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## 1. Executive Summary and Introduction

This Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) summarizes activities undertaken by New York State agencies during Program Year 2011 (1/1/11 – 12/31/11) in the administration of the following four programs:

- **CDBG – Community Development Block Grant Program**  
The NYS CDBG program provides grants and technical assistance to nonentitlement units of general local government who are developing projects that provide decent and hazard-free affordable housing, access to safe drinking water, proper disposal of household wastewater, access to community-needed services in local facilities, and expand economic self-sufficiency for low- and moderate-income persons by supporting development projects which are designed to create or retain jobs or foster microenterprise activities. The NYS CDBG program is administered by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC).
- **HOME – HOME Investment Partnerships Program**  
The HOME program funds the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable housing and assists renters and first-time home buyers. HOME is administered by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC).
- **ESGP – Emergency Shelter (Solutions) Grants Program**  
The ESG program provides funds for emergency shelters, transitional housing for the homeless, and essential social services both to assist the homeless and to prevent homelessness. ESGP is administered by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).
- **HOPWA –Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program**  
The HOPWA program aids localities and not-for-profit organizations in meeting the housing and social service needs of persons with AIDS and HIV-related illnesses and their families. HOPWA is also administered by OTDA.

Each of these programs is funded by formula grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To maintain its eligibility to administer these programs, New York State must periodically prepare and submit a series of documents for HUD approval. In addition to an annual CAPER, these documents include a five-year Consolidated Plan and annual one-year Action Plans.

This CAPER summarizes activities taken to implement New York State's Consolidated Plan for 2011-2015 and the Annual Action Plan for 2011. The organization of this CAPER document corresponds to the HUD review factors as summarized in the crosswalk preceding this Introduction.

New York State's Consolidated Plan for 2011-2015 and all associated documents, including its Annual Action Plan for 2011 and this Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for 2011, are prepared in accordance with a HUD-approved Citizen Participation Plan. The full text of this Citizen Participation Plan is included as Appendix I of this document and should be referenced for information about how to access Consolidated Plan documents and how to participate in the Consolidated Planning process through which these documents are developed.

### 1.1 New York State's Overall Goals

New York State's five-year Consolidated Plan for 2011-2015 states overall goals in each of three areas of interest as follows:

- Affordable Housing - Create decent housing for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers.
- Homelessness and Other Special Needs - Address the shelter, housing, and service needs of the homeless, those

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threatened with homelessness, and others with special needs.

- Community Development - Create suitable living environments and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers.

## 1.2 Measuring and Reporting Performance

### 1.2.1 The HUD Performance Measurement System

In 2006, HUD implemented a performance measurement system in which states and localities, in preparing Consolidated Planning documents, must relate CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA-funded activities to a matrix of objectives and outcomes created by HUD. HUD specifies three broad objectives for the CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA programs: decent housing; suitable living environment; and economic opportunity. In addition, HUD specifies three outcomes of CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA-funded activities: availability/accessibility (hereinafter cited as availability); affordability; and sustainability. Cross classifying these objectives and outcomes, HUD created the following matrix:

**TABLE 1  
HUD MATRIX OF  
OBJECTIVES AND OUTCOMES**

Outcome →		Availability 1	Affordability 2	Sustainability 3
Objective ↓	<b>Decent Housing</b> <b>DH</b>	DH-1	DH-2	DH-3
	<b>Suitable Living Environment</b> <b>SL</b>	SL-1	SL-2	SL-3
	<b>Economic Opportunity</b> <b>EO</b>	EO-1	EO-2	EO-3

HUD asks states and localities to attribute each CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA-funded activity to one of the nine objective/outcome pairs defined by the matrix. For example, home ownership rehabilitation activities are attributed to DH-1, rental rehabilitation activities are attributed to DH-2, and rehabilitation of “eyesore” properties are attributed to DH-3.

### 1.2.2 New York State's Objectives, Outcomes and Activities

New York State has undertaken a variety of activities in pursuit of its general goals. Table 2 integrates these activities into HUD's classification method for objectives and outcomes as follows:

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**TABLE 2  
HUD MATRIX OF  
OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES AND ACTIVITIES**

OBJECTIVE	OUTCOME	CODE	ACTIVITY
Decent Housing	Availability	DH-1	Owner-occupied Rehabilitation (HOME) Homeless Prevention (ESGP) Housing Rehabilitation (CDBG)
	Affordability	DH-2	Purchase Assistance (CDBG & HOME) Tenant-based Rental Assistance (HOME & HOPWA) Rental Rehabilitation/New Construction (HOME) Homebuyer Acquisition/Rehabilitation (HOME) Congregate Housing (HOPWA) Short Term Rental Assistance (HOPWA)
Suitable Living Environment	Availability	SL-1	Essential Services (ESGP) Maintenance and Operations (ESGP) Supportive Services (HOPWA)
	Affordability	SL-2	Infrastructure Improvements (CDBG)
	Sustainability	SL-3	Public Facility Improvements (CDBG)
Economic Opportunity	Availability	EO-1	Job Creation/Retention Assistance (CDBG)
	Affordability	EO-2	Business Assistance (CDBG)

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## 2. Assessment of Progress toward Goals and Objectives

### 2.1 Progress toward the Five-Year Goals

2011 constituted the first year in the five-year (2011–2015) Consolidated Plan for the State of New York. New York State, through its administration of the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA programs and other State and federal housing and community development programs, pursues its goals of creating:

- decent housing
- a suitable living environment
- economic opportunity

In its five-year Consolidated Plan for 2011 through 2015, New York State specified objectives and outcomes it would seek to reach in furtherance of these goals. New York State is well on its way to achieving the goals as outlined in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan. For each of the specified objectives and outcomes, with the exception of the reported homebuyer units, the New York CDBG program met or exceeded the annual proposed goals. If New York maintains this level of accomplishments for the remaining four years of the Consolidated Planning period, New York will meet or exceed all estimates.

With respect to the goal of creating and preserving decent housing, it is estimated in the five-year Consolidated Plan that NYS CDBG funds would be used to improve the availability of affordable housing by rehabilitating approximately 3,500 units. At the same time, HOME funds would make decent housing more available by funding the rehabilitation of 3,450 owner-occupied units. During the first year of the planning period, NYS CDBG funds have been used to rehabilitate 708 affordable housing units and HOME funds have been used to rehabilitate 795 units of owner-occupied affordable housing. It was also estimated over the five-year planning period that the NYS CDBG program would provide homeownership assistance to approximately 575 households and the HOME program would fund a variety of activities that would make decent housing more affordable for approximately 8,445 households. The NYS CDBG program has made decent housing more affordable by providing homeownership assistance to 106 households in 2011 and the HOME program has made decent housing more affordable for 1,315 households by funding housing construction and rehabilitation and tenant-based rental assistance. In 2011, the ESG program provided assistance which made decent housing more available for 1,895 individuals and HOPWA-funded assistance made decent housing more affordable for 458 households.

With respect to the goal of creating suitable living environments, the State's 2011 Action Plan estimated that the ESG program would provide assistance to homeless shelters which would, in turn, provide services to a total of 12,044 individuals as well as supportive services to assist 13,292 individuals. In 2011, ESGP funds increased the availability of suitable living environments for 54,760 individuals and 814 individuals were served with HOPWA-funded assistance. In addition, it was estimated that the NYS CDBG program would fund 125 public facilities and infrastructure projects. During the first year of the planning period, NYS CDBG funds have funded 27 public facilities and infrastructure projects in which 78,711 individuals benefited from NYS CDBG-funded infrastructure and public facility projects and 824 individuals were assisted with HOPWA-funded supportive services.

Finally, with regard to the goal of creating economic opportunities, the State's five-year Consolidated Plan estimated that NYS CDBG-funded economic development activities would create or retain approximately 5,000 jobs. During the first year planning period, NYS CDBG-funded economic development activities have resulted in the creation or retention of 1,380 full-time jobs and 149 part-time jobs.

### 2.2 Progress toward the One-Year Goals

In this section, New York State summarizes, for CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA, its 2011 commitment and expenditure of funds and its estimated and actual program accomplishments. A more detailed analysis of progress by each of the four programs is provided in Sections 2.3 thru 2.6.

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## 2.2.1 Summary of Resources Committed and Expended by Objective

To achieve the goals, objectives, and outcomes described above, New York State committed and expended the following federal funds in Program Year 2011:

**TABLE 3  
PROGRAM YEAR 2011  
FUNDS COMMITTED AND EXPENDED  
BY PROGRAM, OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME CODE AND ACTIVITY**

PROGRAM	CODE	ACTIVITY	RESOURCES [in Dollars]	
			COMMITTED	EXPENDED
CDBG	DH-1	Housing Rehabilitation	13,641,129	14,321,121
	DH-2	Purchase Assistance	2,050,425	3,090,226
	EO-1	Job Creation/Retention Assistance	17,927,877	11,007,219
	EO-2	Business Assistance	5,426,755	1,648,057
	SL-2	Infrastructure Improvements	12,967,187	9,572,258
	SL-3	Public Facility Improvements	1,077,000	2,020,482
	N/A	General Program Administration*/TA	2,962,363	3,297,540
HOME	DH-1	Owner-occupied Rehabilitation	11,678,276	14,577,748
	DH-2	Home Ownership Assistance Tenant-based Rental Assistance Rental Rehabilitation/New Construction	18,741,474	17,663,080
ESGP	DH-1	Homeless Prevention	399,831	371,481
	SL-1	Essential Services Maintenance and Operations	2,667,400	2,666,096
HOPWA	DH-2	Tenant-based Rental Assistance Congregate Housing Short Term Rental Assistance	1,239,420	1,159,383
	SL-1	Supportive Services	336,433	286,560

\*The CDBG funds committed and expended for general program administration are the funds used by recipients to administer the NYS CDBG program at the local level in addition to funds used by the State to administer the program.

Table 3 reports resources committed and expended during the Program Year 1/1/11 – 12/31/11, regardless of the Program Year in which the funds were awarded to the State. Depending on the activity and the lag time between commitment and actual expenditures, the reported PY 2011 expenditures do not correspond to PY 2011 commitments, as some of the expenditures reflect prior Program Year commitments.

## 2.2.2 Estimated and Actual Accomplishments in Affordable Housing and Community Development

Table 4 displays New York State's commitment of NYS CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA accomplishments in furtherance of affordable housing objectives. In 2011, the number of low- and moderate-income households and persons assisted through the four programs of CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA appear in the program-specific sections that follow.

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**TABLE 4**  
**PROGRESS TOWARD ONE-YEAR GOALS**  
**ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2011**  
**BY PROGRAM, OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME CODE AND ACTIVITY**

PROGRAM	OBJECTIVE- OUTCOME CODES	ACTIVITIES	2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
			Estimated	Actual
CDBG	DH-1	Housing Units Rehabilitated	700	708
	DH-2	Households Receiving Home Ownership Assistance	115	106
	EO-1	Permanent Jobs Created or Retained	1000	1380 FT 149 PT
	EO-2	Businesses Assisted	30	35
	SL-2	Persons Benefiting from Infrastructure Improvements	50,000	50,745
	SL-3	Persons Benefiting from Public Facility Improvements	10,000	27,966
HOME	DH-1	Owner-occupied Housing Units Rehabilitated	800	795
	DH-2	Households Receiving Home Ownership Assistance Households Assisted with Tenant-based Rental Subsidies Existing Rental Housing Units Rehabilitated New Housing Units Constructed	530	538
ESGP	DH-1	Individuals Assisted to Prevent Homelessness	1,377	1,895
	SL-1*	Individuals Provided Essential Services Individuals Assisted by Maintenance & Operations Funding	25,336	54,760
HOPWA	DH-2	Households Assisted with Tenant-based Rental Subsidies Households Assisted with Congregate Housing Households Assisted with Short-term Rental Subsidies	440	458
	SL-1	Individuals Assisted with Supportive Services	800	814

*\*The large discrepancy between ESGP projected and actual number of persons assisted is a result of greater numbers served, especially in terms of Non-Residential Services and the funding of drop-in centers. For Residential Services, an individual unduplicated count is used, which means that a client is counted only once, for each stay, no matter how many days they stay at the facility. For Non-Residential Services, an individual is counted once for every visit, no matter how many services that individual receives. If they return the next day, they are counted again.*

## 2.2.3 Geographical Distribution of CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA Funds

Table 5 shows the geographic distribution of the funds awarded for these four programs in Program Year 2011.

**TABLE 5**  
**2011 CDBG, HOME, ESG AND HOPWA PROGRAMS**  
**FORMULA FUNDS AWARDED**  
**SUMMARY OF GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**[in Dollars]**

COUNTY	CDBG	HOME	ESGP	HOPWA	TOTAL
ALBANY*	2,351,300	1,276,000	498,110	229,492	4,354,902
ALLEGANY	2,250,000	2,418,688	0	0	4,668,688
BRONX	0	0	0	0	0
BROOME	1,406,399	300,000	0	169,089	1,875,488

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COUNTY	CDBG	HOME	ESGP	HOPWA	TOTAL
CATTARAUGUS	478,000	1,816,986	0	0	2,294,986
CAYUGA	1,100,000	1,424,000	0	0	2,524,000
CHAUTAQUA	1,332,000	67,000	60,337	66,568	1,525,905
CHEMUNG	782,960	700,000	66,827	0	1,549,787
CHENANGO	1,457,692	500,000	0	0	1,957,692
CLINTON	1,500,000	0	105,656	0	1,605,656
COLUMBIA	618,406	300,000	0	0	918,406
CORTLAND	2,482,000	0	0	0	2,482,000
DELAWARE	1,782,140	533,000	0	0	2,315,140
DUTCHESS	0	0	12,410	0	12,410
ERIE*	0	4,437,448	0	109,999	4,547,447
ESSEX	1,826,443	1,765,141	0	0	3,591,584
FRANKLIN	800,000	0	0	0	800,000
FULTON	1,150,000	0	0	0	1,150,000
GENESEE	2,100,000	434,000	0	0	2,534,000
GREENE	1,734,789	133,000	0	0	1,867,789
HAMILTON	200,000	0	0	0	200,000
HERKIMER	1,241,000	330,000	0	0	1,571,000
JEFFERSON	2,405,000	507,300	0	0	2,912,300
KINGS	0	0	29,066	0	29,066
LEWIS	428,560	0	0	0	428,560
LIVINGSTON	1,709,000	0	9,351	0	1,718,351
MADISON	450,239	0	869	0	451,108
MONROE*	0	1,511,386	265,659	95,930	1,872,975
MONTGOMERY	863,872	0	0	0	863,872
NASSAU	0	0	0	0	0
NEW YORK	0	0	566,494	0	566,494
NIAGARA	1,326,000	0	33,997	0	1,359,997
ONEIDA	1,563,101	2,400,000	0	0	3,963,101
ONONDAGA	0	3,370,269	50,375	830,498	4,251,142
ONTARIO	1,450,000	1,785,000	0	0	3,235,000
ORANGE	652,000	0	18,989	0	670,989
ORLEANS	387,167	433,000	0	0	820,167
OSWEGO	1,166,000	1,500,000	51,299	0	2,717,299
OTSEGO	276,004	400,000	9,816	0	685,820
PUTNAM	0	0	110,114	0	110,114
QUEENS	0	0	0	0	0
RENSSELAER	720,646	0	125,144	0	845,790
RICHMOND	0	0	114,518	0	114,518
ROCKLAND	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
SARATOGA	275,063	585,200	327,662	0	1,187,925
SCHENECTADY	36,341	0	157,465	0	193,806
SCHOHARIE	1,268,326	134,000	0	0	1,402,326
SCHUYLER	144,000	0	0	0	144,000
SENECA	0	400,000	0	0	400,000

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COUNTY	CDBG	HOME	ESGP	HOPWA	TOTAL
ST. LAWRENCE	2,150,000	599,800	0	0	2,749,800
STEUBEN	1,048,000	800,000	37,702	0	1,885,702
SUFFOLK	0	0	0	0	0
SULLIVAN	1,324,648	278,400	0	271,434	1,874,482
TIOGA	419,448	0	0	0	419,448
TOMPKINS	1,075,000	950,000	224,843	0	2,249,843
ULSTER	2,617,428	628,400	18,697	302,570	3,567,095
WARREN	200,000	0	0	0	200,000
WASHINGTON	1,363,116	591,000	0	0	1,954,116
WAYNE	1,450,000	0	0	0	1,450,000
WESTCHESTER	0	0	171,831	0	171,831
WYOMING	560,000	232,000	0	0	792,000
YATES	750,000	952,000	0	0	1,702,000
NEW YORK STATE	0	0	0	0	0
Multi-County	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,072,088</b>	<b>34,493,018</b>	<b>3,067,231</b>	<b>2,075,580</b>	<b>94,707,917</b>

\* Albany, Erie and Monroe counties are located within HOPWA eligible metropolitan services areas. Funds were allocated to agencies headquartered within those counties to serve surrounding counties outside the EMSA. Additionally, funds were awarded to an Albany-based agency which is not eligible to receive direct HOPWA entitlement funds.

