupied housing units in Lee County.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 25 households will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	Individual locations have not been determined, but will be in unincorporated areas of Lee County.
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of owner occupied housing units in Lee County.
5	Project Name	CDBG Homeless Coalition Coordination
	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Increased Homeless Housing and Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	This project is a public service supporting the homeless in Lee County.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that up to 614 persons will be assisted.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken by the Lee County Homeless Coalition, and will serve the homeless population countywide.
	Planned Activities	This project will include public services supporting the homeless in Lee County.

6	Project Name	CDBG Fort Myers Beach Public Services
	Target Areas Included	Fort Myers Beach, FL
	Goals Supported	Increased Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,649
	Description	This project will include the provision of public services to youth in Fort Myers Beach.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Town estimates 19 children will benefit from the after school program and 14 children will benefit from the summer camp.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken in Fort Myers Beach, Florida.
	Planned Activities	This project will include the provision of after school and summer camp for youth in Fort Myers Beach.
7	Project Name	CDBG Bonita Springs
	Target Areas Included	Bonita Springs, FL
	Goals Supported	Revitalized Neighborhood Districts
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$294,820
	Description	This project will consist of the rehabilitation of public facilities that support low income housing residents' attendance at an after school program.
	Target Date	9/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A public facility will be expanded, which is currently serving 130 families with over 350 children in an after school program. The expansion will allow the increase of services to 50-60 additional children.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken in Bonita Springs, Florida.
	Planned Activities	A public facility will be expanded, which is currently serving 130 families with over 350 children in an after school program. The expansion will allow the increase of services to 50-60 additional children.
8	Project Name	CDBG Sanibel Rental Rehabilitation
	Target Areas Included	Sanibel, FL
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitated
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,546
	Description	This project will consist of the rehabilitation of rental housing.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There are 14 households that will benefit from the activity.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken in Sanibel, Florida.
	Planned Activities	Sanibel plans to rehabilitate rental housing to include accessibility improvements and new windows and doors.
9	Project Name	CDBG Neighborhood Infrastructure

	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Revitalized Neighborhood Districts
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$650,000
	Description	This project will consist of infrastructure improvements in low to moderate income areas of Lee County.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 12,420 persons will benefit.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken in targeted areas of Lee County, all of which are low to moderate income areas.
	Planned Activities	This project will include infrastructure improvements in low to moderate income areas of Lee County.
10	Project Name	CDBG Neighborhood Enhanced Code Enforcement
	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Revitalized Neighborhood Districts

	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	This project will consist of enhanced code enforcement in low to moderate income areas of Lee County.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 3243 housing units will be included.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken in the targeted areas.
	Planned Activities	This project will consist of enhanced code enforcement in low to moderate income areas of Lee County.
11	Project Name	CDBG Neighborhood Public Services
	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Revitalized Neighborhood Districts
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$294,386
	Description	This project will consist of the provision of public services in low to moderate income targeted areas.
	Target Date	9/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 12,420 persons will benefit.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken in the targeted areas.
	Planned Activities	This project will consist of the provision of public services in low to moderate income targeted areas.
12	Project Name	CDBG Non-Profit Capital Improvements
	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Revitalized Neighborhood Districts Increased Homeless Housing and Services
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Revitalization Public Improvements and Infrastructure Housing for the Homeless Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$122,358
	Description	This project will consist of the improvements to nonprofit organizations that serve low to moderate income areas or low to moderate income clientele.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that one business will be assisted.

	Location Description	The location has not been determined, but may be completed in target areas as well as non-targeted areas of Lee County.
	Planned Activities	This project will consist of the improvements to nonprofit organizations that serve low to moderate income areas or low to moderate income clientele.
13	Project Name	HOME Project Delivery
	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Down Payment Assistance Provided
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$59,897
	Description	Administration of the HOME Program.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken by the Lee County Department of Human Services, located in Fort Myers, Florida.
	Planned Activities	Administration of the HOME Program.
14	Project Name	HOME Down Payment Assistance

	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Down Payment Assistance Provided
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$274,231
	Description	Provision of down payment assistance to eligible homebuyers in Lee County.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 34 households will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken countywide.
	Planned Activities	Provision of down payment assistance to eligible homebuyers in Lee County.
15	Project Name	HOME CHDO Project
	Target Areas Included	Charleston Park Suncoast Estates Page Park Palmona Park Pine Manor
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitated
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$89,847

	Description	The project will consist of a CHDO acquisition and rehabilitation of one housing unit.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that one unit will be acquired and rehabilitated to benefit one eligible household.
	Location Description	The location will be determined by the CHDO, and may be completed in target areas as well as non-targeted areas of Lee County.
	Planned Activities	The project will consist of acquisition and rehabilitation of one housing unit.
16	Project Name	HOME TBRA
	Target Areas Included	Not applicable.
	Goals Supported	Increased Homeless Housing and Services
	Needs Addressed	Housing for the Homeless Homeless Services
	Funding	HOME: \$175,000
	Description	This project consists of using HOME funds for a tenant based rental assistance program for households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 20 households will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	This project will be administered by the Lee County Department of Human Services, located in Fort Myers, Florida. Assistance will be provided throughout the county.

