



# **Town of Christiansburg**

## **2017**

### ***Community Development Block Group***

# ***Annual Action Plan***

Presented to  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

***CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD***  
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## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

The 2017 Annual Action Plan for the Town of Christiansburg outlines the activities that will be undertaken during the 2017 program year using Federal funds granted to the Town of Christiansburg by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Programs and activities described in this plan are continued from prior program years. All programs and activities are intended to benefit low-income and moderate-income residents of the Town of Christiansburg, neighborhoods with high concentrations of low-income and moderate-income residents, and the Town as a whole.

#### 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.

##### Objectives:

- Ongoing development of new public infrastructure and upgrading portions of infrastructure to enhance the quality of life for citizens in the Low to Moderate Income Block Groups.

##### Outcomes:

- Providing usable sidewalks will provide connectivity for low to moderate income residents within the Town. Various residential areas lie adjacent to businesses, agencies that provide services, local transit and government offices. By providing the necessary links between the neighborhoods and the commercial area, an improved transportation network will be achieved.
- Rehabilitating drainage, water and sewer systems that lay under the sidewalk areas provides a better quality of life as some of these lines have never been upgraded or improved.

##### Accomplishments:

- Existing sidewalks have been improved to comply with ADA standards in the project area along East Main Street, Roanoke Street and Park Street.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

The Town of Christiansburg 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and now the Town of Christiansburg 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan focuses on the redevelopment of sidewalks and infrastructure in an LMI area. With the increased connectivity, staff has visibly seen frequent use of the sidewalks. Additionally, through outreach programs for other Town projects, the citizens have indicated they need connectivity to services.

Existing sidewalks have been improved to comply with ADA standards in the project area along East Main Street, Roanoke Street and Park Street. Approximately 639 feet of new sidewalk has been installed and 2,040 feet of existing sidewalk has been improved.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Annual Action Plan is available for the public review and is available on the Town's Web Site. The availability of the plan and the Town Council public hearing is also advertised in a local newspaper, The News Messenger. Staff is available to discuss the goals of the CDBG program at anytime. Most of the citizen comments have been directly related to the construction project of the drainage and sidewalk improvements along Park Street and the citizen's home or property.

### **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.

No comments have been received to date.

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

Not Applicable

### **7. Summary**

The Town of Christiansburg will add portions of the public infrastructure, including sidewalks, to enhance the quality of life for citizens in the Low to Moderate Income Block Groups. To facilitate the development, funds will be utilized from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. The goals and objectives of the approved Consolidated

Action Plan serve as representation of the Citizen's and Town Council's vision for the development of the community and its future. As stated in the Town of Christiansburg's Destination 2022 and 2013 Comprehensive Plan, the intention of the Town Council for future development is to provide connectivity to public places. The goal of this Annual Action Plan furthers the goals of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan to provide connectivity for LMI residents.

**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	CHRISTIANSBURG	
CDBG Administrator		Planning Department
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

Christiansburg’s Planning Department is the lead agency overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan and is responsible for coordinating with area organizations, citizens and other interested parties. The staff of this department consists of a Planning Director/Zoning Administrator and two Planners. The Planning Director reports directly to the Town Manager and coordinates overall project goals with the Town Manager's Office.

In addition to overseeing the development of the plan, the Town of Christiansburg will coordinates the sidewalk construction and any other infrastructure improvements through the Public Works, Engineering, and Finance Departments. The Engineering Department acts as the lead for the specifics and implementation of construction projects.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

Services for extremely low to moderate income families can be obtained from various organizations within the Town of Christiansburg, Montgomery County and throughout the New River Valley. These organizations can assist with housing needs, utility payments and other emergency assistance needs for a wide range of populations.

### **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(I))**

In addition to citizen solicitation, staff gathered information and assistance from the following organizations:

Town Managers Office

Parks and Recreation Department

Montgomery County Health Dept.

Department of Social Services

New River Valley Regional Commission

Community Housing Partners

New River Community Action

New River Family Shelter

NRV Community Services

Women's Resource Center

These participants served an important role in the development of the Consolidated Plan and continue to play an important role in consideration of need from a year to year basis. Each organization provides information from their staff and/or web pages to all interested parties. The data collected from these organizations and individuals was analyzed and developed into a series of housing and community development strategies.