### 2.2.4 Assistance to Minorities

The following four tables summarize NYS CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA assistance provided in 2011 to households and individuals by the race and ethnicity of those assisted.

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**TABLE 6**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF THOSE ASSISTED**  
**TOTALS FOR ALL OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES**

RACE	HOUSEHOLDS		PERSONS	
	TOTAL	HISPANIC	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	34,904	977	116,358	2,901
ASIAN	382	2	1,145	8
ASIAN AND WHITE	11	0	33	0
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	2,140	2	5,735	8
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	24	0	93	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	205	3	608	14
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE/WHITE	22	0	58	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	2	0	3	0
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	21	0	52	0
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL*	2,357	8	6,347	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,068</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>130,432</b>	<b>2,950</b>

Some activities are not required to report racial information by household. Therefore, household data and persons data may appear to be inconsistent.

\*Recipients of NYS CDBG funds are not obligated to provide racial data. In such instances where racial data has not been provided, the households and persons are captured under "Other Multi Racial" per HUD guidance.

**TABLE 7**  
**2011 HOME PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED**  
**TOTALS FOR ALL OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES**

RACE	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	1,117	46
ASIAN	9	0
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	150	3
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	3	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	5	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	1	0
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL	48	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>93</b>

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**TABLE 8**  
**2011 ESG PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED**  
**TOTALS FOR ALL OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES**

RACE	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	16,034	2,255
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	24,962	2,910
ASIAN	74	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	35	4
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	8	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND WHITE	32	0
ASIAN AND WHITE	12	1
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	2,326	31
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	7	2
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL	376	7,586
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,866</b>	<b>12,789</b>

**TABLE 9**  
**2011 HOPWA PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED**  
**TOTALS FOR ALL OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES**

RACE	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	416	38
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	300	1
ASIAN	1	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	2	0
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	1	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND WHITE	0	0
ASIAN AND WHITE	0	0
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	24	15
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	0	0
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL	70	16
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>70</b>

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## **2.3 New York State Community Development Block Grant (NYS CDBG) Program**

The NYS CDBG program provides grants and technical assistance to units of general local government who are developing projects that provide decent and hazard-free affordable housing, access to safe drinking water, proper disposal of household wastewater, access to community-needed services in local facilities, and expansion of economic self-sufficiency for low- and moderate-income persons by supporting development projects which are designed to create or retain jobs or foster microenterprise activities. The NYS CDBG program is administered by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC). Eligible applicants are cities, towns and villages under 50,000 in population, and counties under 200,000 in population, excluding: metropolitan cities, urban counties, units of government which are participating in urban counties or metropolitan cities even if only part of the participating unit of government is located in the urban county or metropolitan city, and Indian tribes eligible for assistance under Section 106 of the HUD Act.

### **2.3.1 Availability of NYS CDBG Funds in Program Year 2011**

Program Year 2011 marks the twelfth full year of New York State's administration of the NYS CDBG program. For Program Year 2011, \$44,032,414 was allocated to the State for the NYS CDBG program, less prior set-aside obligations for Section 108 loans/grants of \$2,000,000 leaving \$42,032,414 of PY 2011 funds for annual, open round, community planning, technical assistance, innovative projects and imminent threat grants as well as state administration. In addition to the \$42,032,414 available from the 2011 HUD allocation, an additional \$31,974,462 was available from prior year funds. These funds include unobligated, deobligated, and returned funds from Program Years 2000 through 2010 funding. 65 Annual Competitive Round grants, 23 Imminent Threat grants and 69 Economic Development grants were awarded during the 2011 Program Year. The total amount of funds awarded in Program Year 2011 is \$55,072,088 excluding state administration, Technical Assistance and Section 108 loan repayments.

### **2.3.2 Distribution of NYS CDBG Funds in Program Year 2011**

Program Year 2011 marks the twelfth annual round of the NYS CDBG competitive awards for Housing, Public Infrastructure and Public Facilities grants and the tenth year in which Economic Development awards were made on an open round (non-competitive) application cycle. In PY 2009, the Economic Development Open Round program was expanded to include microenterprise assistance grants and small business assistance grants. Also in PY 2009, the category of comprehensive grants was eliminated from the competitive round. This report reflects achievements of NYS CDBG recipients awarded sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth (2005 through 2010) annual competitive NYS CDBG awards as well as the achievements of the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh (2006 through 2011) open round economic development awards. The data presented reflects the accomplishments of the NYS CDBG program recipients as of December 31, 2011 and includes the housing units rehabilitated, housing units newly constructed, households provided with home ownership opportunities, persons benefiting from completed public infrastructure and facilities projects, businesses assisted, and jobs created and retained for low- and moderate-income persons. The Method of Distribution adopted for Program Year 2011 was based on input from public hearings held in conjunction with the development of the State's Consolidated Plan and Action Plan, local government consultations, input from workshops and informal communications with recipients, potential applicants, and various community development professionals around the State.

#### **2.3.2.1 2011 Distribution of NYS CDBG Funds by Function and Activity**

In 2011, HTFC expended \$960,648 from its administrative allocation from Program Year 2011, in addition to \$362,433 from previous years' unused administrative allocations. At the end of PY 2011, New York State has just over \$3 million in administrative funds available to be allocated. These funds plus any future funds allocated for administration will be used by the State for its program administration costs. Table 10 shows NYS CDBG administration funding for the twelve years the program has been administered by New York State.

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**TABLE 10  
NYS CDBG PROGRAM  
ADMINISTRATION FUNDING  
[in Dollars]**

<b>PROGRAM YEAR</b>	<b>CDBG ALLOCATION ADMINISTRATION FUNDING</b>	<b>CDBG ADMINISTRATION FUNDS DRAWN DOWN</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE OF CDBG ADMINISTRATION FUNDS</b>
2000	1,017,980	1,017,980	0
2001	1,247,060	1,247,060	0
2002	1,131,340	0	1,131,340
2003	1,146,600	0	1,146,600
2004	1,145,807	500,000	645,807
2005	1,088,472	683,808	404,664
2006	970,394	970,394	0
2007	976,075	976,075	0
2008	949,427	949,427	0
2009	967,540	967,540	0
2010	1,051,411	1,051,411	0
2011	<b>960,648</b>	<b>960,648</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,652,754</b>	<b>9,324,343</b>	<b>3,328,411</b>

In the New York State Program Year 2011 Annual Action Plan, the State anticipated the following allocation of program resources (Table 11):

**TABLE 11  
2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM  
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY CATEGORY**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
<b>COMPETITIVE</b>	58%
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (OPEN ROUND)</b>	33%
<b>IMMINENT THREAT/CONTINGENCY</b>	2%
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	2%
<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE &amp; CAPACITY BUILDING</b>	1%
<b>COMMUNITY PLANNING</b>	1%
<b>INNOVATIVE PROJECTS &amp; SPECIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	3%
<b>ALL RESOURCES</b>	100%

Based on the needs identified over the course of the Program Year 2011, the State allocated its 2011 resources as outlined below in Table 12:

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**TABLE 12**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**GRANT REQUESTS AND AWARDS**

CATEGORY	REQUESTS		AWARDS	
	AMOUNT [in Dollars]	NUMBER OF GRANTS	AMOUNT [in Dollars]	NUMBER OF GRANTS
<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	<b>37,784,320</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>16,748,560</b>	<b>39</b>
Housing Rehabilitation	32,910,420	81	14,098,560	34
Home Ownership	4,873,900	10	2,650,000	5
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE &amp; FACILITIES</b>	<b>32,348,499</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>14,429,015</b>	<b>26</b>
Water	12,848,890	23	4,959,000	8
Sewer	15,076,129	27	7,520,015	14
Community Facilities/Other	4,423,480	11	1,950,000	4
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Microenterprise/Small Business)*</b>	<b>6,267,000</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4,557,000</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>24,214,967</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>16,980,314</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INNOVATIVE PROJECTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>COMMUNITY PLANNING</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>IMMINENT THREAT</b>	<b>2,311,381</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2,357,199</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>102,926,167</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>55,072,088</b>	<b>157</b>

\* Including microenterprise and façade activities

The NYS CDBG program provides funding under the three main grant categories of Housing, Public Infrastructure and Facilities, and Economic Development, shown in the table above. A range of activities are funded under each of these three broad grant categories.

In PY 2011, 91 applicants who requested funds through the Housing category proposed activities that included housing rehabilitation, home ownership, and water and sewer laterals. HTFC awarded 39 housing grants totaling \$16,748,560 in 2011. Of these, 34 (\$14,098,560) were housing rehabilitation projects.

Predominant in the Public Infrastructure and Facilities category are activities to supply safe drinking water and to collect and treat wastewater. Of the 26 public infrastructure and facilities grants awarded in 2011, 22 were for public water and sewer activities totaling \$12,479,015. In addition to public infrastructure projects, HTFC also awarded 4 grants totaling \$1,950,000 for the construction of facilities in underserved areas that will provide a range of public services that are funded by other public and private funding sources.

Economic development funds were awarded to projects involving activities that support the expansion of existing industries and businesses with the primary intent of supporting job creation/retention for low- and moderate-income persons. Economic development funds are used to assist traditional economic development projects, microenterprise projects (5 or fewer employees one of whom is the owner), and small businesses (small businesses with 25 or fewer employees). Microenterprise program funds were awarded to projects that provided assistance to low- and moderate-income business owners as well as non-low-income business owners who created jobs for low- and moderate-income persons. Funds were awarded to small business owners to assist in the expansion of job opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. Many of New York State's eligible jurisdictions are located in rural areas characterized by dependence on a single primary employer. In order to maintain and enhance job security for the adult population as well as to ensure that local youth will have access to new jobs that promote long-term careers, an essential role of the NYS CDBG program is to support a range of job training, infrastructure creation, financing,

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industrial modernization, and business development activities. Finally, through the State's Imminent Threat funding category, business owner and farmers who were impacted by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, received financial assistance to help address damage caused by the storm ultimately allowing the businesses and farmers to remain solvent.

During Program Year 2011, 69 awards totaling \$21,537,314 were made for economic development activity. Of the 69, twenty-two (22) were microenterprise assistance projects and four (4) were small business assistance projects.

Table 13 shows a breakdown of activities funded by grant awards made in PY 2011.

**TABLE 13**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**AWARDS BY ACTIVITY**  
[in Dollars]

ACTIVITY TYPE	TOTAL FUNDING	NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>16,767,560</b>	<b>123</b>
Housing Rehabilitation	14,349,010	113
Homeownership	2,418,550	10
New Construction	0	0
<b>PUBLIC FACILITIES</b>	<b>14,410,015</b>	<b>44</b>
Water	4,349,000	11
Sewer	8,111,015	25
Community Facility/Other	1,950,000	8
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>21,537,314</b>	<b>123</b>
Microenterprise and Small Business	4,557,000	46
Economic Development (Open Round)	16,980,314	77
<b>COMMUNITY PLANNING</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INNOVATIVE PROJECTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>IMMINENT THREAT</b>	<b>2,357,199</b>	<b>129</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55,072,088</b>	<b>419</b>

### 2.3.2.2 2011 Distribution of NYS CDBG Funds by Use and HUD Objective and Outcome

Under HUD's Performance Measurement framework, the HTFC has determined that:

- Housing rehabilitation activities meet the objective and outcome of increasing the availability and accessibility of decent housing. **Objective/Outcome Code DH-1**
- Homeownership activities meet the objective and outcome of increasing the affordability of decent housing. **Objective/Outcome Code DH-2**
- Economic development activities, including microenterprise and small business activities that create or retain jobs (LMJ), meet the objective and outcome of increasing the availability and accessibility of economic opportunities. **Objective/Outcome Code EO-1**
- Microenterprise activities that limit assistance to low- and moderate-income businesses or persons (LMCMC) meet the objective and outcome of providing affordable economic opportunities. **Objective/Outcome Code EO-2**

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- Public infrastructure activities (public water/sewer) meet the objective and outcome of providing affordable suitable living environments. **Objective/Outcome Code SL-2**
- Public facility activities (senior centers, etc.) meet the objective and outcome of improving the sustainability of suitable living environments. **Objective/Outcome Code SL-3**

Table 14 shows how 2011 NYS CDBG funds were distributed according to categories of use and the objectives of the five-year Consolidated Plan.

**TABLE 14**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS BY USE AND OBJECTIVE**

CODE	HOUSING	PUBLIC FACILITIES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	IMMINENT THREAT	COMMUNITY PLANNING
DH-1	25%					
DH-2	3%					
EO-1			33%			
EO-2			10%			
SL-2		24%				
SL-3		2%				
N/A					3%	

\* Technical Assistance funds were used by the State to provide direct technical assistance to its recipients.

### 2.3.2.3 Types of Households Assisted in 2011 with NYS CDBG Funds, by HUD Objectives/Outcomes

The following tables identify the very low-, low- and moderate-income beneficiaries of NYS CDBG funds in 2011 according to the Consolidated Plan objectives and outcomes addressed. Beneficiaries have only been counted once unless they have benefited from two or more major activities.

#### **OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-1 (increase the availability/accessibility of decent housing)**

Under HUD's Performance Measurement framework, HTFC has identified that housing rehabilitation activities meet the objective and outcome of increasing the availability and accessibility of decent housing (DH-1).