	Planned Activities	This project consists of using HOME funds for a tenant based rental assistance program for households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Eligible costs will include security and utility deposits as well as rental assistance. Clients will also receive case management.
17	Project Name	ESG Program
	Target Areas Included	Not applicable.
	Goals Supported	Increased Homeless Housing and Services
	Needs Addressed	Housing for the Homeless Homeless Services
	Funding	ESG: \$222,776
	Description	Project will consist of the program administration, rapid re-housing, and shelter activities at the Bob Janes Triage Center and Low Demand Shelter.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 10 households will benefit from rapid re-housing and 450 will benefit from shelter activities.
	Location Description	The program will take place at the Lee County Department of Human Services, located in Fort Myers, Florida, as well as at the Bob Janes Triage Center and Low Demand Shelter, also located in Fort Myers, Florida.
	Planned Activities	Project will consist of the program administration, rapid re-housing, and shelter activities at the Bob Janes Triage Center and Low Demand Shelter.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

CDBG funds will be used in unincorporated Lee County, the City of Bonita Springs, the City of Sanibel, and the Town of Fort Myers Beach. Some CDBG funds will be concentrated on neighborhood revitalization, and therefore, will be used in the targeted areas noted in the Strategic Plan. HOME and ESG funds will be used countywide.

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

In order to provide assistance to as many residents as possible, the County dedicates only a portion of the funds to specific areas. These designations are based on the partner municipalities' urban county agreement requirements in the case of Bonita Springs, Sanibel, and Fort Myers Beach. In other locations, funds are allocated to areas meeting the low to moderate income designations as issued by HUD. Those areas have been designated by the County as target areas, and each has a revitalization plan that is used for project planning purposes.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Affordable housing will be provided through CDBG and HOME assistance, but will also be provided using other funding sources, including NSP and the SHIP program (state funding).

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	37
Non-Homeless	60
Special-Needs	0
Total	97

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	37
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	38
Acquisition of Existing Units	37
Total	112

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

It is estimated that 37 homeless households will be assisted with the rapid re-housing program. It is estimated that 25 owner occupied housing rehabilitations will be completed using CDBG, three will be completed using SHIP funds, and 10 will be completed using NSP funds. Thirty four Down Payment Assistance acquisitions will be completed using HOME funds and three will be completed using SHIP funds.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Due to a lack of affordable housing options, there is a great demand for public housing units and housing choice vouchers. This has resulted in a significant waiting list for both types of housing, which is regularly closed. However, the developments have recently opened their waiting lists, including the waiting list for a newer development: The Homes at Renaissance Preserve, which will remain open indefinitely. Further, the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM) has taken actions to promote homeownership (see below), which may lessen the demand on vouchers and project based assistance. HACFM and the Fort Myers Police Department have partnered to create Neighborhood Watch programs, increasing safety in public housing.

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

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers (HACFM) has removed the barriers that were preventing current Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) participants from joining the HCV Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program and Homeownership program. The FSS program was designed to connect families receiving subsidized housing assistance with access to community services and resources such as employment training, job-readiness, homeownership education, etc. necessary to advance families toward self-sufficiency. HACFM also offers a Community Supportive Services (CSS) program for relocated residents of the revitalized Michigan Court community, Renaissance Preserve and Horizons communities. The purpose of the CSS program is to provide support services such as job-skills training, childcare, transportation, adult/youth education programs. Support services are vital in transitioning families into self-sufficiency. HACFM now has no limit on the number of Homeownership Vouchers it will permit; it is now unlimited. HACFM meets monthly with residents to encourage participation in all programs offered at HACFM. HACFM continues to offer strategies to encourage homeownership, as well as financial literacy and budget classes. HACFM continues to believe that families with more education and control over money will be able to provide more for themselves, while potentially moving toward homeownership. As a HUD certified housing counseling agency, HACFM provides an array of housing counseling services for public housing and Section 8 residents. Counseling services include but not limited to: Home Buyer Education classes, debt reductions, budgeting, credit restoration, mortgage qualifications, foreclosure prevention, pre & post purchase counseling, in addition to assistance to renters.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

According to the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, this is not applicable.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

Much of the outreach to homeless persons is conducted at community events such as the Point in Time Count and the Stand Down/Service Day. There are also specific special events held for the homeless, such as an annual candlelight vigil in memory of the homeless who have died in that past year, which is held each December. Additionally, outreach is conducted by the many caseworkers at community agencies, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Lee County Homeless Coalition, schools, and other entities that encounter the homeless during other service delivery or during their regular course of business. Needs are assessed during these various points of contact. The development and implementation of a coordinated assessment process by the Continuum of Care makes the process more efficient for homeless persons, and strives to provide more appropriate referrals in order to better address needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The plan's goals of providing homeless housing and services primarily through entitlement funding will help to meet some needs for emergency housing at the Bob Janes Triage Center and Low Demand Shelter. As funding is available, Lee County may issue a Request for Proposals for the development of these projects or programs and funding then be used by other community partners. Other than the funds available through this process, emergency shelter and transitional housing needs may be addressed through grant funding opportunities, such as the competitive Continuum of Care process, or through other state or local funding streams.

