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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

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

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

The Town of Greece's 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year has continued to be designed to address one of the three objectives and areas of high priority. This is also the first program year of the town's Five Year Strategic Plan. These objectives have not changed over the past years and are based on an analysis of the Town's needs in the areas of housing, public/community service, and public works improvements. They include the following: The replacement of deteriorated or obsolete public infrastructure systems most often found in the Town's older neighborhoods; Preservation of the Town's larger number of older housing units, usually occupied by lower-income homeowners; and meeting the services requirements of 3 groups of town residents: the frail and isolate elderly, lower-income residents dealing with housing related issues, and persons with disabilities.

The Public Work's Road Improvement Program was funded for road reconstruction on various residential streets within the Dewey/Stone area: Belford Drive; Beverly Heights; California Drive North & South; Castleford Road; Chippendale Road; Cragg Road; Haviland Park; Lakewood Drive; McEwen Road; Rodessa Road East; Rogene Street; Swansea Park; Wedgewood Drive; Wheeldon Road; West Parkway; Worcester Road and Stone Road, all located within the Town's CDBG Target Area for \$215,000. Improvements included slurry sealing of the roadways and any needed gutter reconstruction, replacement and resurfacing, and sidewalk replacement. Public infrastructure has always been priority with the Town, as a part of its strategic plan. The Town continues to make improvements to roadways and sidewalk replacements, not only town-wide, but within the Town's CDBG Target Area and contains some of the Town's oldest housing stock, which are inhabited by the elderly and/or new families as starter homes and rental properties.

The Town continues to make progress on addressing this matter through the Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP), which provides grants for the rehabilitation of substandard, owner-occupied, single-family homes. Completed projects during the program year help with property values and with community stabilization. A total of 30 projects were provided for through the Town's GRIP program with an allocated sum of \$100,000 with an average cost of \$6,000 per project. This was the first full program year with a \$1500 increase in grant funds being provided, per project, as past year grants did not exceed an average of \$4800 per household. This year the GRIP program partnered with Rochester Energy Efficiency & Weatherization ("RENEW") and the Housing Council at Pathstone ("Pathstone"), both of which that provide comprehensive services to residents of the City of Rochester, and residents of suburban Monroe County.

The Town also allocated \$12,000 in grant funds to Lifespan's Safety and Security for Seniors - Home Safe Home Program, which provides a variety of services to older adults within the Town of Greece, including safety assessments, minor home modifications to prevent home injuries and fall prevention. The Town was able to assist 136 households through program grant funds.

CDBG also provided \$63,000 to the Town's Elder Care Program, which is administered by the Town's Department of Constituent Services. This program provides assessment and support services, such as transportation, to the frail and isolated persons age 65 and older. The program is designed to promote independence and extend the time that the elderly spend living in their own homes.

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

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

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development		Jobs created/retained	Jobs	5	24	480.00%			
Economic Development	Non-Housing Community Development		Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	5	22	440.00%			

Improve public infrastructure		CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	200	200	100.00%	200	200	100.00%
Repair and conserve existing housing stock	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	20	30	150.00%	20	30	150.00%

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

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

The Town will continue to support and make progress on these priority needs and will attempt to assist more housing units each year, where possible and in accordance with its action and strategic plans and through activities that serve and continue to serve the low, low-moderate income communities and seniors.

The onset of COVID-19 at the start of the program year halted many of the CDBG activities for the Town. The Town suspended its services during a months time, during the shut down of New York State on PAUSE due to the impacts of the pandemic in early 2020. The shut down and the on-going COVID-19 effects have continued to impact CDBG activities, especially the GRIP program, due to the rising prices and shortage of building materials and the unavailability of contractors needed to perform the services for such.

The Town of Greece Community Development Block Grant – COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds have been used in ways to provide services that “Prepare, Prevent and Respond” to the coronavirus pandemic and include small business assistance, assistance for PPE manufacturer expansion, and commercial vacancy incentives. The town has a

comprehensive breakdown of how funds were spent to date and who they benefited as follows:

Small Business Assistance: \$100,000 Round 1 - This project consisted of the establishment and implementation of a small business assistance program to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to Greece's small businesses. Grants offered assistance to businesses working capital expenses which helped continue business operations and retain employees due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and was in response to the sudden and severe revenue loss experienced by local service and retail businesses, as a result of social distancing and mandatory shutdowns. A total of 38 applications were received with 22 of them being funded. Program funds were exhausted in less than one month's time.