**TABLE 15**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**INCOME AND TENURE OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-1**

	VERY LOW-INCOME 0-30% HAMFI		LOW-INCOME 31-50% HAMFI		MODERATE-INCOME 51-80% HAMFI		TOTAL	
	HH	P	HH	P	HH	P	HH	P
<b>RENTERS</b>	31	110	34	79	24	48	89	237
<b>OWNERS</b>	116	225	221	542	213	518	550	1,285
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1,522</b>

HH = Households P = Persons

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**TABLE 16**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-1**

<b>TOTAL BENEFICIARIES</b>
<b>262</b>

**TABLE 17**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF THOSE ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-1**

RACE	HOUSEHOLDS		PERSONS	
	TOTAL	HISPANIC	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	677	23	1,430	44
ASIAN	3	0	7	0
ASIAN AND WHITE	2	0	6	0
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	12	1	42	3
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	0	0	0	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	2	0	7	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE/WHITE	1	0	3	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	0	0	0	0
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	0	0	0	0
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL*	2	0	12	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>47</b>

\* Recipients of CDBG funds are not obligated to provide racial data. In such instances where racial data has not been provided, the households and persons are captured under "Other Multi-Racial" per HUD guidance.

**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-2 (increase the affordability of decent housing)**

Under HUD's Performance Measurement framework, HTFC has identified that home ownership activities meet the objective and outcome of increasing the affordability of decent housing (DH-2).

**TABLE 18**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**INCOME AND TENURE OF THOSE ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-2**

	VERY LOW-INCOME 0-30% HAMFI		LOW-INCOME 31-50% HAMFI		MODERATE-INCOME 51-80% HAMFI		TOTAL	
	HH	P	HH	P	HH	P	HH	P
<b>OWNERS</b>	4	8	20	59	77	203	101	270

HH = Households P = Persons

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**TABLE 19**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-2**

<b>TOTAL BENEFICIARIES</b>
23

**TABLE 20**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF THOSE ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-2**

RACE	HOUSEHOLDS		PERSONS	
	TOTAL	HISPANIC	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	161	2	418	7
ASIAN				
ASIAN AND WHITE				
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	1		1	
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE				
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE			1	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE/WHITE				
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN				
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER				
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>7</b>

**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = EO-1 (increase the availability/accessibility of economic opportunities)**

Under HUD's Performance Measurement framework, HTFC has identified economic development activities, including microenterprise and small business activities that create or retain jobs (LMJ), meet the objective and outcome of increasing the availability and accessibility of economic opportunities (EO-1).

**TABLE 21**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**INCOME OF THOSE ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = EO-1**

	VERY LOW-INCOME 0-30% HAMFI	LOW-INCOME 31-50% HAMFI	MODERATE-INCOME 51-80% HAMFI	TOTAL
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	272	344	450	<b>1,066</b>

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**TABLE 22**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = EO-1**

<b>TOTAL BENEFICIARIES</b>
235

**TABLE 23**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF PERSONS ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = EO-1**

RACE	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	2,236	76
ASIAN	23	
ASIAN AND WHITE	1	
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	61	2
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	6	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	6	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE/WHITE	4	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	1	
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	0	
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL*	23	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>81</b>

\* Recipients of CDBG funds are not obligated to provide racial data. In such instances where racial data has not been provided, persons are captured under "Other Multi-Racial" per HUD guidance.

**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = EO-2 (increase the affordability of economic opportunities)**

Under HUD's Performance Measurement framework, HTFC has identified that microenterprise activities that limit assistance to low- and moderate-income business owners or persons (LMCMC) meet the objective and outcome of providing affordable economic opportunities (EO-2). HTFC has also determined that façade activities meet the objective of providing affordable economic opportunities (EO-2). When reporting income, female head of household status, and racial data for façade projects, recipients provide data on the residential characteristics of the area within which the façade project is located.

**TABLE 24**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**INCOME OF PERSONS ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = EO-2**

	VERY LOW-INCOME 0-30% HAMFI	LOW-INCOME 31-50% HAMFI	MODERATE-INCOME 51-80% HAMFI	TOTAL
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	21	16	46	<b>83</b>

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**TABLE 25**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = EO-2**

<b>TOTAL BENEFICIARIES</b>
6

**TABLE 26**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF PERSONS ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = EO-2**

RACE	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	16,705	431
ASIAN	177	
ASIAN AND WHITE		
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	415	
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	26	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	35	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE/WHITE		
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN		
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	8	
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL*	317	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,683</b>	<b>437</b>

\* Recipients of CDBG funds are not obligated to provide racial data. In such instances where racial data has not been provided, persons are captured under "Other Multi-Racial" per HUD guidance.

**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = SL-2 (increase the affordability of suitable living environments)**

Under HUD's Performance Measurement framework, HTFC has identified that public infrastructure activities (public water/sewer) meet the objective and outcome of providing affordable suitable living environments (SL-2).

**TABLE 27**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS AND PERSONS ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = SL-2**

	VERY LOW-INCOME 0-30% HAMFI		LOW-INCOME 31-50% HAMFI		MODERATE-INCOME 51-80% HAMFI		TOTAL	
	HH	P	HH	P	HH	P	HH	P
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	6,068	14,688	6,677	14,932	7,395	16,894	20,140	46,514

HH=Households P=Persons

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**TABLE 28**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = SL-2**

<b>TOTAL BENEFICIARIES</b>
<b>10,146</b>

**TABLE 29**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF THOSE ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = SL-2**

RACE	HOUSEHOLDS		PERSONS	
	TOTAL	HISPANIC	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	23,974	711	71,239	1,915
ASIAN	307		728	
ASIAN AND WHITE	6		17	
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	2,013		4,931	
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	17		43	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	86		249	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE/WHITE	9		24	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	1		1	
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	11		19	
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL*	2,314	8	5,910	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,738</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>83,161</b>	<b>1,925</b>

\* Recipients of CDBG funds are not obligated to provide racial data. In such instances where racial data has not been provided, households and persons are captured under "Other Multi-Racial" per HUD guidance.

**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = SL-3 (increase the sustainability of suitable living environments)**

Under HUD's Performance Measurement framework, HTFC has identified that public facility activities (senior centers, etc.) meet the objective and outcome of improving the sustainability of suitable living environments (SL-3).

**TABLE 30**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**INCOME OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = SL-3**

	VERY LOW-INCOME 0-30% HAMFI		LOW-INCOME 31-50% HAMFI		MODERATE-INCOME 51-80% HAMFI		TOTAL	
	HH	P	HH	P	HH	P	HH	P
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	1,228	1,228	890	890	1,450	2,247	<b>3,568</b>	<b>4,365</b>

HH=Households P=Persons

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**TABLE 31**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**FEMALE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = SL-3**

<b>TOTAL BENEFICIARIES</b>
1,462

**TABLE 32**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**RACE/ETHNICITY OF THOSE ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = SL-3**

RACE	HOUSEHOLDS		PERSONS	
	TOTAL	HISPANIC	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	10,092	241	24,330	428
ASIAN	72	2	210	8
ASIAN AND WHITE	3		9	
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	114	1	285	3
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	7		18	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	117	3	310	14
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE/WHITE	12		27	
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	1		1	
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	10		25	
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL*	41		85	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,469</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>25,300</b>	<b>453</b>

\* Recipients of CDBG funds are not obligated to provide racial data. In such instances where racial data has not been provided, households and persons are captured under "Other Multi-Racial" per HUD guidance.

### 2.3.2.4 2011 Geographic Distribution of NYS CDBG Funding

The State of New York does not allocate or reserve funds by geographic area or region, but awards projects throughout the state. HUD's definition of non-entitlement communities eligible for NYS CDBG funding corresponds with a vast expanse of territory encompassing most of the State's land mass and includes 48 of the State's 62 counties. In addition, six entitlement counties (Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester) each contain municipalities which have opted to compete in the non-entitlement pool. The remaining eight metropolitan counties are Entitlement Jurisdictions (the five boroughs of New York City, Erie, Monroe and Onondaga Counties). There are nearly 1,300 eligible non-entitlement jurisdictions (Cities, Villages, Towns, and Counties). Table 33 shows the distribution of funding by county in Program Year 2011 (Committed):

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**TABLE 33**  
**2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM**  
**GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING**  
**[in Dollars]**

COUNTY	FUNDING BY ACTIVITY					COUNTY TOTAL	OBJECTIVE/ OUTCOME
	HOUSING	PUBLIC FACILITIES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY PLANNING	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE		
ALBANY	800,000	595,300	956,000	0	0	2,351,300	EO-1,EO-2,DH-1, SL-2
ALLEGANY	1,200,000	900,000	150,000	0	0	2,250,000	EO-1,DH-1,SL-2
BROOME	400,000	400,000	606,399	0	0	1,406,399	EO-1,EO-2,DH-1, SL-2
CATTARAUGUS	278,000	0	200,000	0	0	478,000	EO-2,DH-1
CAYUGA	0	0	1,100,000	0	0	1,100,000	EO-1
CHAUTAUQUA	600,000	0	732,000	0	0	1,332,000	EO-1,DH-1
CHEMUNG	0	0	782,960	0	0	782,960	EO-1,EO-2
CHENANGO	350,000	0	1,107,692	0	0	1,457,692	EO-1,EO-2,DH-2
CLINTON	0	600,000	900,000	0	0	1,500,000	EO-1,EO-2,SL-2
COLUMBIA	0	0	618,406	0	0	618,406	EO-1,EO-2
CORTLAND	1,600,000	0	882,000	0	0	2,482,000	EO-1,DH-1
DELAWARE	0	600,000	1,182,140	0	0	1,782,140	EO-1,EO-2,SL-2
DUTCHESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ESSEX	809,000	589,575	427,868	0	0	1,826,443	EO-1,EO-2,DH-1, SL-2
FRANKLIN	400,000	0	400,000	0	0	800,000	EO-2,DH-1
FULTON	400,000	0	750,000	0	0	1,150,000	EO-1,DH-1
GENESEE	0	600,000	1,500,000	0	0	2,100,000	EO-1,SL-2
GREENE	0	0	1,734,789	0	0	1,734,789	EO-1,EO-2
HAMILTON	0	0	200,000	0	0	200,000	EO-2
HERKIMER	750,000	400,000	91,000	0	0	1,241,000	EO-1,DH-1,SL-2
JEFFERSON	1,400,000	0	1,005,000	0	0	2,405,000	EO-1,DH-1
LEWIS	428,560	0	0	0	0	428,560	DH-1
LIVINGSTON	1,200,000	309,000	200,000	0	0	1,709,000	EO-2,DH-1,SL-2
MADISON	0	0	450,239	0	0	450,239	EO-1,EO-2
MONTGOMERY	0	600,000	263,872	0	0	863,872	EO-1,EO-2,SL-2
NIAGARA	400,000	0	926,000	0	0	1,326,000	EO-1,EO-2,DH-2
ONEIDA	750,000	600,000	213,101	0	0	1,563,101	EO-1,EO-2,DH-1, SL-2
ONTARIO	400,000	0	1,050,000	0	0	1,450,000	EO-1,EO-2,DH-1
ORANGE	0	287,000	365,000	0	0	652,000	EO-1,EO-2,SL-2

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COUNTY	FUNDING BY ACTIVITY					COUNTY TOTAL	OBJECTIVE/ OUTCOME
	HOUSING	PUBLIC FACILITIES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	COMMUNITY PLANNING	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE		
ORLEANS	0	0	387,167	0	0	387,167	EO-1
OSWEGO	0	700,000	466,000	0	0	1,166,000	EO-1,SL-2
OTSEGO	0	0	276,004	0	0	276,004	EO-2
PUTNAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	
RENSSELAER	400,000	0	320,646	0	0	720,646	EO-1,EO-2,DH-2
ROCKLAND	0	400,000	0	0	0	400,000	SL-3
SARATOGA	0	0	275,063	0	0	275,063	EO-2
SCHENECTADY	0	0	36,341	0	0	36,341	EO-2
SCHOHARIE	400,000	0	868,326	0	0	1,268,326	EO-1,EO-2,DH-1
SCHUYLER	144,000	0	0	0	0	144,000	DH-1
SENECA	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ST. LAWRENCE	1,150,000	900,000	100,000	0	0	2,150,000	EO-2,DH-1,DH-2, SL-2
STEUBEN	598,000	0	450,000	0	0	1,048,000	EO-1,DH-1
SULLIVAN	0	1,139,648	185,000	0	0	1,324,648	EO-2,SL-2
TIOGA	0	0	419,448	0	0	419,448	EO-1,EO-2
TOMPKINS	400,000	0	675,000	0	0	1,075,000	EO-1,DH-1
ULSTER	750,000	1,799,492	67,936	0	0	2,617,428	EO-2,DH-1,SL-2
WARREN	0	0	200,000	0	0	200,000	EO-2
WASHINGTON	10,000	1,340,000	13,116	0	0	1,363,116	EO-2,DH-1,SL-2, SL-3
WAYNE	0	1,200,000	250,000	0	0	1,450,000	EO-1,SL-2
WYOMING	0	450,000	110,000	0	0	560,000	EO-1,SL-2
YATES	750,000	0	0	0	0	750,000	DH-1,DH-2
NEW YORK STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,767,560</b>	<b>14,410,015</b>	<b>23,894,513</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55,072,088</b>	

### 2.3.3 NYS CDBG Program Accomplishments and Progress toward Goals

This section is an evaluation of the State's progress in meeting its specific community development objectives. Accomplishments achieved in PY 2011 under the HUD-administered NYS CDBG program. Grants awarded to New York jurisdictions prior to PY2000 are not included.

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**TABLE 34  
2011 NYS CDBG PROGRAM  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

ACTIVITY	2011 PROJECTIONS	2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS				
		Units	Projects	Persons	Jobs	Businesses
<b>Housing</b>		814		1,809		
Rehabilitation	700- units	708	N/A	1,531	N/A	N/A
Home Ownership	115 households	106	N/A	278	N/A	N/A
<b>Public Facilities</b>	60,000 people		27	78,711	N/A	N/A
Water & Sewer Improvements		N/A	21	22,183	N/A	N/A
Public Works	50,000	N/A	2	28,562	N/A	N/A
Community Facilities	10,000	N/A	4	27,966	N/A	N/A
<b>Economic Development</b>	1,000 - jobs 30 - businesses					
Economic Development		N/A	N/A	N/A	1,314 FT/138 PT	39
Microenterprise and Small Business		N/A	N/A	83	66 FT/11 PT	35
<b>Technical Assistance</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Community Planning</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>		814	27	80,603	1,380 FT/149 PT	74

\* FT = full time jobs, PT = part time jobs

The majority of recipients awarded during the PY 2000 through PY 2009 annual grant cycles have completed their projects and the associated grant funds have been fully expended. The projects that have not been completed are delayed primarily due to other funding involved in the projects. In most cases, the full amount of CDBG funds has been expended, but accomplishments cannot be documented until the project is online and operational or until jobs or housing units are filled. Recipients of CDBG grants awarded in December 2011 are working on their environmental reviews, client intake, engineering/permitting, and preliminary administrative and program delivery work. Site visits and other technical assistance are used to help projects overcome hurdles that can impede timely completion.