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 plan's goals of providing homeless housing and services will help to prevent homelessness, rehouse, or otherwise permanently house the homeless. This will be accomplished through the use of ESG funding, and there may be some cases where affordable housing activities will also address this need. Other than the funds available through this process, permanent housing needs may be addressed

through other resources identified elsewhere in this plan, and through other grant funding opportunities, such as the competitive Continuum of Care process, or through other state or local funding streams.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: 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); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The Department of Human Services and other local agencies provide many programs and services aimed at preventing homelessness and stabilizing clients. In addition, there are discharge planning procedures in place with agencies to refer clients to appropriate service and housing providers. The Continuum of Care has reviewed discharge planning procedures in the community to strengthen them so that people are not discharged into homelessness. Further, the development and implementation of a coordinated assessment process by the Continuum of Care makes the process more efficient for homeless persons and families, and strives to provide more appropriate referrals in order to better address needs.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Actions it planned 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

As a result of the 2015 Regional Analysis of Impediments, there is one planned action to remove policies that create barriers. Lee County will work with the City of Sanibel on the change to distancing of group home requirements to ensure they are compliant with Florida Statute. Additionally, there are projects planned that will address barriers to affordable housing, such as: Lee County plans to continue investing NSP funds to purchase foreclosed homes in distressed neighborhoods, which are then rehabilitated to a like-new condition and sold to eligible homebuyers, helping to stabilize surrounding home prices. Projects will also address barriers to affordable fair housing as noted in the Analysis of Impediments, such as providing accessibility and modifications in housing units.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Lee County plans to undertake the projects and their associated activities as noted in the plan, which will address underserved needs for substandard housing conditions, provide needed public services, and support economic development initiatives. Other resources and agencies will also deliver services that will meet underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Lee County plans to undertake the projects and their associated activities as noted in the plan, which will address affordable housing needs. This includes providing owner occupied housing rehabilitation assistance and down payment assistance, as well as funds allocated to CHDOs for housing development. Further, the partnerships with the PHA and other housing providers in the area will continue, providing for communication and referral sources for other housing resources. Lee County has been approved to use a portion of the local allocation of HOPWA for tenant based rental assistance for HOPWA participants through the Florida Department of Health.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Homes built prior to 1978 where painted surfaces will be disturbed will be inspected for lead based paint. If lead is detected during the inspection, an assessment will be completed, followed by abatement.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

There are many antipoverty programs by numerous agencies in Lee County. Antipoverty impacts are inherent in the county's programs in housing, neighborhood development and elimination of homelessness. The goal of Lee County's antipoverty strategies is to help individuals and families rise above the poverty level, become self-sufficient, and eliminate systemic barriers to success. To achieve this goal, Lee County, in conjunction with city, state, regional and federal agencies, and with non-profit agencies and private organizations, has coordinated, designed and implemented strategies and programs to overcome barriers to success. The Lee County Department of Human Services supports anti-poverty programs of non-profit social service agencies with county general funds through the Partnering for Results Program. The Department provides anti-poverty action in its neighborhood development program by working with the neighborhoods on coordinating resources focusing on employment and self sufficiency. Antipoverty efforts of the Family Self-Sufficiency program consist of homeless programs, emergency assistance (rental, mortgage and utility payments), housing and financial counseling, and case management. The LEE Medical Office Skills Program is also a long-standing and successful program that addresses anti-poverty goals. The Department of Human Services operates this program through Community Services Block Grant funding to rapidly increase income for low-

income, working households and provide them a career path with upward mobility in the medical office field. Participants complete an intensive seven month course where they learn new skills in billing and coding, medical terminology, front desk operations, and Medical Manager software. LEE program staff maintain close contact with participants and can provide case management and financial supportive services if challenges arise jeopardizing successful completion of the program. Additional antipoverty efforts include state mandated programs for substance abuse, mental health, Medicaid, and indigent medical care, as well as the planned collaboration with Community Cooperative and Children's Home Society on services for homeless households with children, whose goal is to include more basic living and financial management skills.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Institutional structure is not deemed lacking. Gaps in providing programs or services that meet the priority needs will be evaluated on an annual basis, but at the onset of this planning cycle, there are no identified gaps to implementation. Continued coordination will help to ensure an effective institutional structure.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Lee County works to bring together different groups and agencies, including private housing and social service agencies, when appropriate for both specific projects and for overall planning. Staff at the City of Fort Myers and City of Cape Coral refers homeowners requesting major rehabilitations to the County. In addition, the county works with local housing agencies to leverage resources for rehabilitation assistance, and works with community partners on Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Lee County, American Red Cross, the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, Veterans Affairs, and the Lee County Homeless Coalition were members of the 100,000 HOMES campaign, and those partnerships continue as the community participates in the Zero: 2016 initiative. Members conduct bi-weekly conference calls to address systemic and specific veteran issues in reaching stable housing. Lee County plans to continue to work with agencies as much as possible to ensure complete coverage of services in the County.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	99.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