GROW Greece Commercial Occupancy Incentive: \$284,508 Round 3 - The economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health crisis have accelerated vacancy of commercial floor space in the Town of Greece and posed a serious and immediate threat to the economic well-being of the Town of Greece and its businesses and residents, particularly in areas already challenged with higher vacancy rates. This grant program was designed to encourage occupancy of existing vacant commercial floor space by assisting with renovation costs necessary to accommodate new business tenants. Projects must result in a net reduction of vacant commercial floor space and may include construction of walls, flooring, windows and doors, HVAC lighting and other electrical work, plumbing and other fixed improvements. This is a reimbursement grant program, funding 50% of project costs up to \$25,000 per application.

PPE Manufacturer Expansion - \$250,000- Round 3 – Assistance to accommodate the expansion of Paneffort Inc, a manufacturer of personal protection equipment (PPE) such as masks, gowns, and other surgical accessories for the medical industry, and serves as a supplier for a growing list of clients in and around Greece, such as the University of Rochester, Rochester General Hospital, Monroe County, Laboratory Products, and others. Paneffort is a leading PPE manufacturer in the medical marketplace and have experienced rapid growth as a result of demand created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Paneffort will be retaining twelve existing jobs and creating twelve new jobs, ten of which will serve low-moderate income individuals in the community. They are making a significant investment in the revitalization of a town plaza and creating secondary economic activity, while providing PPE supplies directly to the local supply chain.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

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

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	247
Black or African American	30
Asian	10
American Indian or American Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	288
Hispanic	4
Not Hispanic	0

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

Narrative

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	425,729	425,729

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The Towns of Greece and Irondequoit are members of the Monroe County HOME Program Consortium. The participation in said consortium along with the Town's Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP), continues to serve low-and to low-moderate income residents most in need, while still being able to provide and maintain a quality level of program services and overall community benefits. The Towns of Greece and Irondequoit administer their own CDBG Programs, while the HOME Program is the only program that is administered by Monroe County on behalf of Greece and Irondequoit. The Home Program attracts substantial private and other public dollars into its funded projects. The potential sources of these leverages HOME funds (other than match funds) are many. Please refer to Monroe County's CAPER for additional information regarding the HOME Program.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Estall Road	100	100	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

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Leveraging

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

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

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

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	11	0
Total	11	0

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	20	30
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	20	30

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

Given the constraints that exist due to the Town's limited block grant allocation for this and previous program years, the Town of Greece has continued to provide a reasonable effort to address its needs, goals, outcomes and objectives. As the demand for services continues to increase, while the Town's grant allocation has become stagnant over the last decade, the Town has not been able to sufficiently address the levels of demand that exist. Due to the lessening trend in grant allocations being received, unless additional/alternative funding sources can be found, it is expected that this situation (demand vs.

assistance available) will only continue to occur and possibly worsen. Despite these problems, the Town has been able to accomplish its goals. As outlined in this section of the CAPER, the Town was able to assist/serve 166 households (30-GRIP & 136-Lifespan's Home Safe Home Program).

The COVID-19 pandemic and the mandatory PAUSE which led to a shut down of non-essential services, and businesses, had a trickle down effect to also shut down non-essential work of construction and impacted the majority of work administered by GRIP and had a direct impact on homeowners seeking contractors to provide services needed for home improvements.

An additional problem with meeting these goals was pause in services provided due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town of Greece will continue to strive to accomplish its one-year goal(s). However, problems could be encountered in meeting these goals in the future if a decrease occurs in the Town's overall block grant allocation.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