Actions have been taken to increase timeliness of project completion and to actively troubleshoot on behalf of recipients who encounter permitting hurdles or need approvals from other state or federal funding agencies before proceeding with their projects.

### Housing

The 2011 Action Plan had estimated that 700 housing units would be rehabilitated and 115 homes purchased for first-time home buyers in PY 2011. For the period January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011, 708 units of housing were fully rehabilitated and 106 families completed home purchases. Since the State's housing rehabilitation goals were exceeded and the homeownership goals were only slightly less than anticipated, the State expects that it will meet or exceed the projected 5 year goals as outlined in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan.

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## **Public Facilities**

The 2011 Action Plan had estimated that projects serving 60,000 persons would be completed during the program year. In addition to safe drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects, this category includes such projects as streetscape improvements and handicap accessibility. For the period January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011 recipients completed 27 public facilities activities and reported serving 78,711 persons.

## **Economic Development**

During the period January 1, 2011- December 31, 2011, 69 awards were made to communities for the purpose of assisting businesses and industries to obtain machinery, conduct retrofits, train employees, and build infrastructure needed to create and retain jobs. Of these 69, twenty-two (22) were awarded under the microenterprise assistance category and another four (4) were awarded under the small business assistance category.

The Program Year 2011 Action Plan predicted that 1,000 jobs would be created and/or retained through all economic development activities. In addition, it was estimated that 30 businesses would be assisted through either microenterprise activities or small business. For the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, 1,314 full-time jobs and 138 part-time jobs were actually retained or created from economic development activities and 66 full-time jobs and 11 part-time jobs through microenterprise and small business activities. Additionally, 70 low-and moderate-income persons received training or technical assistance and 27 low-and moderate-income businesses were provided financial assistance under the Microenterprise National Objective of LMCMC. Under the Microenterprise National Objective of LMJ, 6 businesses were assisted and 13 persons completed the training program. Under the Small Business Program for the period of January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011, 2 businesses were assisted and 9 full-time and 7 part-time jobs were created or retained.

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## 2.4 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) was established by Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990 to provide funds to acquire, rehabilitate or construct affordable housing, and to assist renters and first-time home buyers. The State of New York's HOME program is administered by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC).

### 2.4.1 Availability of HOME Funds in Program Year 2011

During 2011, the federal government allocated \$34,106,424 to the State HOME program. In addition, there was also available \$3,768,843 in prior year funds. The total amount of HOME funds available for commitment in 2011 was \$34,464,625. (2011 HOME allocation minus 10% administrative allowance plus prior years deobligated funds.)

### 2.4.2 Distribution of HOME Funds Committed in Program Year 2011

HOME program funds are provided to eligible applicants to acquire, construct or rehabilitate affordable housing, including both owner-occupied and rental housing; for tenant-based rental assistance; and for administrative expenses of public entities and not-for-profit organizations that undertake program activities.

New York State uses a competitive process for distributing its HOME funds. In this process:

- 15 percent of each annual allocation is reserved for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's);
- 80 percent of the remaining funds are reserved for projects and local programs located within non-participating jurisdictions (local governments which do not participate directly in the HOME program); and
- All remaining funds are distributed on a statewide basis.

#### 2.4.2.1 2011 Distribution of HOME Funds by Use and HUD Objectives and Outcomes

Under HUD's Performance Measurement framework, New York State has determined that:

- Rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing meets the objective and outcome of increasing the accessibility of decent housing. **Objective/Outcome Code DH-1**
- Single and multi-family housing production through construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition meets the objective and outcome of increasing the affordability of decent housing, as does purchase assistance and rental assistance. **Objective/Outcome Code DH-2**

Table 35 shows how 2011 HOME funds were distributed according to categories of use and the objectives of the five-year Consolidated Plan.

**TABLE 35  
2011 HOME PROGRAM  
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY USE AND OBJECTIVE**

OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME CODE	REHABILITATION	NEW CONSTRUCTION	OPERATING COSTS	ACQUISITION
<b>DH-1</b>	92%	0%	8%	0%
<b>DH-2</b>	62%	22%	3%	13%

New York State's distribution of HOME funds among uses and objectives is influenced by applicants' decisions about which activity to apply for, based on their analysis of local needs. The State's Unified Funding process is designed to respond to local needs but not to otherwise favor one HOME-eligible activity over another.

#### **OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-1 (increase the availability/accessibility of decent housing)**

In 2011, New York State committed approximately \$11.7 million in HOME funds to the rehabilitation of owner-occupied, single

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family (1-4 units) housing, an activity intended to increase the availability/accessibility of decent housing.

**TABLE 36**  
**2011 HOME PROGRAM**  
**TYPES OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-1**

	VERY LOW-INCOME 0-30% HAMFI	LOW-INCOME 31-50% HAMFI	MODERATE-INCOME 51-80% HAMFI	TOTAL
HOMEOWNER	224	342	155	721
RENTER IN HOMEOWNER BUILDING	48	23	3	74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>795</b>

**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-2 (increase the affordability of decent housing)**

In 2011, New York State committed approximately \$34.5 million to a variety of activities intended to increase the affordability of decent housing. These activities include home ownership assistance (including downpayment and closing cost assistance for newly constructed single family housing) and assistance with the costs of acquisition and minor rehabilitation of existing housing (including 2-4 unit buildings that contain rental units) and creating new rental housing.

**TABLE 37**  
**2011 HOME PROGRAM**  
**TYPES OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-2**

	VERY LOW-INCOME 0-30% HAMFI	LOW-INCOME 31-50% HAMFI	MODERATE-INCOME 51-80% HAMFI	TOTAL
RENTER	36	160	43	239
HOMEBUYER	15	89	195	299
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>538</b>

**TABLE 38**  
**2011 HOME PROGRAM**  
**TYPES OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED**  
**OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME = DH-1 + DH-2**

	VERY LOW-INCOME 0-30% HAMFI	LOW-INCOME 31-50% HAMFI	MODERATE-INCOME 51-80% HAMFI	TOTAL
RENTER	84	183	46	313
HOMEOWNER/HOMEBUYER	239	431	350	1,020
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>1,333</b>

The State is committed to serving its neediest households. As can be seen from the above table, 66 percent of the households assisted with HOME funds had incomes at or below 70 percent of area median income. In addition, almost one-quarter of assisted households had incomes below 30 percent of area median income. The table also shows that 670 (50%) of the 1020 owner-occupied and home buyer assistance units are occupied by very low-income and low-income home owners and home buyers, reflecting the great need for home ownership assistance in non-participating jurisdictions and the State's commitment to home ownership assistance, both for rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied housing and for assistance to new home buyers.

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### 2.4.2.2 2011 Distribution of HOME Funds by Race/Ethnicity of Head of Household

The HOME program primarily serves non-metropolitan areas, where minority populations are lower than in urban areas. Overall, the results of the State's affirmative marketing efforts in furthering fair housing are positive. This is reflected by data which indicates approximately 16 percent minority participation in the HOME program, with approximately 6 percent of Hispanic ethnicity. Tables 39 and 40 display, for all HOME funds committed in 2011, the race/ethnicity of the head of assisted households.

**TABLE 39  
2011 HOME PROGRAM  
RACE/ETHNICITY OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED  
OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME DH-1**

RACE	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	693	18
ASIAN	2	0
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	78	3
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	0	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	5	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	1	0
OTHER	1	
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL	15	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>36</b>

**TABLE 40  
2011 HOME PROGRAM  
RACE/ETHNICITY OF HOUSEHOLDS ASSISTED  
OBJECTIVE/OUTCOME DH-2**

RACE	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	424	28
ASIAN	7	0
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	72	0
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	3	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	0	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	0	0
OTHER	1	0
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL	31	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>55</b>

### 2.4.2.3 2011 Geographical Distribution of HOME Funds

New York is committed to distributing affordable housing resources in a manner that responds to local needs. A competitive application process (Unified Funding) is used to allocate available program resources to meet housing needs. Applications that will produce a quality housing product that most efficiently provides the greatest number of units for the longest period of time, for

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the lowest-income New Yorkers, and which respond to a strategy to address housing needs, will have the greatest likelihood of being funded.

In 2011, the State received competitive proposals for projects or local programs that will provide HOME funds in 34 of the State's 62 counties. Table 41 displays the distribution of New York State's HOME funds:

**TABLE 41**  
**2011 HOME PROGRAM**  
**GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING**  
**BY OBJECTIVE AND OUTCOME**  
**[in Dollars]**

COUNTY	DH-1	DH-2	TOTAL
ALBANY	886,000	390,000	1,276,000
ALLEGANY	567,000	1,851,688	2,418,688
BRONX	0	0	0
BROOME	300,000	0	300,000
CATTARAUGUS	1,816,986	0	1,816,986
CAYUGA	1,424,000	0	1,424,000
CHAUTAUQUA	67,000	0	67,000
CHEMUNG	400,000	300,000	700,000
CHENANGO	500,000	0	500,000
CLINTON	0	0	0
COLUMBIA	300,000	0	300,000
CORTLAND	00	0	0
DELAWARE	0	533,000	533,000
DUTCHESS	0	0	0
ERIE	687,722	3,749,726	4,437,448
ESSEX	400,000	1,365,141	1,765,141
FRANKLIN	0	0	0
FULTON	0	0	0
GENESEE	267,000	167,000	434,000
GREENE	0	133,000	133,000
HAMILTON	0	0	0
HERKIMER	190,000	140,000	330,000
JEFFERSON	0	507,300	507,300
KINGS	0	0	0
LEWIS	0	0	0
LIVINGSTON	0	0	0
MADISON		0	0
MONROE	500,000	1,011,386	1,511,386
MONTGOMERY	0	0	0
NASSAU	0	0	0
NEW YORK	0	0	0
NIAGARA	0	0	0
ONEIDA	0	2,400,000	2,400,000

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COUNTY	DH-1	DH-2	TOTAL
ONONDAGA	0	3,370,269	3,370,269
ONTARIO	0	1,785,000	1,785,000
ORANGE	0	0	0
ORLEANS	266,000	167,000	433,000
OSWEGO	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
OTSEGO	400,000	0	400,000
PUTNAM	0	0	0
QUEENS	0	0	0
RENSSELAER	0	0	0
RICHMOND	0	0	0
ROCKLAND	0	0	0
SARATOGA	585,200	0	585,200
SCHENECTADY	0	0	0
SCHOHARIE	0	134,000	134,000
SCHUYLER	0	0	0
SENECA	400,000	0	400,000
ST. LAWRENCE	599,800	0	599,800
STEUBEN	500,000	300,000	800,000
SULLIVAN	278,400	0	278,400
SUFFOLK	0	0	0
TIOGA	0	0	0
TOMPKINS	400,000	550,000	950,000
ULSTER	350,000	278,400	628,400
WARREN	0	0	0
WASHINGTON	591,000	0	591,000
WAYNE	0	0	0
WESTCHESTER	0	0	0
WYOMING	66,000	166,000	232,000
YATES	400,000	552,000	952,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,336,400</b>	<b>21,350,910</b>	<b>34,493,018</b>

### 2.4.3 HOME Program Assessment of Progress toward Goals

The New York State HOME program has become one of the primary tools for achieving affordable housing, community development, and neighborhood revitalization goals in New York. In making funding decisions, the State gives preference to those proposals that will use HOME funds as part of a larger community needs strategy. These needs vary considerably across the State, and even from one community to another within a given region. The State has been successful in providing resources to meet locally-identified needs in a timely manner, without creating unnecessary regulatory barriers. The following sections provide an overview of the use of Program Year 2011 funds by region.

In New York City and surrounding areas, where severe housing affordability problems caused by soaring real estate values provide extreme challenges, New York State HOME program funds are primarily used to produce additional affordable housing units and to provide home ownership opportunities for first time home buyers. New York City and the State provide other resources to develop multifamily rental housing in New York City. Also, virtually all of the jurisdictions in this region receive allocations of HOME funds directly from the federal government, so the opportunity to use State HOME program funds is limited. This year because of the 12% reduction in New York's funding, it was particularly difficult for other participating jurisdictions to

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compete for the limited funding, and no additional HOME funds were invested in New York City or the surrounding counties.

In many of New York's other large urban areas, disinvestment, high vacancy rates, and abandoned housing are more typical, and State HOME funds are being used to promote neighborhood revitalization through acquisition and rehabilitation efforts. Approximately \$9.7 million in HOME program funds was invested in upstate urban areas in 2011. Most of these funds will be used by community housing development organizations and other not-for-profit housing providers to promote new home ownership opportunities in distressed communities, primarily through the acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale programs, and also through some new construction. It is anticipated that approximately 117 new housing opportunities will result from this investment. An additional \$3.4 million was invested in upstate metropolitan areas outside of central cities to provide an additional 151 rental homes and home ownership opportunities on a metropolitan area basis. These efforts will help counter the effects of concentrations of poverty in urban areas in communities that can accommodate additional growth.

Rural New York is characterized by an aged housing stock, severe climate, and limited resources to invest in housing construction and rehabilitation. Most HOME funds invested in New York's rural counties are used for housing rehabilitation, primarily of owner-occupied housing, which is typically where low-income families live. However, a significant amount of funds has been invested to provide rental housing in areas that lack sufficient affordable housing, and some down payment assistance programs were also funded in rural areas. Together, these efforts will provide some \$18 million to rural areas and small towns, producing 65 new rental units, providing approximately 150 units of home ownership assistance, and rehabilitating up to 755 substandard housing units.

### **2.4.4 Manufactured Housing Replacement**

DHCR/HTFC is responding to an important need in rural communities with an initiative to provide safer, more affordable homes for low-income individuals and families by replacing severely substandard and dilapidated mobile and manufactured homes with new ENERGY STAR Qualified manufactured housing.

In 2010, the statewide Manufactured Home Replacement Initiative (MHRI) targeted \$5 million in NYS HOME Program funds for the replacement of dilapidated owner-occupied mobile and manufactured homes that are sited on land owned by the homeowner. The initiative was supported in 2011 and applicants were encouraged to include the replacement of substandard mobile homes as part of any owner occupied rehabilitation program. It is anticipated that approximately \$1.5 million of the total funds allocated to the rehabilitation of owner occupied units will replace dilapidated mobile homes with new ENERGY STAR qualified manufactured homes.

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## **2.5 The Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP)**

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) administers the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP) for the State of New York. The ESG Program coordinates activities to enhance the quality and quantity of homeless facilities and services for homeless individuals and families, and funds certain operation costs and social services expenses relating to homeless shelters. In addition, ESGP funds a variety of homeless prevention activities. The ESG Program is administered in accordance with 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 576, entitled the Emergency Shelter Grants Program: Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

### **2.5.1 Availability of ESGP Funds in Program Year 2011**

During ESGP Program Year 2011, OTDA awarded funds from Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2010 and 2011 to support eligible ESGP activities. The first nine months of the program year were supported with FFY 2010 funds in the amount of \$2,285,342 while the balance of the year was supported with FFY 2011 ESGP funds in the amount of \$781,889. A total of \$3,067,231 was made available to New York State agencies for the Emergency Shelter Grants Program. Additionally, New York State maintained the allowable 5% toward administration, (\$161,433).