**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.**

A comprehensive continuum of care system is necessary to effectively address homeless needs. This system must provide three basic components. First, there must be an immediate alternative to being unsheltered including not only emergency shelter, but an assessment of an individual's or family's needs. Second, there is a need for transitional housing and rehabilitative services. This aspect of the system should include services such as substance abuse treatment, interim mental health services, training in independent living skills, and many others dependent upon the individual needs. The final step is permanent housing that includes permanent supportive housing arrangements.

Homeless individuals and families will not necessarily need access to all of the above components, but this coordinated system is critical as an overall effort to overcome homelessness. In addition, there must be a strong homeless prevention strategy to ensure increasing numbers of homeless does not overwhelm the above system. In fact, prevention of homelessness, by stabilizing precarious housing arrangements, is significantly less costly than providing emergency shelter and food.

Though limited by local funding and dependent upon State and Federal Grant Assistance for many of our local endeavors, homelessness is a problem we would like to eliminate in our region. The Town of Christiansburg recognizes the need to assist low and moderate income households in danger of becoming homeless, and is committed to assisting those families by continued support of local agencies, the regional Housing Partnership, Continuum of Care and HOME Consortium.

Since the Town of Christiansburg does not have social service programs to directly assist the homeless, we are fortunate to have New River Community Action, a local agency that administers the Homeless Intervention Program (HIP) for the region. The HIP program prevents the displacement of low and moderate-income households who are in danger of becoming homeless, assists those who are homeless to secure permanent housing, and assists individuals to regain self-sufficiency. The program provides no interest loans for mortgages and deposit assistance, as well as rent-payment grants to eligible people in the New River Valley. Not only does New River Community Action administer the HIP program, but the agency has also taken the lead to develop a Homeless Prevention Plan for the New River Valley. Many religious institutions and the regional community services organization have combined to create a "thermal shelter" during the coldest months to house homeless men in the New River Valley.

The Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist in the prevention of homelessness from eligible non-profit organizations and other groups. When the Town is also an eligible applicant, it will seek to coordinate any application with other relevant organizations so program benefits will be delivered to citizens as effectively and seamlessly as possible.

**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**

The Town of Christiansburg is not a recipient of ESG funds.

**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	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>	<p>NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION</p>
	<p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>	<p>Housing            Services - Housing            Services-Children            Services-Elderly Persons            Services-Victims of Domestic Violence            Services-homeless            Services-Health            Services - Victims</p>
	<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment            Public Housing Needs            Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless            Homeless Needs - Families with children            Homelessness Needs - Veterans            Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth            Homelessness Strategy</p>
	<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>In late 2013, New River Community Action reached out to local governments and the New River Valley Regional Commission to develop a homeless prevention plan. Since that solicitation, NRCA has held regular meetings to develop the plan. As part of the planning process, New River Community Action has assisted with the annual Point in Time survey for the Continuum of Care. While the plan is not completed, the goal is to provide local governments with a plan as a resource to prevent homelessness. This agency and area religious institutions have taken steps to implementing a thermal shelter program for homeless men which provides long-term social services and placement services at that time. The localities and interested organizations continue to collaborate and share information through the New River Housing Partnership.</p>

2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	New River Valley Community Services
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	New River Valley Community Services is the public provider of behavioral health services to residents of the New River Valley. NRVCS offers community-based programs for both children and adults who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities and/or substance use disorders. It is recognized these all have the ability to contribute to homelessness.

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

None identified.

**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	New River Community Action	

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

The Town of Christiansburg works closely with regional partners for planning purposes. The New River Valley Housing Partnership is a valuable coordination resource in these regional efforts. The New River Valley Regional Commission provides the most valuable resource as they coordinate planning for the region as a whole.