A major impediment to the realization of the Town of Greece's policies, strategies and overall vision for its program is the continued limiting of financial resources for the program, which has occurred in previous program years. Since its inception in the mid-1970s, the Town's CDBG Program has utilized its block grant allocations to fund and provide housing rehabilitation assistance and grants to low and very low-income home owner-occupants. The cumulative effect of these grants has been the preservation of the Town's large supply of affordable, single-family, owner-occupied homes, which continues to remain one of the Town's highest priorities. On average, the Town is able to serve 30-40 households each program year through GRIP, which is the Town's home rehabilitation program. Each year, GRIP continues to have a waiting list and it continues to grow in numbers. Members of Town staff regularly receive inquiries via telephone, e-mail, and/or inquiries on the Town's website regarding the eligibility requirements for the program. These outcomes will continue to impact future annual action plans with the amount of funding this activity receives. If the demand for this activity remains and grows, a larger funding allocation may be necessary in effort to assist more housing units for future program years. If a larger funding allocation is required in the future, this would impact other CDBG activities by lessening their funding and providing it to GRIP due to demand. While the Town provides a limited amount of funding for GRIP, due to decreases in block grant allocations in previous years, the Town has been able to supplement its block grant funds with Federal and State resources administered by other local government agencies and not-for-profits whenever feasible. One of the most well-known partnerships, as already mentioned, is with Monroe County's HOME Consortium, which assists in housing rehabilitation projects. It has been and will remain the Town's continued practice to refer applicants to other government funded programs whenever they are eligible.

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

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	31	0
Low-income	134	0
Moderate-income	112	0
Total	277	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

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

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

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

Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH) (formerly known as the Rochester-Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care – (the “CoC”) is the leading entity for the Continuum of Care planning and management process, including the direct oversight and implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), project monitoring and the establishment of project priorities. The overall goals of the system is used to to collect client level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. Coordinated Entry has also been fully implemented throughout the CoC area with a goal to ensure that emergency shelter is available to all in need and that homeless persons are linked to the housing and services that will best meet their needs. Permanent Supportive and Rapid Rehousing programs are accessed through the Coordinated Entry prioritization list. A vulnerability assessment tool, VSPDAT, is administered at emergency shelters, through street outreach activities and at community-based organizations that have interactions with the homeless. The CoC is working on replacing the VSPDAT tool as the assessment tool for Coordinated entry and it is no longer being supported by its developer.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Town of Greece is a stakeholder with PEH and a Town staff member continues to serve on the PEH Board of Directors. The PEH is the primary planning and coordinating body for homeless housing and services in Monroe County, New York. Programs are coordinated and collaborated with various area service providers, including the Monroe County Department of Human Services (DHS) to better serve those in the emergency shelters; provide workshops for landlords and potential landlords to educate them to DHS processes and utilizing the landlord-tenant agreement on lieu of cash security deposits; and continually work to increase the supply of safe, affordable housing units for homeless and other special needs populations. Homeless outreach, including transitional housing needs for homeless persons, is directed to the PEH and/or any of the organizations or emergency shelters it provides grant funds to. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Shelter Task Force worked to address issues pertaining to COVID and provided services such as updating guidebooks for shelter and other homeless provides to follow for guidance on screening at admission, sanitation, use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), how to quarantine within the shelter, and how to facilitate moving a person from shelter to isolation, if needed. There were minimal COVID outbreaks in the homeless system and only two shelters had to stop new admissions for two weeks so people could be safely quarantined.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after

being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

As mentioned in previous sections of the CAPER, the Town of Greece is a stakeholder for the PEH. As part of this affiliation, the Town works through the PEH to help prevent homelessness for low-income individuals and families with youth age children, especially those who have the probability to become homeless following being discharged from public facilities and/or institutions. An individual and/or family at risk of becoming homeless after being discharged from a facility is provided with information and resources through the PEH funded programs to address employment, education, health, housing, social services, and youth needs. The Town currently and will continue to work through the PEH in its efforts to help prevent homelessness for low-income individuals and those families with children in the area. The Town will continue to defer to the PEH for its expertise and its discharging policies and procedures, as it relates to homeless individuals and families being discharged from the different institutions and the different systems of care that are available.

As mentioned previously, a Town staff member serves on the PEH Board of Directors and another staff member attends monthly meeting of the Homeless Service Network's (HSN). As a result of this affiliation and participation, the Town is able to remain informed of the needed outreach, which agencies/organizations to turn to for homelessness referrals, and to continually be educated on homelessness in the community. The HSN is comprised of more than sixty (60) organizations (e.g. non-profit, private, and public) and individuals who are directly involved in providing services to the homeless in our community. In addition, two (2) members from Town staff participate in the annual Point In Time (PIT), which is administered by PEH.