### **2.5.2 Distribution of ESGP Funds in Program Year 2011**

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance administers the ESGP through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. An RFP was issued in February 2008. Proposals were solicited from local social services districts, not-for-profit corporations, and charitable organizations, including faith-based organizations, to provide emergency shelter and related support services activities. All proposals received in response to the RFP were subjected to a rigorous review and selection process. During the first nine months of the year, ESGP funds were utilized by twenty-nine (29) agencies statewide that received awards for Round 25 based on the competitive bid process (February 2008 solicitation). All of these contracts had been renewed based on performance from Round 24. Contracts ended September 30, 2011.

OTDA released a Request for Proposals in July 2011 in order to make ESGP awards for Round 26 which commenced October 1, 2011. In an unprecedented action, New York State combined ESGP funds with NYS funds under the RFP. The RFP was entitled Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP). While keeping with Emergency Shelter Grant regulations, OTDA incorporated elements from the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act in preparation for Emergency Solutions Grant Program regulation changes. While continuing to provide Essential Services, Maintenance and Operations and Prevention services, New York State has used its own funds to provide Rapid Re-Housing services in an effort to continue Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) stimulus activities while HUD was establishing Emergency Solutions Grant regulations. In total, thirty seven (37) contractors were awarded STEHP funds.

The following is a listing of some of the criteria established for funding under New York State's ESG Program:

- The applicant agency must show the ability to meet all State and federal requirements;
- Demonstration of need within the proposed project area for the type of housing and/or services proposed;
- Evidence of the applicant's understanding of the needs of the homeless population and those at risk of homelessness;
- Evidence of measurable and quantifiable results;
- Evidence of the applicant's ability to develop the proposed project, expend all funds within the required timeframes, and operate the project over the required contract period;
- Evidence of the applicant's ability to provide, either directly or through referral, the appropriate support services;
- The appropriateness of plans for the participant selection and the consistency of these plans with the intent of ESGP;
- The reasonableness of the total project cost and the ESGP fund request and the eligibility of proposed expenditures;
- Evidence that matching funds are firmly committed and available for obligation and expenditure;
- Evidence that the applicant has local support including from the Continuum of Care;
- Evidence that the focus of the project is on enabling participants to achieve the highest level of self-sufficiency possible;
- Evidence of the financial feasibility of the project over the required operating period;

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- The appropriateness of the qualifications and backgrounds of the personnel and staff to be assigned to the project; and
- Willingness to participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

For Rounds 25 and 26, OTDA awarded ESGP funds for the following eligible activities:

- Provision of essential services to the homeless including, but not limited to: employment, physical health, mental health, substance abuse, and education services;
- Payment for shelter maintenance, operation, rent, repairs, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, food and furnishings; and
- Development and implementation of homelessness prevention activities such as legal services, mediation programs and short term subsidies for individuals and families at-risk of homelessness.

### 2.5.2.1 2011 Distribution of ESGP Funds by Function

During Program Year 2011, ESGP funds were allocated for purposes noted in Table 42.

**TABLE 42  
2011 ESG PROGRAM  
FUNDS BY USE**

ESSENTIAL SERVICES	PREVENTION	MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING COSTS	ADMINISTRATION	RENOVATIONS
56%	12%	27%	5%	0%

### 2.5.2.2 2011 Distribution of ESGP Funds by Race and Ethnicity

During Program Year 2011, ESGP funds assisted persons of various races and ethnicities as noted in Table 43.

**TABLE 43  
2011 ESG PROGRAM  
RACE/ETHNICITY OF PERSONS ASSISTED**

RACE	TOTAL	HISPANIC
<b>WHITE</b>	16,034	2,255
<b>BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>	24,962	2,910
<b>ASIAN</b>	74	0
<b>AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE</b>	35	4
<b>NATIVE AMERICAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER</b>	8	0
<b>AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND WHITE</b>	32	0
<b>ASIAN AND WHITE</b>	12	1
<b>BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE</b>	2,326	31
<b>AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN</b>	7	2
<b>OTHER MULTI-RACIAL</b>	376	7,586
<b>ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER</b>	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,866</b>	<b>12,789</b>

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### 2.5.2.3 2011 Geographical Distribution of ESGP Funds

The State of New York awards funding to projects through a competitive statewide process and does not allocate or reserve funds by geographic area or region. OTDA has, however, consistently sought to allocate its ESGP funds equitably to all parts of the State that have identified gaps in the emergency housing continuum for homeless individuals and their families. First consideration is given to those locations demonstrating an urgent need, especially areas not receiving direct entitlement funding through the ESGP. Twenty-four counties received ESGP 2011 funds. Table 44 reflects the geographic distribution of ESGP funds by county.

**TABLE 44**  
**2011 ESG PROGRAM**  
**GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING**  
 [in Dollars]

COUNTY	AMOUNT
ALBANY	498,110
CHAUTAUQUA	60,337
CHEMUNG	66,827
CLINTON	105,656
DUTCHESS	12,410
KINGS	29,066
LIVINGSTON	9,351
MADISON	869
MONROE	265,659
NEW YORK	566,494
NIAGARA	33,997
ONONDAGA	50,375
ORANGE	18,989
OSWEGO	51,299
OTSEGO	9,816
PUTNAM	110,114
RENSSELAER	125,144
RICHMOND	114,518
SARATOGA	327,662
SCHENECTADY	157,465
STEUBEN	37,702
TOMPKINS	224,843
ULSTER	18,697
WESTCHESTER	171,831
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,067,231</b>

**TABLE 45**  
**2011 ESG PROGRAM**  
**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Objective-Outcome Category	Performance Indicator	Expected Number	Actual Number*	Activity Description
DH-1	Total Individuals Served	1,377	1,895	Homelessness Prevention
SL-1*	Total Individuals Served	13,292	42,558	Essential Services
SL-1	Total Individuals Served	12,044	12,202	Maintenance and Operations

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*\*The large discrepancy between ESGP projected and actual number of persons assisted is a result of greater numbers served, especially in terms of Essential Services and the funding of drop-in centers. For Residential Services, an individual unduplicated count is used, which means that a client is counted only once, for each stay, no matter how many days they stay at the facility. For Non-Residential Services an individual is counted once for every visit, no matter how many services that individual receives. If they return the next day, they are counted again.*

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## **2.6 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA)**

The HOPWA program aids localities and not-for-profits in devising long-term, comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing and social service needs of persons with AIDS and HIV-related illnesses and their families. HOPWA is administered by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA).

### **2.6.1 Availability of HOPWA Funds in Program Year 2011**

During HOPWA Program Year 2011, the period covered by this 2011 CAPER, the federal government allocated \$2,139,773 to New York State for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program. New York State maintained the allowable 3% toward administration; therefore \$2,075,580 was made available to eligible grant applicants to support eligible HOPWA activities.

### **2.6.2 Distribution of HOPWA Funds in Program Year 2011**

The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) distributes its annual HOPWA allocation to underserved areas of the State to strengthen the continuum of care serving the special needs of low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS-related illness and their families. Due to limited federal funding available for distribution statewide, localities receiving direct HOPWA allocations from HUD are not eligible for HOPWA funding through OTDA. Specifically, each year, the State contracts with not-for-profit corporations to provide housing and related support services under HOPWA.

Since the start of its HOPWA program in 1993, OTDA has distributed its funds through a periodic competitive bid process. Typically, the State issues a HOPWA Request for Proposals (RFP) and selects funding applications submitted in response to the RFP. Contracts are established for a one-year period and may be renewed in each of two subsequent years, presuming satisfactory performance by the contractor and continued availability of HOPWA funds.

The distribution of HOPWA funding by OTDA lags one year behind the federal fiscal cycle. In June of 2009, an RFP was issued for Rounds 18-20 of HOPWA funds for the grant period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. Contracts may be continued in 2013 and 2014 at the discretion of OTDA, contingent upon the availability of federal funding and the contractor's satisfactory performance. A total of 13 projects were selected using the following criteria:

- need for the type of housing proposed;
- continuity of housing availability for those already being served under the program;
- appropriateness of the site (if applicable);
- appropriateness of the program design and/or support services proposed;
- reasonableness of the total project cost; and
- evidence of strong linkages with community-based providers.

In accordance with HOPWA regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), a broad range of housing-related activities may be funded. In HOPWA Rounds 18-20, the State gave priority to projects that would:

- continue successful operations previously funded by OTDA;
- expand housing units and critical support services for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families;
- serve under-served geographic areas;
- fill gaps in housing and support services; and
- help create an integrated, comprehensive approach to meeting the housing needs of persons with HIV/AIDS within a given geographic area.

The following activities were funded:

- tenant-based rental assistance;
- short-term rent, utilities, or mortgage payment to prevent homelessness;

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- supportive services;
- housing information and assistance in establishing, developing, maintaining, and coordinating housing resources; and
- resource identification to expand the number of HIV/AIDS housing units that are available on a statewide basis.

The majority of funded contracts focused on the provision of long-term rental assistance, short-term rental assistance, and support services. Due to limited federal funding available for distribution statewide, localities receiving direct HOPWA allocations from HUD are not eligible for HOPWA funding through OTDA. For the past nineteen years OTDA has contracted with providers to ensure that services for clients and their families living with HIV/AIDS are accessed.

## 2.6.2.1 2011 Distribution of HOPWA Funds by Function

During Program Year 2011, HOPWA funds were allocated for purposes noted in Table 46.

**TABLE 46  
2011 HOPWA PROGRAM  
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS BY FUNCTION**

HOUSING ASSISTANCE	SUPPORT SERVICES	RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION	GRANTEE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	SPONSOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS
76%	17%	<1%	3%	3%

## 2.6.2.2 2011 Distribution of HOPWA Funds by Race and Ethnicity

During Program Year 2011, HOPWA funds assisted persons of various races and ethnicities as noted in Table 47.

**TABLE 47  
2011 HOPWA PROGRAM  
RACE/ETHNICITY OF PERSONS ASSISTED**

RACE	TOTAL	HISPANIC
WHITE	416	38
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	300	1
ASIAN	1	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	2	0
NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	1	0
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND WHITE	0	0
ASIAN AND WHITE	0	0
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN AND WHITE	24	15
AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	0	0
OTHER MULTI-RACIAL	70	16
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>70</b>

## 2.6.2.3 2011 Geographical Distribution of HOPWA Funds

OTDA has consistently sought to allocate its HOPWA funds equitably to all parts of the State that have identified gaps in the continuum of care for housing persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Because of the extensive need in upstate areas and the limited availability of HOPWA funds, OTDA limits the distribution of the State's HOPWA allocation to those areas that do not have direct access to HOPWA funds from HUD. Therefore, during the 2011 reporting period, funding did not support any projects

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in the following Eligible Metropolitan Services Areas (EMSA): New York City (including Westchester and Rockland counties), Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk counties), Rochester, Buffalo, Albany, and the newest EMSA, Poughkeepsie (including Orange and Dutchess Counties).

**TABLE 48**  
**2011 HOPWA PROGRAM**  
**GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING**  
 [in Dollars]

COUNTY*	AMOUNT
<b>ALBANY**</b>	229,492
<b>BROOME</b>	169,089
<b>CHAUTAUQUA</b>	66,568
<b>ERIE**</b>	109,999
<b>MONROE**</b>	95,930
<b>ONONDAGA</b>	830,498
<b>SULLIVAN</b>	271,434
<b>ULSTER</b>	302,570
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,075,580</b>

\*Counties listed denote the organizations' home-base. Most contractors provide services in several surroundings.

Thirty-five (35) counties throughout New York State receive services through this grant.

\*\*Albany, Erie, and Monroe counties are located within HOPWA eligible metropolitan services areas. Funds were allocated to agencies headquartered within those counties to serve surrounding counties outside the EMSA. Additionally, funds were awarded to an Albany-based agency which is not eligible to receive direct HOPWA funds due to a conflict of interest.

### 2.6.3 2011 HOPWA Accomplishments

Tables 49 through 56 display HOPWA accomplishments in Program Year 2011.

**TABLE 49**  
**2011 HOPWA PROGRAM**  
**UNITS AND PERSONS ASSISTED**

	HOUSING ASSISTANCE	SUPPORT SERVICES ONLY	TOTAL
<b>NUMBER OF UNITS</b>	458	N/A	458
<b>NUMBER OF PERSONS ASSISTED</b>	814	0	814

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**TABLE 50**  
**2011 HOPWA PROGRAM**  
**SUPPORTED HOUSING UNITS ASSISTED**  
**[Funding in Dollars]**

TYPE OF UNIT	UNITS ASSISTED	HOPWA FUNDING*
<b>RENTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	280	951,317
<b>SHORT-TERM/EMERGENCY HOUSING PAYMENTS</b>	122	86,958
<b>UNITS IN FACILITIES SUPPORTED WITH OPERATING COSTS</b>	60	121,108
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>462**</b>	<b>1,159,383</b>

\* Reflects actual amount of funds reimbursed to HOPWA sponsors for the period covered by this performance report.

\*\*Total figure reflects 4 households that received both short-term payments and rental assistance.

**TABLE 51**  
**2011 HOPWA PROGRAM**  
**LEVERAGED DOLLARS\***

Sources of Leverage	Amount of Leveraged Funds
1 Federal government	2,131,487
2 State government	468,071
3 Local government	199,416
4 Foundations and other private cash resources	2,933
5 In-kind Resources	0
6 Resident rent payments by client to private landlord	380,084
7 Grantee/project sponsor (Agency) cash	169,035
<b>8 TOTAL (Sum of 1-7)</b>	<b>3,351,026</b>

\* The leveraged sources and amounts are for the current operating year and are as stated by HOPWA providers contracting with NYS OTDA.

**TABLE 52**  
**2011 HOPWA PROGRAM**  
**COMPARISON TO PLANNED ACTIONS**

TYPE OF UNIT	ESTIMATED UNITS	ACTUAL UNITS
<b>RENTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	245	280
<b>SHORT-TERM/EMERGENCY HOUSING PAYMENTS</b>	144	122
<b>UNITS IN FACILITIES SUPPORTED W/ OPERATING COSTS</b>	30	60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>462*</b>

\*Total includes 4 households who received both rental assistance and short-term housing payments

Rising heating and utility costs, as well as increased arrears payments have impacted our providers' ability to serve clients in need of STRMU services as based on projections, during Operating Year 2011 (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011).

Project Outcomes: 96% clients receiving tenant-based rental assistance maintained stable housing conditions.

91% clients receiving facility-based housing assistance maintained stable housing conditions.

97% clients receiving short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance maintained stable housing conditions.