Not applicable.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Lee County has elected to use Recapture as the primary method of ensuring affordability for low-to-moderate income homebuyers; however, Resale provisions will be used when HOME funds are provided directly to a developer to reduce the development costs thereby making the price of the home affordable to the buyer. Any recaptured funds will be deposited in a HOME Trust Fund, (depending on original source of funds), to be utilized for any eligible activity within Lee County. The full version of the Lee County Resale and Recapture Policy is available at the Department of Human Services.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

Any recaptured funds will be deposited in a HOME Trust Fund, (depending on original source of funds), to be utilized for any eligible activity within Lee County, expanding the number of affordable housing units. Depending on the circumstances of recapture, the affordability of the units may be waived (such as the case in a foreclosure). In the case of resale, the unit will be resold to an eligible buyer, preserving affordability. The full version of the Lee County Resale and Recapture Policy is available at the Department of Human Services.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Not applicable.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The ESG allocation will be utilized in two main programs: a rapid rehousing program and the operations of the Bob Janes Triage Center and Low Demand Shelter. For the rapid rehousing component of ESG, the existing Lee County Policy and Procedure manual will be utilized for the standards. In general, this means that eligibility will be determined prior to providing assistance. Applicants must have incomes at or below 50% of the area median income. Income inclusions, income exclusions, and documentation standards can be found in the referenced manual. Verification and documentation of eligibility will be maintained in participant case files. Provided the requirements of each individual self-sufficiency plan are met, eligible households can receive 50

percent rent subsidies for six months. Exceptions may be made to the duration of assistance after management review and approval. For the shelter operations component of ESG, standards for assistance will be detailed in the subrecipient provider contract and will stipulate eligible expenditures, beneficiary reporting requirements, and other procedural components of the program.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Lee County Continuum of Care has developed a coordinated assessment system, which uses the existing HMIS system. Planning workshops with outreach workers and service providers were held to obtain input on the design and help to secure buy-in for the system. Local agencies have received initial training, and training will continue to be provided on an on-going basis as needed.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

Lee County has determined the programs to receive assistance and their allocations based on comments received by the public and in consultations during the planning process, as well as staff review of program success to date.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

This requirement has been met.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Overall evaluation of the ESG program will be undertaken by the Continuum of Care Governing Board. However, performance standards are determined by each funded program. At minimum, Lee County expects to assist 10 households with rehousing, and the Triage Center and Low Demand Shelter has a 58 bed capacity, which is expected to have constant beneficiary occupancy. Success of these programs will be measured by examining the beneficiaries served.

Attachments

Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

Certifications

Affidavit of Publication, November 2014 Public Hearing

Affidavit of Publication, March 2015 Public Hearing

Affidavit of Publication, May Public Notice

2015 Annual Action Plan County Project Location Map

2015 Annual Action Plan Low Income Areas and Hispanic Concentration Map

2015 Annual Action Plan Low Income Areas and Minority Concentration Map

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☐ New
☒ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

08/04/2015

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

120971

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Lee County

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

59-6000702

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0134616110000

d. Address:

* Street1:

2115 Second Street

Street2:

* City:

Fort Myers

County/Parish:

* State:

FL: Florida

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

33901

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Department of Human Services

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Cyndy

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Cook

Suffix:

Title:

Neighborhood Relations Coordinator

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

239-533-7958

Fax Number:

239-533-7960

* Email:

cookcl@leegov.com

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

*** Other (specify):**

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

N/A

*** Title:**

This is not a federal competition, but rather the renewal of entitlement funding to an urban county.

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Lee County 2015 Annual Action Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

* a. Applicant

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* b. Program/Project

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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

10/01/2015

* b. End Date:

09/30/2016

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	3,389,164.00
* b. Applicant	372,520.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	50,000.00
* g. TOTAL	3,811,684.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. * First Name: Brian
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Hamman
Suffix:

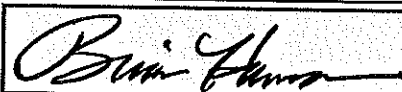
* Title: Chair, Lee County Board of County Commissioners

* Telephone Number: 239-533-2226

Fax Number: 239-533-2054

* Email: dist4@leegov.com

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:

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CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

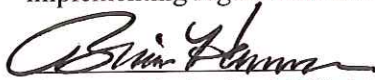
Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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

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

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

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


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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

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

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


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


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**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

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

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

Not applicable.