The PEH collects homeless data/statistics in a centralized database through HMIS to provide an unduplicated number of homeless persons throughout the area, including the Town of Greece. This data on the homeless populations supports planning activities, measures and tracks performances, tracks demographics and service needs to the homeless populations. The PEH continues to strongly encourage other homeless persons that do not receive these types of funding to participate. Without access to that data, it would be more difficult to get a complete homeless count. All programs participating in HMIS are now currently sharing basic data elements that will support full implementation of the coordinated entry system; this will improve the capabilities of providers by reducing the amount of time spent on data entry and most importantly, will reduce the number of times that homeless persons will need to repeat their story.

In addition to the programs and services provided by the PEH, the Town directly administers its Elder Care Program through its Community and Senior Center. The Elder Care Program addresses the needs of the frail and isolated elderly population of the Town of Greece, many whom require assistance to remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. This program provides for transportation needs, "Meals on Wheels", medical and prescription access assistance, social networking

and counseling services, just to name a few services provided by Elder Care.

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

As part of its CDBG Program, the Town of Greece does not directly assist homeless individuals. Instead, as mentioned previously in this section of the CAPER, all assistance offered to homeless individuals, especially the chronically homeless, transitional to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitation access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again, is provided through agencies that receive PEH funding, of which the Town participates in as a stakeholder. The Town, through its participation in the PEH, makes efforts to ensure that the chronically homeless are accessing mainstream financial entitlements and service providers in a timely manner through these agencies. Services through the PEH also include, but are not limited to coordinated outreach with Monroe County's Department of Human Services at least two (2) to three (3) times a week, especially in the colder, winter months, to identify individuals reasonably believed to be homeless and unwilling or unable to find shelter necessary for safety and health reasons.

One of the continued primary focuses of recent activities has been to work with the chronically, unsheltered homeless persons and the unaccompanied youth who have been identified as living in public areas (e.g. bus stops, parks, parking garages, etc.) and other similar places that may be accessible and are not meant for human habitation and occupancy, especially during winter months, while also providing alternative housing options for those individuals in need. In previous years, the community has been successful in relocating a number of individuals from certain locations (e.g. highway underpasses, etc.) where numerous homeless individuals would reside to being able to provide more suitable housing options for them. The Town will continue to work with community providers and the PEH to work with these individuals to further engage them in services to assist in the transition to a form of stable, permanent housing. The CoC encourages all permanent housing programs to utilize Housing First and harm reduction principles to reduce barriers to accessing permanent housing and provide the appropriate level of services to meet the needs of high need individuals.

Furthermore, additional services that could provide aid is the Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP). As described in previous sections of the CAPER, the GRIP program offers assistance to low and very-low income homeowners by providing funding for the rehabilitation projects to make much needed repairs to their single-family home. This services that is offered town-wide to eligible homeowners, assists in maintaining the Town's affordable housing stock, keeps very-low income individuals and

families in their homes, which also prevents future homelessness.

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

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

Not Applicable (There are no public housing units located in the Town of Greece).

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

Not Applicable (There are no public housing units located in the Town of Greece).

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not Applicable (There are no public housing units located in the Town of Greece).

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

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

As part of a collaborative partnership with Monroe County and the Town of Irondequoit, a recent update to the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Monroe County, New York (AI) was completed. The AI identified a complex series of issues frequently interacting with one another to limit housing choice for protected class members. Fair housing actions frequently take time to accomplish and cross over program years and funding cycles. In terms of actions taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing, the AI made the following recommendations, including but not limited to: Expand availability of both market rate and affordable housing in diverse locations at all income levels; Address affordable rental housing need of large families through the creation of three-or-more bedroom units in diverse locations; Improve and expand transportation opportunities for disabled and special needs households; and work with lenders, realtors, and mortgage brokers to provide education opportunities to first time home buyers in order to increase housing choices.

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

The greatest obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the limited and in some cases, stagnant funding for CDBG programs the Town has received in previous years. The demand for resources is ever-increasing, particularly in the area of community services. For the 2020 program year, CDBG funding was provided to support the Town's Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP). Because of the tremendous and ever-growing need, the Town of Greece relies on additional supplements of programs funded by its block grant with services provided by other area governments and not-for-profit, such as the Monroe County HOME Program and its partnership with RENEW. These additional grant funds have enabled Greece residents to participate in programs that otherwise would not be available to them, and lessens dependence upon the Town's limited block grant funds, of which Monroe County has also experienced in recent years as well.