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**TABLE 53  
2011 HOPWA PROGRAM  
PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES FOR HOUSING STABILITY**

**Section 1**

**Housing Stability: Assessment of Client Outcomes on Maintaining Housing Stability  
(Permanent Housing and Related Facilities)**

[A] Permanent Housing Assistance	[1] Total Number of Households Receiving Housing Assistance	[2] Assessment: Number of Households Continuing with this Housing (per plan or expectation for next year)		[3] Assessment: Number of Exited Households and Housing Status	
Tenant-based Rental Assistance	280	215		1 Emergency Shelter/Streets	= 0
				2 Temporary Housing	= 12
				3 Private Housing	= 19
				4 Other HOPWA	= 4
				5 Other Subsidy	= 14
				6 Institution	= 2
				7 Jail/Prison	= 3
				8 Disconnected/Unknown	= 7
				9 Death	= 4
Permanent Supportive Housing Facilities / Units	18	14		1 Emergency Shelter/Streets	= 0
				2 Temporary Housing	= 0
				3 Private Housing	= 3
				4 Other HOPWA	= 0
				5 Other Subsidy	= 0
				6 Institution	= 0
				7 Jail/Prison	= 0
				8 Disconnected/Unknown	= 0
				9 Death	= 1
[B] Transitional Housing Assistance	[1] Total Number of Households Receiving Housing Assistance	[2] Of the Total Number of Households Receiving Housing Assistance this Operating Year		[3] Assessment: Number of Exited Households and Housing Status	
Transitional / Short-term Supportive Housing Facilities / Units	42	Total number of households that will continue in residences	8	1 Emergency Shelter/Streets	= 1
				2 Temporary Housing	= 0
				3 Private Housing	= 26
				4 Other HOPWA	= 0
		Total number of households whose tenure exceeds 24 months	34	5 Other Subsidy	= 0
				6 Institution	= 4
				7 Jail/Prison	= 3
				8 Disconnected/unknown	= 0
				9 Death	= 0

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**TABLE 53**  
**2011 HOPWA PROGRAM**  
**PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES FOR HOUSING STABILITY**

**Section 2**  
**Prevention of Homelessness: Assessment of Client Outcomes on Reduced Risks of Homelessness**  
**(Short-Term Housing Assistance)**  
**Assessment of Households Receiving STRMU Assistance**

[1] STRMU Housing Assistance	[2] Assessment of Housing Status		[3] HOPWA Client Outcomes
122	Maintain Private Housing without subsidy (e.g. Assistance provided/completed and client is stable, not likely to seek additional support)	33	Stable/Permanent Housing (PH)
	Other Private Housing without subsidy	0	
	Other HOPWA support (PH)	12	
	Other housing subsidy (PH)	13	
	Institution (e.g. residential and long-term care)	0	
	Likely to maintain current housing arrangements, with additional STRMU assistance	61	Temporarily Stable with Reduced Risk of Homelessness
	Transitional Facilities/Short-term (e.g. temporary or transitional arrangement)	0	
	Temporary/non-permanent Housing arrangement (e.g. gave up lease, and moved in with family or friends but expects to live there less than 90 days)	0	
	Emergency Shelter/Streets	0	Unstable Arrangements
	Jail/Prison	0	
	Disconnected	2	
	Death	1	Life Event
1a. Total number of households that received STRMU assistance in the prior operating year that also received STRMU assistance in the current operating year.			41
1b. Total number of those households that received STRMU assistance in the two prior operating years that also received STRMU assistance in the current operating year.			25

**TABLE 53**  
**2011 HOPWA PROGRAM**  
**PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES FOR HOUSING STABILITY**

**Section 3**  
**Determining Housing Stability Outcomes**

Permanent Housing Assistance	Stable Housing (# of households remaining in program plus 3+4+5+6=#)	Temporary Housing (2)	Unstable Arrangements (1+7+8=#)	Life Events (9)
Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	258	12	10	4
Permanent Facility-based Housing Assistance/Units	17	0	0	1
Transitional/Short-term Facility-based Housing Assistance/Units	38	0	4	0
<b>Total Permanent HOPWA Housing Assistance</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Reduced Risk of Homelessness: Short-term Assistance</b>	<b>Stable/Permanent Housing</b>	<b>Temporarily Stable, with</b>	<b>Unstable Arrangements</b>	<b>Life Events</b>

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		Reduced Risk of Homelessness		
Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance (STRMU)	58	61	2	1
<b>Total HOPWA Housing Assistance</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>

### Background on HOPWA Housing Stability Codes

#### Stable Permanent Housing/Ongoing Participation

3 = Private Housing in the private rental or home ownership market (without known subsidy, including permanent placement with families or other self-sufficient arrangements) with reasonable expectation that additional support is not needed.

4 = Other HOPWA-funded housing assistance (not STRMU), e.g. TBRA or Facility-based Assistance.

5 = Other subsidized house or apartment (non-HOPWA sources, e.g., Section 8, HOME, public housing).

6 = Institutional setting with greater support and continued residence expected (e.g., residential or long-term care facility).

#### Temporary Housing

2 = Temporary housing - moved in with family/friends or other short-term arrangement, such as Ryan White subsidy, transitional housing for homeless, or temporary placement in institution (e.g., hospital, psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility, substance abuse treatment facility or detox center).

#### Unstable Arrangements

1 = Emergency shelter or no housing destination such as places not meant for habitation (e.g., a vehicle, an abandoned building, bus/train/subway station, or anywhere outside).

7 = Jail /prison.

8 = Disconnected or disappeared from project support, unknown destination or no assessments of housing needs were undertaken.

#### Life Events

9 = Death, i.e., remained in housing until death. This characteristic is not factored into the housing stability equation.

**Tenant-based Rental Assistance:** **Stable Housing** is the sum of the number of households that (i) remain in the housing and (ii) those that left the assistance as reported under items: 3, 4, 5, and 6. **Temporary Housing** is the number of households that accessed assistance, and left their current housing for a non-permanent housing arrangement, as reported under item 2.

**Unstable Situations** is the sum of numbers reported under items: 1, 7, and 8.

**Permanent Facility-based Housing Assistance:** **Stable Housing** is the sum of the number of households that (i) remain in the housing and (ii) those that left the assistance as shown as items: 3, 4, 5, and 6. **Temporary Housing** is the number of households that moved in with family or friends or into another short-term arrangement as shown in item 2.

**TABLE 54  
2011 HOPWA PROGRAM  
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROVIDED**

	Supportive Services	Households Receiving HOPWA Assistance	HOPWA Funds Expended [in Dollars]
1	Adult day care and personal assistance	0	0

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2	Alcohol and drug abuse services	0	0
3	Case management/client advocacy/ access to benefits and services	184	280,296
4	Child care and other child services	0	0
5	Education	0	0
6	Employment assistance and training	0	0
7	Health/medical/intensive care services, if approved*	0	0
8	Legal services	0	0
9	Life skills management (outside of case management)	0	0
10	Meals/nutritional services	0	0
11	Mental health services	0	0
12	Outreach	0	0
13	Transportation	0	0
14	Other Activity: Site Inspection	62	6,264
15	<b>Adjustment for Duplication (subtract)</b>	62	N/A
16	<b>TOTAL Households receiving Supportive Services (unduplicated)</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>286,560</b>

\* Client records must conform with 24 CFR §574.310

**TABLE 55  
2011 HOPWA PROGRAM  
HOPWA OUTCOMES ON ACCESS TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

**Part 1A**

**Status of Households Accessing Care and Support by Project Sponsors Delivering HOPWA Housing Assistance/Housing Placement/Case Management**

Categories of Services Accessed	Households Receiving Housing Assistance within the Operating Year	Outcome Indicator
1 Has a housing plan for maintaining or establishing stable on-going housing	314	<i>Support for Stable Housing</i>
2 Has contact with case manager/benefits counselor consistent with the schedule specified in client's individual service plan	329	<i>Access to Support</i>
3 Had contact with a primary health care provider consistent with the schedule specified in client's individual service plan	333	<i>Access to Health Care</i>
4 Has accessed and can maintain medical insurance/assistance	321	<i>Access to Health Care</i>
5 Successfully accessed or maintained qualification for sources of income	407	<i>Sources of Income</i>

**Part 1B**

**Number of Households Obtaining Employment**

Categories of Services Accessed	Number of Households that Obtained Employment	Outcome Indicator
Total number of households that obtained an income-producing job	23	<i>Sources of Income</i>

**Part 2A**

**Status of Households Accessing Care and Support through HOPWA-funded Services Receiving Housing Assistance from Other Sources**

Categories of Services Accessed	Households Receiving HOPWA Assistance within the Operating Year	Outcome Indicator
1 Has a housing plan for maintaining or establishing stable on-going housing	N/A	<i>Support for Stable Housing</i>
2 Successfully accessed or maintained qualification for sources of income	N/A	<i>Sources of Income</i>
3 Had contact with a primary health care provider consistent with the schedule	N/A	<i>Access to Health Care</i>

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specified in clients individual service plan		
4 Has accessed and can maintain medical insurance/assistance	N/A	Access to Health Care
5 Has contact with case manager, benefits counselor, or housing counselor consistent with the schedule specified in client's individual service plan	N/A	Access to Support

## Part 2B Number of Households Obtaining Employment

Categories of Services Accessed	Number of Households that Obtained Employment	Outcome Indicator
Total number of households that obtained an income-producing job	N/A	Sources of Income

**TABLE 56  
2011 HOPWA PROGRAM  
PERFORMANCE PLAN GOALS AND ACTUAL OUTPUT**

<b>HOPWA Performance Planned Goals and Actual Outputs</b>		Output Households				Funding	
		HOPWA Assistance		Non-HOPWA		Funding	
		a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.
		Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	HOPWA Budget	HOPWA Actual
<b>Housing Subsidy Assistance</b>		<b>Output Households</b>				<b>Funding</b>	
1	Tenant-based Rental Assistance	245	280	8	8	1,314,066	951,317
2a	Households in permanent housing facilities that receive operating subsidies/leased units	14	18	16	16	109,775	82,604
2b	Households in transitional/short-term housing facilities that receive operating subsidies/leased units	0	42	0	0	51,107	38,504
3a	Households in permanent housing facilities developed with capital funds and placed in service during the program year	0	0	0	0	0	0
3b	Households in transitional/short-term housing facilities developed with capital funds and placed in service during the program year	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Short-term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance	144	122	22	22	170,163	86,958
5	Adjustments for duplication (subtract)	0	4	0	0	0	0
6	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,645,111</b>	<b>1,159,383</b>
<b>Housing Development (construction and stewardship of facility-based housing)</b>		<b>Output Households</b>				<b>Funding</b>	
7	Facility-based units being developed with capital funding but not opened (units of housing planned)	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Stewardship Units subject to 3 or 10 year use agreements	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Supportive Services</b>		<b>Output Households</b>				<b>Funding</b>	
10a	Supportive Services provided by project sponsors also delivering HOPWA housing assistance	125	184	0	0	336,433	280,296
10b	Supportive Services provided by project sponsors that only provided supportive services.	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Adjustment for duplication (subtract)	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>336,433</b>	<b>280,296</b>
<b>Housing Placement Assistance Activities</b>		<b>Output Households</b>				<b>Funding</b>	
13	Housing Information Services	N/A	73	N/A	N/A	6,264	6,264
14	Permanent Housing Placement Services	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
15	Adjustment for duplication	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
16	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6,264</b>	<b>6,264</b>
<b>Grant Administration and Other Activities</b>		<b>Output Households</b>				<b>Funding</b>	
17	Resource Identification to establish, coordinate and develop housing assistance resources	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32,967	32,689
18	Technical Assistance (if approved in grant agreement)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0

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19	Grantee Administration (maximum 3% of total HOPWA grant)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	64,193	43,163
20	Project Sponsor Administration (maximum 7% of portion of HOPWA grant awarded)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	54,445	42,672
21	<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>151,605</b>	<b>118,524</b>
	<b>Total Expenditures*</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>2,139,773</b>	<b>1,564,467</b>

\*For Program Year 2011 (Sum of rows 6, 9, 12, 16, and 21)

**TABLE 57**  
**2011 HOPWA PROGRAM**  
**ASSESSMENT OF UNMET NEEDS**

1	Total number of households that have unmet housing needs	
	<b>2.4.3</b> From Item 1, identify the number of households with unmet housing needs by type of housing assistance	
a	Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	203
b	Short-term Rent, Mortgage and Utility payments (STRMU)	0
c	Housing Facilities, such as community residences, SRO dwellings, other housing facilities	0

\*Represents the number on wait lists for housing assistance across New York State as of 12/31/11.

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## 3. Actions to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing. HCR consists of all the State's major housing and community renewal agencies, including, the Affordable Housing Corporation, The Division of Housing and Community Renewal, Housing Finance Agency, State of New York Mortgage Agency, Housing Trust Fund Corporation and others.

Organizing these agencies under a single leadership and management structure has created new efficiencies and allowed for better coordination of the State's resources. Similar and complimentary programs are now aligned and working together, reducing costs, red tape and duplicative efforts while increasing the effectiveness of the state's housing and community renewal programs.

The aforementioned agencies work in collaboration to ensure that all citizens of New York State have access to safe, decent and affordable housing. The ultimate goal of HCR is to expand mobility and widen freedom of housing choice for all persons, and to address discriminatory action or actions that have the impact of limiting housing choice.

***Fair housing is defined as a condition in which individuals of similar income levels in the same housing market have a like range of housing choice available to them regardless of age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sex, disability, marital status, familial status, source of income, sexual orientation, or any other arbitrary factor.***

Within HCR, the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (OFHEO) carries out its responsibilities pursuant to:

- ▶ Fair Housing Act of 1968 - Title VIII;
- ▶ Presidential Executive Order #11063 requiring equal opportunity in housing;
- ▶ Presidential Executive Order #11246 requiring affirmative action programs in federally-assisted construction projects;
- ▶ Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u, Section 3);
- ▶ Executive Order #6 which ensures equal employment opportunity for minorities, women, disabled persons and Vietnam veterans in state government employment;
- ▶ Executive Order #19 prohibiting sexual harassment and intimidation in the workplace; and Executive Law Article 15-A requiring employment and business opportunities for Minority and Women Owned Businesses (M/WBEs) in all State agencies and authorities on contracted projects. Additionally, the Office of the Governor has mandated that State agencies and authorities increase M/WBE participation by 20%.

### 3.1 Affirmative Marketing Plans (AMPs)

HCR's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (OFHEO) is charged with the responsibility of responding to the agency's expanding role in monitoring the progress of access to Fair Housing initiatives. OFHEO seeks to promote fair housing and equal housing opportunities by requiring awardees of capital program funding and tax credits to comply with State and Federal Civil Rights Laws in the marketing of the low and affordable income housing they develop.