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Date

Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

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

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

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

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



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ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds – The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from

publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



Signature/Authorized Official

8/4/15

Date

Chairman

Title

Approved as to Form for the
Reliance of Lee County Only



Office of the County Attorney

HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

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

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

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

Not applicable.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:

A. Lobbying Certification

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

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LEE COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES
14 NOV -4 AM 9:30

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

Before the undersigned authority, personally appeared **Jeanne Isberto** who on oath says that he/she is the **Legal Assistant** of the News-Press, a daily newspaper, published at Fort Myers, in Lee County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a

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In the matter of:

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev. 2015-16

In the court was published in said newspaper
in the issues of

Oct 30, 2014

Affiant further says that the said News-Press is a paper of general circulation daily in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry Counties and published at Fort Myers, in said Lee County, Florida and that said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Lee County, Florida, each day, and has been entered as a second class mail matter at the post office in Fort Myers in said Lee County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of the advertisement; and affiant further says that he/she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Jeanne Isberto

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of October, 2014.

by **Jeanne Isberto**

personally known to me or who has produced

as identification, and who did or did not take an oath.

Notary Public

Teri L. Halm

Lee County Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held to take comment related to the development of the annual Action Plan for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Lee County will use 2014 budgeted figures for planning purposes as the 2015 amounts have not been announced. In general, housing, community development, and projects to assist the homeless will be undertaken.

The public hearing will take place during the Community Action Agency/Neighborhood District Committee meeting at 5:30 PM on November 13, 2014, at the Lee County Department of Human Services, 2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers. Persons needing reasonable accommodations, including translation services, should contact Cyndy Cook at 533-7930, by email at cookcl@leegov.com, or in person at the Lee County Department of Human Services, 2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, no later than three business days prior to the hearing. All comments will be considered in preparing the plan and reported in the document.

Este aviso público es en referencia a los fondos anuales subsidiados por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano. La traducción de este aviso puede ser solicitada llamado al 239-533-7930. (This public notice is regarding annual entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Translation of the notice may be requested by calling 533-7930).

NP-0000631568

Print Name: **Teri Halm**

My commission Expires: **April 4, 2017**



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In the matter of:
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Feb. 26 , 2015

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of February, 2015.

by **Jeanne A. Isberto**
personally known to me or who has produced

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Notary Public

Print Name: **Jessica Hanft**

My commission Expires: **February 12, 2017**



Public Notice

Notice is hereby given of anticipated US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2015-2016 allocations for unincorporated Lee County and urban county partners City of Bonita Springs, City of Sanibel, and Town of Fort Myers Beach.

The total allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has not been released, but is anticipated to be \$2,499,268. The total allocation of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is anticipated to be \$656,524. The total allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds is anticipated to be \$197,693, for a total entitlement of \$3,353,485. Program income is anticipated to be \$50,000 resulting from these activities.

The Lee County Annual Action Plan for HUD 2015 will be submitted to HUD prior to the deadline in August 2015. More than 95% of funds will be directed to benefit low to moderate income households. Program funds will be utilized for affordable housing projects, including rapid re-housing assistance, rehabilitation, and down payment assistance. Program funds will also be utilized for community development projects, including public facilities improvements, enhanced code enforcement, public services in targeted low income neighborhoods, and public services and operating funds for homeless shelters and agencies providing services to the homeless.

Lee County does not intend to displace any person by implementing these activities. In the unlikely event that activities require displacement of persons, Lee County will adhere to HUD relocation regulations and the approved local relocation/displacement plan.

Lee County, in compliance with HUD regulation and local administrative code, encourages citizens to participate in the development of this plan. Lee County held its first public hearing on November 13, 2014, and will hold its second public hearing on March 12, 2015, at 5:30 PM at the Lee County Department of Human Services, 2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, Florida. All comments from citizens will be considered in preparing the final plan and reported in the document.

Persons needing reasonable accommodations, including translation services, should contact Cyndy Cook at 533-7930, by email at cookcl@leegov.com, or in person at the Lee County Department of Human Services, 2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, no later than three business days prior to the hearing. All comments will be considered in preparing the plan and reported in the document.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

In the court was published in said newspaper in the issues of

May 22, 2015

Affiant further says that the said News-Press is a paper of general circulation daily in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry Counties and published at Fort Myers, in said Lee County, Florida and that said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Lee County, Florida, each day, and has been entered as a second class mail matter at the post office in Fort Myers in said Lee County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of the advertisement; and affiant further says that he/she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Shari Terrell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May, 2015.

by **Shari Terrell**

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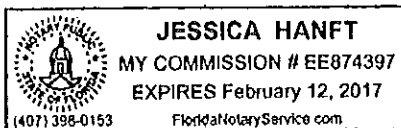
as identification, and who did or did not take an oath.