**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**

The 2017 Action Plan is available for review for the modified 14 day review. To ensure the public is fully informed of the process and given every opportunity to provide comment and input, print copies were available at the Christiansburg Public Library, located at 125 Shelton Street, during the review process. Additional copies can be obtained from the Christiansburg Planning Department, located at the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street or on the Town’s website at [www.christiansburg.org](http://www.christiansburg.org). The Town of Christiansburg advertises the public review process in a local newspaper and on the Town’s website. The Town also uses its social media outlets to promote citizen participation. Public input will be requested at a Town Council public hearing to solicit additional comments. Citizens unable to attend the public input meeting are invited to offer comments and suggestions to the Planning staff either by telephone, mail or email.

**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	Newspaper Ad	Persons with disabilities  Non-targeted/broad community				

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)
2	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing				
3	Internet Outreach	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing				

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg has made great strides in FY 2016 to complete the infrastructure work on Park Street. The work continues and this year's funding will assist in completing the project.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder 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	111,683	0	138,876	250,559	200,000	

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**

HUD CDBG funds will be leveraged with state transportation funds. A separate application to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has secured revenue sharing for funding sources for the current phase of drainage and sidewalk improvements along Park Street. The Town will contribute approximately a third of the funding needed for this phase of sidewalk.

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

**Discussion**

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Infrastruture	2015	2020	Non-Housing Community Development Public Improvements and Infrastructure			CDBG: \$89,346	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3925 Households Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

#### Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Infrastruture
	<b>Goal Description</b>	

# Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

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### Accomplishments:

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### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Park Street Infrastructure
2	Administrative Costs

Table 7 - Project Information

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

**needs**

The primary reason for this allocation priority is to accomplish more infrastructure improvements in the Town's Low to Mod Income communities.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Park Street Infrastructure
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	Rehabilitating improvements and infrastructure
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Administrative Costs
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	Admin expenses for CDBG funding including but not limited to advertisements of public input for projects and mailing fees.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

## **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**

The Town of Christiansburg’s Park District consists of a mixture of older single family homes and rental units. The Park District is also home to lower income residents. The boundary of the Park District is Roanoke Street (U.S. Routes 11 and 460), Depot Street, N.E. and East Main Street. Park Street (which the area is named for), runs parallel to Roanoke Street, transects the Park District. Roanoke Street serves as a major connector to area shopping, medical offices and municipal buildings such as Christiansburg Town Hall, Montgomery County Courthouse and Health Department.

The Town of Christiansburg’s Park District is home to lower income residents that require access to area shopping, medical offices and other businesses. A portion of Park Street and Roanoke Street do provide sidewalks; however, there is a need to fill in areas that do not have sidewalks. Christiansburg’s Staff witnesses residents walking on the grassy shoulders to arrive at various destinations along Park Street from their residences within the Park District. Christiansburg intends to allot a minimum of 80% of the CDBG allocation to continue sidewalk construction, plus the rehabilitation of infrastructure along portions of Park Street and Depot Street, N.E. In order to install new sidewalks, the drainage infrastructure will need to be improved. The remaining 20% will be allocated for administrative costs, if those costs should need funding.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Park Street District	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The priorities were established based on the needs of the eligible jurisdictional area so it is limited with how the CDBG dollars are allocated within the Town.

### **Discussion**

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg will strive to maintain and increase the supply of affordable, sound housing through planning processes promoting affordable housing such reviewing the Town’s Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan.

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

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

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

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

#### Discussion

Due to limited funding through HUD’s CDBG Program, the Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing affordable housing needs with CDBG allocations.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

Due to limited funding through HUD's CDBG Program, the Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public housing with CDBG allocations.

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

Due to limited funding through HUD's CDBG Program, the Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public housing with CDBG allocations.

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

Due to limited funding through HUD's CDBG Program, the Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public housing with CDBG allocations.

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

This area is not served by a PHA, therefore this is not applicable for the Town of Christiansburg's 2016 Annual Action Plan.

### **Discussion**

Even though public housing is not funded through the CDBG program, the Town of Christiansburg will strive to maintain and increase the supply of affordable, sound housing through planning processes promoting affordable housing by reviewing the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan.

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

### **Introduction**

The Town of Christiansburg recognizes the need to assist low to moderate income households in danger of becoming homeless, and is committed to assisting those families by continued support of local agencies, the regional Housing Partnership , Continuum of Care and HOME Consortium. The Town of Christiansburg has taken an active role in a regional committee to end homelessness and will continue to provide staff support.