OFHEO is responsible for ensuring that respective program areas are monitored for compliance with State and Federal laws, rules and regulations governing equal opportunity in tenant occupancy in state-assisted housing, hiring and contractual opportunities administered by HCR. These efforts are primarily guided by the Fair Housing Act and its amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the NYS Human Rights Law. These statutes prohibit discrimination in the sale or rental of housing based on race, religion, color, national origin, sex, familial status, age, disability, sexual orientation, military status and marital status. OFHEO takes proactive steps by ensuring awardees submit an Affirmative Marketing Plan (AMP) for approval prior to the marketing and rental of units. OFHEO reviews, evaluates and approves the awardees' AMP to ensure compliance with

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outreach, marketing/advertising, accessibility/adaptability requirements, special needs populations, least-likely-to-apply (LLA) populations, community contacts, tenant selection procedures, staff training, marketing strategies, record keeping and Title VIII of the Federal Fair Housing Act. The Plans must contain marketing strategies to target minority groups including the disabled community, which will assist with outreach and placement. Advertisements for rentals and sales must contain the fair housing, and accessibility logos as well as language stating the accessibility/adaptability of units. The Office provides technical assistance to awardees with respect to marketing particularly in the areas of outreach to least-likely-to-apply populations. OFHEO has revised the Affirmative Marketing Plan Guideline to assist awardees in their marketing programs. The information below outlines some of the requirements covered in the Guide which must be included in all Affirmative Marketing Plans:

- Require the awardees register the project with [NYHousingSearch.gov](http://NYHousingSearch.gov)
- Document the number of accessible/adaptable units available for the visual and hearing impaired
- Describe how reasonable accommodations request will be handled
- State whether the project has a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (If Sec. 8 assistance is received from HUD, the complex is required to have TDD)
- Describe any procedures to aid the hearing and sight impaired
- Show diligent marketing efforts to market special needs units to that population
- State management's policy to verify a person's disability
- State whether disabled persons can have service and/or companion animals
- Demonstrate that persons with disabilities are granted the same choices as other applicants
- State how the project will be marketed, example: commercial media to be used, newspapers, publications etc. and identify those publications that circulate to the LLA pops.
- Ensure the Fair Housing and Accessibility Logos are on all ads
- List Community contacts and Organizations serving LLA pops
- List Organizations serving populations being served
- Ensure that Tenant Selection procedures are made on a random basis through the use of a lottery
- Describe how applications are made available to prospective tenants
- Ensure NO application fees, credit report fees or other fees are charged to applicant
- Applicant must identify any fair housing training conducted or attended by their employees
- Provide management policy on smoking

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- Record Keeping- Maintain copies of everything pertaining to the project which is outlined in the Plan recognizing it may be required for auditing purposes.

The OFHEO reviewed, evaluated, and approved 57 AMPs for the year 2011.

## 3.2 Update of the Analysis of Impediments

OFHEO has identified a number of impediments to fair housing which include:

- **Social attitudes:** Not-In-My-Backyard (NIMBY) syndrome, racism, fear of crime, lowered property values or economically integrated housing
- **Discriminatory Lending Practices:** Discriminatory realty practices such as steering, and landlord rental discrimination.
- **Regulatory Barriers:** Discrimination in areas such as zoning/land use regulation, building codes and standards that raise the cost of housing and make it difficult to construct affordable housing and limited resources for affordable housing and fair-housing education.
- **Foreclosures:** A poor economy, inappropriate lending and falling home prices are leading to increased foreclosures. This has affected landlords, further homeowners and renters are losing their homes due to these foreclosures.

New York State continually reviews its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and takes appropriate actions to overcome barriers and increase housing opportunities. New York State submitted its five-year Consolidated Plan for the cycle 2011-2015 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and it was approved December 30, 2010. The State also updated its Analysis of Impediments to ensure that the goals and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan are consistent with addressing impediments to fair housing choice and increasing affordable housing opportunities. The updated Analysis of Impediments was submitted to HUD in conjunction with the Consolidated Plan.

The State's success in improving programs and reforming policies is a reflection of input received from our public and private sector partners. We continually engage our partner agencies, housing advocates, supportive housing providers, developers, consumers and residents from across the State. Together, we have researched best practices, examined barriers to safe, decent, affordable and accessible housing and implemented action steps to improve delivery of the State's housing resources. These activities will continue in 2012.

## 3.3 Analysis of Impediments – Priority Issues

Based on previous analogies, HCR identified a lack of affordable housing for large families, the disabled and other groups; lack of education on Fair Housing; and the need for local governments to address barriers. The Affirmative Marketing Plan administered by the agency is used to ensure awardees market projects effectively to minority and majority populations including the "least like to apply" from the same income group in a broad market area. The AMP guideline was amended to better assist awardees in completing non-discriminatory plans. OFHEO specifically addresses existing impediments which discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, age or disability as stated in the Agency's Affirmative Marketing Plan.

### 3.3.1 Create More Affordable Units

HCR continued to expand its efforts to acquire additional financing for the development of affordable housing. Funding to support affordable housing initiatives, and awards for development, rehabilitation, home buyer assistance, and tax credit programs have generated greatly increased housing development activity statewide. Funds assist not-for-profits and private

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developers in the creation of safe, decent, and affordable housing for seniors, people with disabilities, and working families throughout the State.

NYHousingSearch.gov continues to provide an affordable, accessible housing listing and locator services. The site provides free listing services for owners and free searching services for potential tenants. The Directory search criteria can be performed by area, number of bedrooms, and various other amenities.

NYHousingSearch.gov allows people to locate available housing that meets their individual and family needs at a rent they can afford. It can be accessed online 24-hours a day and is supported by a toll-free, bilingual call center M-F, 9-8 Eastern Time. The fast, easy-to-use free search lets people look for rental housing using a wide variety of criteria and special mapping features. Housing listings display detailed information about each unit. The service also provides links to housing resources and helpful tools for renters such as an affordability calculator, rental checklist, and information about renter rights and responsibilities.

Property owners and managers, including housing authorities and private landlords, can use this service to manage their property listings free of charge. Listings can include pictures, maps, and information about nearby amenities. Property owners and housing authorities can register and manage their listings online or via phone and fax. The site uses software created by Socialserve.com, a national non-profit provider of housing locator services. Socialserve.com is responsible for maintaining the site and providing toll-free call center support.

NYHousingSearch.gov is a partnership of New York State Homes and Community Renewal, the New York State Department of Health's Money Follow the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Program, and the Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Real Choice Initiative. This initiative has been recognized as a model collaboration activity by the Centers for Medicaid Services.

Mixing Tenant Income Groups - Mixing low, moderate, and middle income residents will make housing developments more financially viable, as well as meet the gap in affordable housing for New York's moderate and middle income families and seniors.

Assisting with Closing Costs - Many items cited are eligible to be funded under the Affordable Homeownership Development Program and are eligible costs under the SONYMA Forward Commitment Program, the HOME program, or the NYS CDBG program.

Reducing Energy Costs - Faced with the highest heating costs in the country, New York State administers several programs aimed at helping low-income households reduce their heating costs. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides assistance to low-income households by paying heating costs. Also, the Weatherization Assistance Program has saved billions of dollars for low-income households and made significant advances in conservation technology. The program may be used with HOME, the NYS CDBG Program, and other housing repair programs.

Developing Portable Accessory Apartments and Elder Cottages – The respective State-enabling statutes specifically confer the power to zone on cities, towns, and villages as part of the general police powers of the municipalities. They provide that for the purpose of promoting public health, safety, morals or general welfare, a local legislature may regulate and restrict the height, bulk, and location of buildings, the area of yards and open spaces, the density of population in certain areas, and the locations of buildings intended for particular uses. Elder Cottage Housing Opportunities (ECHO) units are feasible only in those municipalities where local zoning permits.

### **3.3.2 Provide More Education on Fair Housing Laws**

OFHEO will continue to provide training and educational forums to awardees for compliance and updates regarding fair housing laws. Staff members will provide information and answer questions from participants on the Affirmative Marketing Plan Guidelines. In addition, staff will continue to provide guidance on affirmatively furthering fair housing to members of the

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affordable housing community doing business in New York State. OFHEO staff will participate in appropriate fair housing training and develop a fair housing training manual to be used in future workshops, forums and symposiums.

As stated in HCR's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, OFHEO monitors HCR's policies and procedures used in various housing programs to ensure that housing discrimination does not occur within these programs. OFHEO supports the agency's goal of providing housing opportunities to households of all ages, races and income levels throughout New York State's housing markets and strives for change to eliminate policies, regulations, and programs that have a disparate impact on groups identified by race, ethnicity, economic status, or disability.

For Program Year 2011 the NYS CDBG program continued to award applicants 20 points toward their total score for their efforts to provide assisted housing to low- and moderate-income families in ways that promoted housing choice. Ten points were awarded to applicants who documented that their percentage of minority, full-time permanent employees was greater than the percentage of minorities in the applicant's community.

NYS CDBG program recipients are responsible for taking specific actions to affirmatively further fair housing practices in their communities. Participants must affirmatively further fair housing in soliciting participating households, determining eligibility, and in conducting all transactions. The Grant Administration Manual explicitly outlines the fair housing provisions and steps which must be taken by communities to achieve "good faith efforts" in their public outreach to ensure fair housing compliance. Recipients are required to document all actions taken, and the results of those actions, in developing a fair housing/affirmative marketing program. To ensure compliance, recipients are monitored for compliance with Fair Housing requirements at least once during the life of a grant.

### **3.3.3 Support Local Government Initiatives to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing**

HCR continues to support the efforts and programs implemented by local governments, as well as provide assistance in identifying impediments to housing choice where they may occur. The State continues to vigorously monitor and analyze impediments and barriers

Rural Zoning Issues - The State encourages the development of affordable housing and provides technical assistance in accordance with local zoning laws. Rural housing providers need to discuss zoning issues with municipalities that affect the cost of housing, and they must educate officials about problems they encountered.

## **3.4 Fair Housing Outreach and Response**

With the integration of the housing programs, OFHEO has assumed a greater focus on housing issues and staff training on all facets of fair housing.

OFHEO receives housing complaints and inquiries from complainants throughout the State. The complaint/inquiry is reviewed, documented and directed to the appropriate federal, State and/or local government entity for resolution.

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## 4. Progress in Providing Affordable Housing

It is New York State's goal to create decent housing that is available, affordable, and sustainable for its residents. There is a shortage of affordable housing in New York State as evidenced by generally low vacancy for both rental and home ownership housing. This shortage creates a range of problems including cost burden and overcrowding. The State seeks to increase the number of decent and affordable housing units, thereby addressing the problems of overcrowding, substandard units, and cost burden.

The State's activities under this objective have increased the supply of affordable housing through the use of the HOME program. The impact depends on the amount of HOME funds made available by the federal government to New York. Assisted households and families are provided a new opportunity to access affordable housing. The HOME program is operating more efficiently than in the past, but a 12% reduction in the state's annual allocation for 2011 combined with the increased costs required to assure an initial investment. The State anticipates adjustments to its five year production goals.

The State has funded more family housing and more small projects sponsored by community-based housing organizations. These projects tend to take longer to develop (especially family projects, where local opposition is often encountered), and as a result unit completions were somewhat lower than expected. Still, in 2011, the State completed **313 rental units**, (compared with the Action Plan goal of assisting 280 rental units).

Among other things, New York State provides rental subsidies to extremely low- and low-income households. HCR operates a statewide Section 8 rental assistance program. Unfortunately, there are very long waiting lists across the State indicating a strong unmet demand for this type of assistance. Even with vouchers, households may still have cost burdens if decent, affordable units are not available and the household must pay 30 percent of its income for rent.

New York State also provides mortgages with below market interest rates to first-time home buyers. Down payment and closing cost assistance, and mortgage guarantees are additional forms of assistance which help enable those with low- incomes to afford homes. All of the State's assistance activities are aimed at low-income households

The impact on addressing this need is dependent upon the amount of resources discussed earlier, primarily HOME funds and matching resources. Assistance with HOME funds makes housing more affordable for many low-income persons and families. Such resources allow the State to impact on the accessibility of affordable housing by low -income New Yorkers.

In furtherance of this objective, during Program Year 2011 the HOME program provided 299 families the opportunity to become homeowners. To date, the program has created more than 7,400 home ownership opportunities. This number is lower than anticipated due to market changes resulting from the foreclosure crisis.

The NYS CDBG program is on track to achieve the goal of 3,500 units of rehabilitation as set forth in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan. In PY 2011 a total of 708 units of housing were rehabilitated from funding provided under the Competitive Round.

Through funding for home ownership activities, the NYS CDBG program is on track to meet the goal of 575 low-and moderate-income homebuyers as outlined in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan. In PY 2011, 106 households were assisted with home ownership opportunities.

### 4.1 Addressing Worst Case Needs

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The NYS CDBG program is a funding source used by New York's smaller municipalities and rural areas for housing rehabilitation to meet worst-case needs: helping low-income households who either pay more than half their income towards housing costs or who live in seriously substandard housing.

The majority of units rehabilitated under the NYS CDBG program contain multiple hazardous conditions due to their age and lack of routine maintenance/replacement of mechanical components. Lack of full-function plumbing and heating components, extremely hazardous electrical systems, leaky roofs and windows, and severe structural deficiencies are common in the older housing typically occupied by low-income owners/tenants. Recipient municipalities use their grants to help restore this housing to code and eliminate the substandard condition of the units, vastly improving the impoverished living conditions of the inhabitants while preventing widespread deterioration of neighborhoods (in undertaking "target area" projects) or scattered site, affordable housing (in non-target area projects).

Such efforts also forestall the loss of the stock of older housing affordable for rent by lower income residents in rural and suburban areas and small towns. Few government-subsidized apartments exist in the localities eligible for the NYS CDBG program. The rising cost of land makes construction of affordable units for rent or purchase very difficult, so retention of the older housing stock is often the more viable option.

## **Housing Choice Vouchers**

HCR has statewide responsibility for the administration of 41,117 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers allocated by HUD. Each year, these vouchers provide assistance to thousands of income-eligible households. Through its own Subsidy Services Unit and/or via subcontracts with a network of Local Administrators, the program is delivered to extremely-low, very-low and low-income families in 50 of the State's 62 counties.

As compared to 2010, the overall level of Housing Assistance Payments increased by \$17.7 million dollars. The increase is reflective of continued economic difficulties facing program participants. Although the average monthly number of families assisted by only 1.7%, the 6.9% increase in housing assistance outlay suggests that average incomes of assisted families has decreased over the period.

## **4.2 Addressing Persons with Disabilities and Other Special Needs**

It is New York State's goal to address the shelter, housing, and services needs of the homeless, those threatened with homelessness and those with other special needs. New York pursues this goal through a variety of activities which make decent housing more available/accessible (Objective/Outcome DH-1) and affordable (DH-2) and suitable living environments more available/accessible (SL-1).

The need for housing and supportive housing for the homeless, the frail elderly, persons with disabilities, and other segments of the New York's population is well documented. To address this objective, New York continues to use a variety of federal and State programs to provide shelter, housing and/or services. The programs that further this priority use a range of activities including: acquisition; new construction and rehabilitation to develop shelters; SRO developments; community residences; and traditional housing accommodations.

The Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Programs are having an impact by helping the State achieve this objective. These programs fund many organizations that provide housing for those who are homeless and for persons with special needs. The five year goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan, under this objective, will be achieved. Awarding of grants and expenditures of funds are in line with projections. These programs, and achievements of this objective, further the goal of providing decent housing.

Proposals to address the shelter needs of homeless persons, prevent very low-income persons from becoming homeless, and assist special needs persons are welcomed by the HOME program. Information about applications received in PY 2011 which included such activities is available upon request.

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## **Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council (MISCC)**

Chapter 551 of the Laws of 2002 created a Most Integrated Setting Coordinating Council (MISCC) within the Executive Department to develop and oversee the implementation of a comprehensive statewide plan for providing services to disabled individuals in the most integrated setting possible. Specifically, the Council is comprised of eleven agency heads and nine external Gubernatorial and Legislative appointees. The Division of Housing and Community Renewal is a participating member of this Council. The Council is required to meet at least quarterly and produce a Comprehensive Plan for services to disabled New Yorkers in the most integrated setting possible.