Notary Public

Jessica Hanft

Print Name: **Jessica Hanft**

My commission Expires: **February 12, 2017**



Public Notice



The public is invited to review the draft Lee County Annual Action Plan for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Program Year 2015. The plan covers unincorporated Lee County, the Cities of Bonita Springs and Sanibel, and the Town of Fort Myers Beach. The goal of the plan is to provide affordable, decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities for low to moderate income persons. Below is the proposed budget allocation for the 2015 funds.

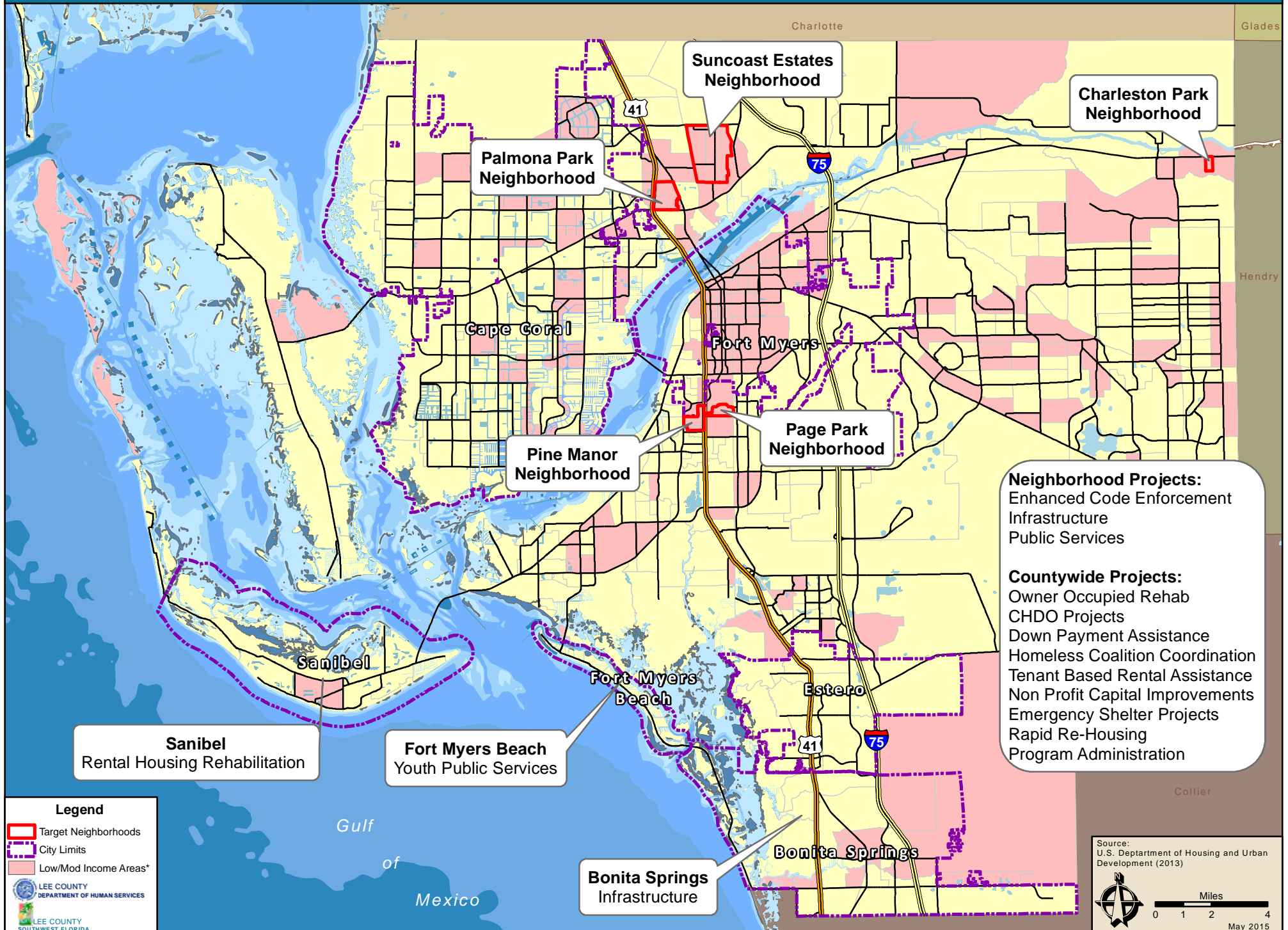
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CDBG Owner Rehabilitation/Reconstruction	475,000
CDBG HOUSING TOTAL:	725,000
CDBG Homeless Coalition Coordination	25,000
CDBG HOMELESS PROGRAMS TOTAL:	25,000
CDBG Urban County Bonita Springs	294,820
CDBG Urban County Sanibel	20,546
CDBG Urban County Fort Myers Beach	25,649
URBAN COUNTY TOTAL:	341,015
CDBG Program Administration	300,000
CDBG Urban County Administration	29,654
CDBG ADMINISTRATION TOTAL:	329,654
CDBG Neighborhood Infrastructure	650,000
CDBG Neighborhood Enhanced Code Enforcement	75,000
CDBG Neighborhood Public Services	294,386
NEIGHBORHOODS TOTAL:	1,019,386
CDBG Non Profit Capital Improvements	127,358
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	127,358
CDBG ENTITLEMENT:	2,567,413
HOME Project Delivery	59,897
HOME Down Payment Assistance	274,231
HOME CHDO	89,847
HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance	175,000
HOME ENTITLEMENT:	598,975
ESG Program Administration	11,138
ESG Street Outreach/Shelter Activities	133,665
ESG Rapid Re-Housing	77,973
ESG ENTITLEMENT:	222,776
TOTAL HUD ENTITLEMENT:	3,353,485