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

The Town's written policies governing the administration of the GRIP program specify the actions that must be taken when the rehabilitation of a house will result in the disturbance of painted surfaces. These actions, which are in compliance with HUD's Lead-Based Paint Regulations, include the testing of painted surfaces for lead-based paint by a certified official and the removal of the paint if the test is positive. Further, the Town requires that a qualified vendor must certify that the lead-based paint has been removed and no longer constitutes a hazard to the houses' occupants. The financial assistance provided by GRIP to lower-income homeowners includes payment for all analyses performed by the

Town's testing vendor, as well as for the remediation of lead-based paint hazards. The Town also incorporates all relevant Federal lead-based paint regulations in the bid document and contract for housing rehabilitation projects that its block grant helps to fund. All lead-based paint risk assessments and clearance testing are conducted under contract for one year. Each spring a new Request for Proposals (RFP) is issued for these services and a contract is selected, approved by the Town Board and put in place for three (3) year's time.

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

As a result of a disproportionate percentage of Greece's elder population falling below the area/region's poverty level, the Town has recognized the importance of addressing this group's special needs through its CDBG Program. Similar to previous program years, the 2020 program year block grant funds were used by the Town to provide its most at-risk senior citizens with services that are designed to safeguard their continued independence and well being. The Elder Care Program, which is administered by the Town's Community and Senior Center, is able to provide housekeeping, transportation, and other services to frail and isolated seniors who are referred to the program. In addition, other activities funded by the Town's block grant program, such as the Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP), though not limited to the elderly, and does have a large number of participants that are seniors. Both of these activities/programs are offered town-wide to eligible residents.

Monroe County Department of Human Services is the primary provider of public assistance benefits for poverty-level persons and therefore, has the greatest capacity to reduce the number of poverty level families. Housing efforts, particularly emergency housing are coordinated through the Continuum of Care (CoC) and other community wide affordable housing agencies.

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

For this program year, one of the most important actions taken by the Town of Greece to overcome the gaps of institutional structures and enhanced coordination continues to be the Town's on-going efforts with the Monroe County in the areas of affordable housing and economic development, which can provide assistance to the Town's low and low-moderate income residents. These efforts include the Town's continued participation in the Monroe County HOME Consortium and its partnership/sponsorship with Monroe County and the Town of Irondequoit for the updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Monroe County NY 2020 (AI).

In addition, as mentioned in the previous sections of the CAPER, the Town continues to be a member of Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH) (formerly known as the Rochester-Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care - the CoC), which is charged with developing, maintaining, monitoring and regularly improving a continuum of care system of services for the area's homeless individuals and families. The Town has been active with the PEH, not just as a stakeholder, but a town staff member has also serves on PEH's Board of Directors.

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

Coordination is enhanced through the Town's continued and productive working relationships with several area public not-for-profit agencies and organizations. The most prominent among agencies/organizations is the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, with which the Town has had a long and productive partnership with the County's previous and current staff, especially in the areas of affordable and fair housing programs, community development, and other land use planning and zoning matters (coordinated reviews, rezonings, site plans, subdivisions, etc.).

The Town's continued membership on the Partners Ending Homeless (PEH) team has allowed for a continued contact with providers of services to homeless individuals on an on-going basis. The coordination of housing services has and will continue to be facilitated by the not-for-profit Housing Council, when required. The Town has also continued its on-going dialogue with other local housing and social services agencies to explore possible cooperation and mutual assistance, especially in the area of affordable housing construction

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

As already mentioned, the Town participated in a recent update to the Analysis of Impediments (AI) with Monroe County and the Town of Irondequoit, in an effort to understand current potential impediments to fair housing choice. The Town of Greece, along with its affiliates through the Consortium, is taking the appropriate steps to ensure that its analysis of impediments to fair housing choice and fair housing plans remain up to date and relevant living documents.

The Town of Greece continues to be involved with the development of new housing projects for low-income senior citizens, whether proposed or under construction. Due to changing economic trends and the continued choice of seniors to choose where they want to live and utilize services they need and want to maintain the lifestyle they choose, the Town has recognized that the greatest need for seniors is providing affordable housing. The rezoning of properties/land, by the Town Board has provided for further development of affordable housing for seniors and the Town will continue to give priority to the provision of affordable rental housing for senior and persons with disabilities and rehabilitation assistance. The Town's Department of Planning and Economic Development has and will continue to work closely with developers for several senior housing projects within the Town that are either completed, near completion, or under construction.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

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

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

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

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

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

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