### **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**

The Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist in the prevention of homelessness from eligible non-profit organizations and other groups. When the Town is also an eligible applicant, it will coordinate any application with other relevant organizations so program benefits will be delivered to citizens as effectively and seamlessly as possible. No CDBG funding will assist these efforts.

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

The Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist in the prevention of homelessness from eligible non-profit organizations and other groups. When the Town is also an eligible applicant, it will coordinate any application with other relevant organizations so program benefits will be delivered to citizens as effectively and seamlessly as possible. No CDBG funding will assist these efforts.

#### **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 Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist in the prevention of homelessness from eligible non-profit organizations and other groups. When the Town is also an eligible applicant, it will coordinate any application with other relevant organizations so program benefits will be delivered to citizens as effectively and seamlessly as possible. No CDBG

funding will assist these efforts.

**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 Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist in the prevention of homelessness from eligible non-profit organizations and other groups. When the Town is also an eligible applicant, it will coordinate any application with other relevant organizations so program benefits will be delivered to citizens as effectively and seamlessly as possible. No CDBG funding will assist these efforts.

### **Discussion**

As noted above, funding is not available for these activities due to the limited available monies.

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

### **Introduction:**

Removal of barriers to affordable housing must be done with a full analysis of potential ramifications. In this regard, the Town's Zoning Ordinance will be continued to amended to protect and strengthen residential districts. The Town's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2013 and as part of the continued process. Christiansburg's current zoning and regulations continue to be closely examined to ensure compatibility with the promotion of affordable housing opportunities.

In addition, Christiansburg has continued to support and participate with the New River Valley Housing Partnership as it examines opportunities in the areas of Continuum of Care and the HOME Consortium.

**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**

No actions have been identified to date.

### **Discussion:**

The Town's current zoning ordinance provides flexibility in the Park District to allow different housing types and has standards conducive to permitting different size lots and homes. Staff believes has assisted in providing a variety of housing options at different pricing levels to its residents.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

With limited CDBG resources and no HOME funded activities designated for the Town of Christiansburg, no other actions will be taken beyond the program goals for FY 2017.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The Town strives in many ways to meet underserved needs. For example, the Town provides a bus service that has been successful in addressing transportation issues of our Low to Mod income communities. The Town is working with the service provider to see how routes and timing could assist even more individuals.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The Town is supportive in most instances of private and public efforts to provided affordable housing and the educating citizens on finding affordable housing. No other actions will be taken beyond the program goals for FY 2017 as part of the CDBG program.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

Beyond education and guidance provided by the Town's Building Department, no other actions will be taken beyond the program goals for FY 2017 as part of the CDBG program.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

No other actions will be taken beyond the program goals for FY 2017 as part of the CDBG program.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

No other actions will be taken beyond the program goals for FY 2017 as part of the CDBG program.

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

No other actions will be taken. Town Staff is always open to conversations with area agencies and moving toward possibly supporting or implementing new programs in future years.

### **Discussion:**

While other opportunities to address important issues such as the ones listed above are not available this year, Staff is committed to possibly supporting efforts in the future. It is important to complete the infrastructure goals that have been set out as a priority for almost 10 years, before reevaluating a shift in CDBG program goals.

## **Program Specific Requirements**

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

#### **Introduction:**

The Town of Christiansburg will continue to strive to complete the sidewalk project set forth in the Consolidated Plan. The sidewalk project has been listed as the highest priority for the Goals and Objectives. Additional improvements to drainage, water and sewer infrastructure are included in this project list. These infrastructures have not needed attention at this time.

Over 55% of the residents of the Census Block Group 020800-02 are low-moderate income persons. These residents have direct access to the new sidewalks and rehabilitated sidewalks. Rehabilitating sidewalks and installing new sidewalks will encourage a walkable community providing access to public transportation, grocery stores, doctor's offices including a free clinic and municipal buildings.

While the Town has focused on needed infrastructure in the Park Street District to serve its low to moderate income residents, the Town is interested in future years to explore other ways to leverage funds to assist its low to moderate income population--and the community as a whole.