The plan is available for citizen review from May 22, 2015 through June 22, 2015, online at <http://dhs.lee.gov/planning/Pages/PlanningDocuments.aspx>, or at the Lee County Department of Human Services, 2440 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. Comments regarding the plan should be addressed to Cyndy Cook, Neighborhood Relations Coordinator, Lee County Department of Human Services, at the address above, or by email at cookcl@lee.gov. All comments from citizens will be considered in preparing the final plans and reported in the documents. If you require reasonable accommodations necessary to review and/or comment on the plan, contact 533-7930.

Este aviso público está relacionado a los fondos anuales de subsidios del Departamento de la Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos. Traducción del aviso y del Plan de Acción Anual a los que hace referencia este aviso, pueden ser solicitados llamando al 533-7930. (This public notice is regarding annual entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Translation of the notice and of the Annual Action Plan referenced in the notice may be requested by calling 533-7930.)

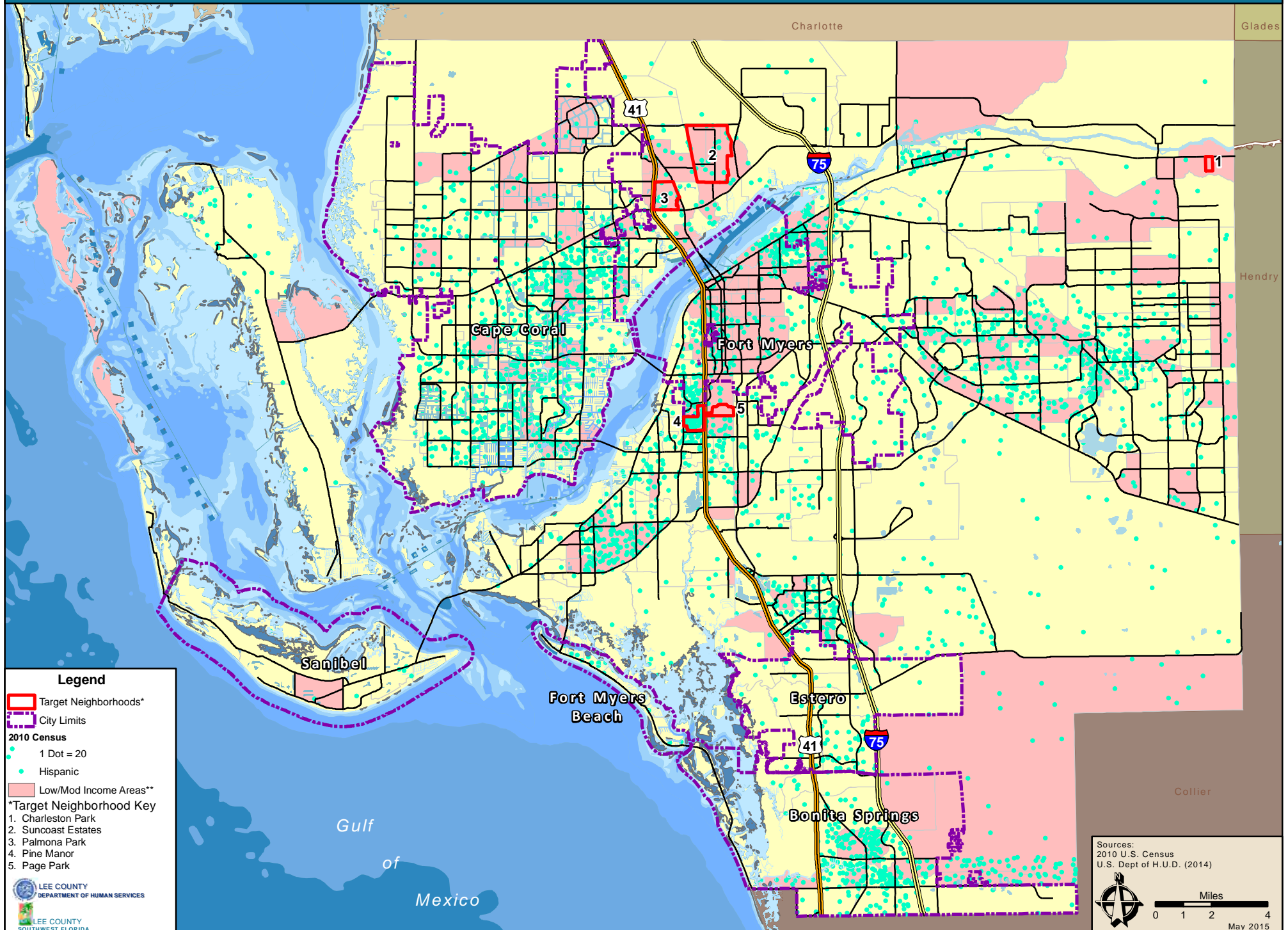
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FY 2015 Project Locations



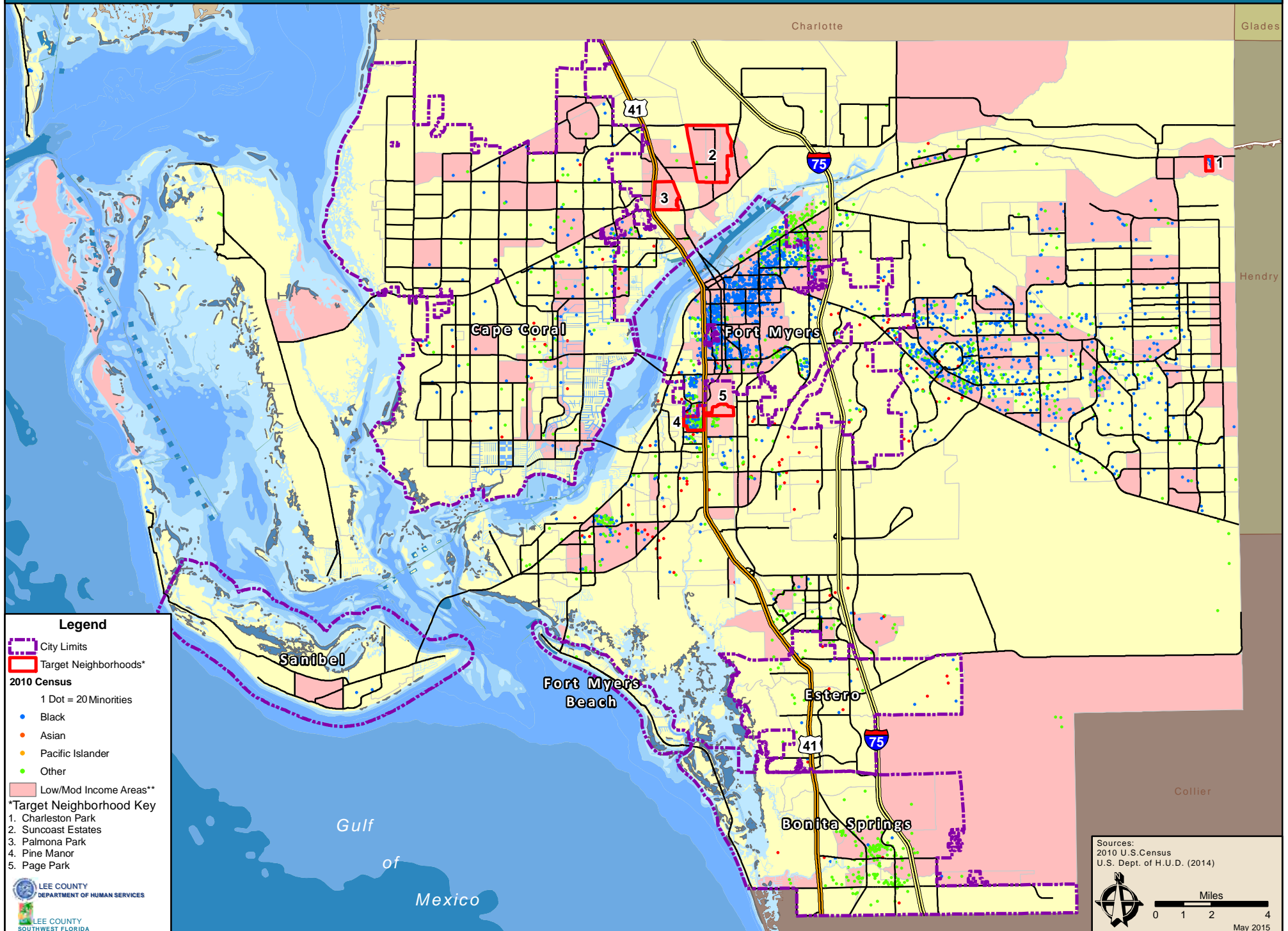
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Hispanic Concentration



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Minority Concentration



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