In addition to the initial report, the Council must provide annual updates to the Governor and Legislature reporting implementation, outcomes, updates, and future actions planned. MISCC must contract with an independent organization with expertise in community-based services and program evaluation research to evaluate the initial plan and its implementation. Each member of MISCC who is a commissioner or director must ensure implementation of every aspect of the plan which falls under his or her area of responsibility. MISCC must oversee overall plan implementation and revision, as needed to ensure that persons on waiting lists are placed in most integrated settings at a reasonable pace.

In April, 2007, the MISCC established a Housing Task Force comprised of MISCC members and non-members who will focus on housing issues as they relate to ensuring that people of all ages with physical and psychiatric disabilities receive care and services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their individual needs. The Commissioner of HCR chairs this Task Force, which also served to support the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion Waiver (NHTD) Housing Subsidy and the Affordable Housing Listing and Locator Service, [www.NYHousingSearch.gov](http://www.NYHousingSearch.gov).

The NHTD Housing Subsidy is funded through an annual State appropriation of approximately \$2.3 million to the Department of Health (DOH) to be administered in partnership with DHCR. DHCR has been able to offer this housing opportunity in every county in the State by utilizing HCR Section 8 Local Administrators (LAs) under contract in 50 counties in conjunction with Section 8 PHAs in counties outside of HCR's Section 8 Jurisdiction. The NHTD Housing Subsidy is administered in a manner parallel to the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Program in coordination with the DOH Regional Resource Development Centers. In a historic partnership that evolved through the MISCC Housing Committee, DOH providers and HCR housing experts are working together in a new and innovative manner to transition and divert individuals from institutional settings. The program grew significantly in 2011 and as of January 1, 2012, a total of 132 households participate in the subsidy program. The program participants include a mix of those transitioning from nursing homes and being diverted from nursing home placement.

## **Supportive Housing Agreement between New York State and New York City (NY/NY III)**

NY/NYIII commits five New York State and five New York City agencies to develop a total of 9,000 supportive housing units within New York City over the next ten years. Supportive housing is defined as the pairing of rental assistance and supportive services in either a congregate building constructed or renovated for this purpose or in scattered-site apartments acquired for the purposes of housing. The target populations for housing developed under NY/NY III are individuals and families with serious mental illness, persons with disabling substance abuse disorders, persons with HIV/AIDS, medically frail and elderly persons, and young adults who have left the foster care system. All are chronically homeless or at risk of becoming chronically homeless. During 2011, additional projects funded brought the to-date total to 472 units for eligible NY/NYIII populations.

## **Unified Funding 2011 Requests for Proposal's New York State Office of Mental Health Funding for Support Services and Rental Assistance for Priority Populations in New York City**

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) partnered with HCR to make funds available to support services and rental assistance for 200 units of housing in New York City, for individuals with serious mental illness, who are ready to move from State operated psychiatric centers, State operated community residences, or Adult Homes as part of the Unified Funding 2011 Requests for Proposals. Funds are also available for start-up costs for the 200 units, including rent security deposits, furniture costs, and utility deposits.

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## **Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)**

The New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) is a federally-funded State agency responsible for developing new ways to improve the delivery of services and supports to New Yorkers with developmental disabilities and their families. The Council focuses on community involvement, employment, recreation, and housing issues faced by New Yorkers with developmental disabilities and their families. To a large extent, DDPC programs are developed in direct response to the concerns and ideas voiced by consumers, families, service providers, policy-makers, and other professionals.

HCR is one of ten State agency members of the DDPC, which also includes persons with developmental disabilities or their parents/guardians and non-governmental organizations. Council members meet quarterly to discuss issues such as policy and funding decisions that affect the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. Council Members determine which demonstration programs will be funded and participate in the Committees that develop requests for proposals for new projects. HCR participates on the Adult Issues Committee, which includes issues related to housing for adults with disabilities.

## **Access to Home Program**

In 2005, the "Access to Home" program was created to provide up to \$10 million to not-for-profit organizations to administer local programs to make the homes and apartments of low- and moderate-income New Yorkers with disabilities more accessible. The Program is administered by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal and the Housing Trust Fund Corporation. In July 2006, the Private Housing Finance Law was amended to establish the Access to Home program as a statutory program in New York State and to allow municipalities in addition to not-for profits to participate as local program administrators.

Under Access to Home, residential adaptations and modifications are made to enable persons with disabilities to remain or return to their own homes rather than enter or stay in more costly and more intrusive institutional settings. Providing assistance with the cost of adapting homes to meet the needs of those with disabilities enables individuals to safely and comfortably live in their residences and avoid institutional care. This assistance also allows individuals currently living in institutional settings to transition back to their homes once they are appropriately adapted. Grants are made to eligible not-for-profit entities with substantial experience in adapting or retrofitting homes for persons with disabilities. In Program Year 2011, 17 awards totaling \$4.5 million in funds were made to eligible not-for-profit organizations to provide assistance to individuals to address their accessibility needs.

## **Other Accomplishments to Serve Persons with Disabilities**

DHCR/HTFC has responded to the needs of persons with disabilities with a number of program and policy adjustments. In 2004, a requirement under DHCR/HTFC's 2005 Unified Funding Round for the State-funded Low Income Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Program mandated that a minimum of 5% of the total units in a new construction multi-family project (five units or more), or one unit whichever is greater, shall be made accessible for and marketed to persons with mobility impairments and an additional 2% of the total project's units or one unit, whichever is greater, shall be made accessible for and marketed to persons with visual or hearing impairments. The project owner will be responsible for the reasonable costs of any alterations necessary to accommodate an eligible tenant. This requirement was continued under the 2011 Funding Round.

As the State actively encourages new housing opportunities for persons with disabilities, DHCR/HTFC's funding process includes rating and ranking criteria to increase opportunities for affordable, accessible housing for a variety of populations. The rating and ranking allows applicants proposing a housing project or program which targets persons with special needs to be eligible for scoring points to set-aside units for persons with disabilities. This set-aside includes 15% or more of the total project's units and allows owners to reserve units outside of the application system, thereby providing access to units that may have otherwise been included in a lottery system.

In the 2008 funding round, DHCR/HTFC included a scoring incentive which provided maximum points for applicants exceeding 5% of the total projects units as fully accessible, move-in ready for persons with a mobility impairment and 2% of the units as fully accessible, move-in ready for persons who have a hearing or vision impairment to 10% and 4% respectively. This scoring

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incentive continued through the 2011 Funding Round.

## **4.3 Section 215 Housing Opportunities**

Section 215 of NAHA defines housing opportunities as meeting the HOME requirements. For purposes of reporting, all HOME units by definition are Section 215 units. While some CDBG and HOPWA units might meet Section 215 requirements, it is not by regulation or regulatory agreement that they do so. Therefore, reporting of Section 215 housing opportunities is limited to HOME units.

In total, 1,333 units were completed or occupied meeting Section 215 standards under the State's HOME program. Of these, 313 were rental units and 1,020 units were owner-occupied units.

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## 5. Progress in Addressing the Needs of the Homeless

The Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) administers several programs designed to alleviate homelessness and provide low-income households support services necessary to build self-sufficiency. These range from programs to prevent homelessness before it occurs to the actual construction of housing for homeless persons. In addition, a number of programs provide ancillary services to the homeless citizens of New York State.

To address the identified needs of the homeless and special needs populations, New York State outlined a strategic objective in the State's Consolidated Plan to address the shelter, housing, and service needs of the homeless poor and others with special needs (2011 – 2015 Consolidated Plan). Various activities were described in support of this objective. The programs that further this objective use a range of activities, including acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation, to develop shelters, single room occupancy (SRO) units, community residences, and traditional housing accommodations. Other key program strategies include: rental assistance to prevent homelessness; assistance in locating and securing affordable housing; the provision of administrative funds and planning grants to organizations that provide support services; and the provision of operating subsidies for shelters and housing facilities serving homeless and special needs populations. Programs administered by various State agencies develop and supervise residential treatment and licensed care facilities for both adults and youths. The accomplishments of the HOPWA and ESG programs, as well as other programs, have significantly furthered the State's efforts in this area.

Examples of other programs funded by OTDA in support of this objective include:

- Homeless Housing Assistance Program;
- Homelessness Intervention Program;
- Supplemental Homelessness Intervention Program;
- Supported Housing for Family and Young Adults;
- Operational Support for AIDS Housing Program;
- Family Shelter Program;
- Home Energy Assistance Program;
- Emergency Assistance Rehousing/Rent Supplement Program;
- Negotiated Rates Program;
- Emergency Shelter Allowance for Persons with AIDS;
- Emergency Needs for the Homeless Program; and
- Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program.

OTDA has taken full advantage of the flexibility of ESGP to fund a wide variety of support services and to address critical gaps in the housing continuum of care across New York State, including:

- Outreach and assessment - street outreach programs, mobile outreach vans, food pantries and soup kitchens (with outreach components), storefront operations, etc.
- Emergency - food pantries, soup kitchens, day drop-in centers, emergency shelters, overnight accommodations, drop-in medical care, short-term cash assistance for utilities and rent, etc.
- Transitional - transitional housing programs, relocation services, homeless rehousing assistance, support services, etc.
- Permanent - legal interventions to prevent eviction; support services in permanent housing programs, especially HHAP projects.

Proposals to address the shelter needs of homeless persons, prevent very low-income persons from becoming homeless, and assist non-homeless persons with special needs are welcomed by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC). HTFC encourages applicants to structure housing programs that ensure long-term affordability to low- and moderate-income households by stressing the need to design housing programs that provide assistance that is affordable to the beneficiary.

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Examples of such design include rent restrictions for investor properties receiving assistance and grants or zero interest loans to low- and moderate-income owners. The NYS CDBG housing rehabilitation program continues to encourage the prevention of homelessness and allows families to remain in safe and affordable living environments. Since its takeover of the NYS CDBG program in 2000, HTFC has funded projects involving components that have addressed homeless needs including construction of homeless shelters. Although these types of applications are encouraged, HTFC receives very few applications.

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## 6. Other Actions

New York State also takes a wide variety of other actions to facilitate community development and the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

### 6.1 Addressing Obstacles to Meeting Underserved Needs

The State of New York is committed to maximizing limited federal resources. The State maximizes these limited resources by working with lenders, landlords, not-for-profit corporations, private developers and real estate officials; requiring beneficiaries to help themselves to the extent possible by contributing both time and funds, and lending, not granting, HOME funds, when feasible.

Many of the awardees of the NYS CDBG program supplement their awards with loans or grants from State and federal housing, environmental health, mental health, and other programs in order to achieve the full scope of the community development project they have planned. Private sector contributions, foundation grants, and self-help contributions of local labor force and equipment also help stretch a CDBG grant.

After years of concerted effort working with national organizations, such as the National Council of State Housing Agencies, and with other states, New York State benefited from increases in the per capita cap for the federal Low-Income Housing Credit program (LIHC) which were approved by Congress in December 2000. The per capita LIHC amount has increased each year since 2001. Further, the federal Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 increased the per capita allocation by an additional \$0.20 per year for 2008 and 2009 or more than \$3.8 million in additional allocation authority per year. This added tax credit resource has greatly expanded the volume and types of projects which the State has been able to assist and will extend the impact New York State will have on the needs outlined in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan.

In 2000, New York joined several other states in authorizing a State tax credit program on a demonstration basis. Since then, the New York State Low-income Housing Credit (SLIHC) program has received an annual authorization of credit authority and is under consideration to become a permanently funded program. SLIHC differs from the LIHC program in two ways: 1) it serves households with incomes of up to 90 percent of area median income, whereas LIHC serves households with incomes up to 60 percent of the area median income, and 2) it provides investors with relief from certain NYS tax liabilities. The SLIHC program facilitates an increased level of rental housing production by addressing the needs of a higher income band than is served by some of the State's other housing programs. The result is a more diversified project which serves households with a variety of income levels, which may be more desirable to local communities.

Each year, the State of New York exceeds the required HOME match; cumulatively, the State has over \$75 million in matching funds that is being carried forward to address underserved needs. A copy of the HOME Match Report is included in Appendix IV. The State of New York identifies underserved needs through its Unified Funding application process. One part of the allocation rates all proposals on the basis of statewide criteria, such as percent of households below the poverty level; a second asks applicants to demonstrate how the application is part of a strategy for meeting identified affordable housing and community needs.

Encouraging home ownership among long-term renters is a goal of the NYS CDBG program, which results in stabilization of the affordable housing stock and increases the welfare and safety of lower income families and neighborhood stability. In addition to working toward meeting the goals as outlined in the State's 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan, the NYS CDBG program is working toward achieving the overall objectives of New York State regarding housing goals. In the area of housing rehabilitation, standard and decent living conditions are created for a significant number of previously underserved households. Many of these households are occupied by the working poor or retirees on low, fixed incomes, and are not served by existing social services,

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senior services and other governmental programs. Likewise, public infrastructure projects funded through the NYS CDBG program bring clean drinking water and sewage treatment to many rural and village dwellers who previously had no public infrastructure, and often went years with failing private septic systems and wells that present real health hazards and require thousands of dollars to upgrade. Such projects often have a multiplier effect as the availability of public infrastructure attracts new businesses and spurs private housing development in existing population centers.

New York State is committed to ongoing analysis and improvement of the State's performance in satisfying priority housing and community development needs. The State will respond to underserved needs as they are identified, either through self-evaluation or citizen participation. The State will amend its administrative rules, Consolidated Plan and/or Action Plan as necessary to implement program changes designed to better satisfy underserved needs.

## **Developing Affordable Housing in Rural Areas**

The Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) and U.S. Department of Agriculture's New York Rural Development Office (RD) continue to collaborate on the development of rural multifamily housing projects. On a number of occasions in 2011 capital funds from HTFC's HOME or Housing Trust Fund Programs, DHCR's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, RD's Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program, and rental assistance have been combined to support the development of affordable housing.

## **6.2 Fostering and Maintaining Affordable Housing**

Community Housing Development Organizations are, by definition, established for the singular purpose of community housing development. They have an inherent commitment to maintaining affordable housing. The State of New York continues to assist Community Housing Development Organizations as required by statute and according to guidelines and criteria established in its Consolidated Plan.

Additionally, the State continues to monitor HOME-funded affordable housing projects for the required period of affordability. The monitoring helps ensure housing units built or rehabilitated with HOME dollars remain available, affordable, safe, and sanitary.

HTFC encourages applicants in the housing category to structure their programs to ensure long-term affordability to low- and moderate-income households. Competitive applications in this category provide assistance that is affordable to low- and moderate-income owners and includes rent restrictions on investor-owned properties.

The NYS CDBG program helps New York's smaller municipalities and rural areas achieve their goals to rehabilitate existing affordable housing and to encourage stable neighborhoods through increased home ownership among low- and moderate-income households. New York State is continuing an interagency approach to harness federal, State, and local resources to encourage the viability of existing commercial and residential districts.

## **New York State Legislative Campaign**

2011 was a year of transition for New York State with a new Governor, a new Housing Commissioner and a change of majority in the State Senate. The State still faced tough economic challenges and the State's housing officials were confronted with another difficult year in which funding levels stayed flat while the housing needs across the state increased significantly. The State was saddled, for a second year in a row, with a multi-billion dollar budget deficit and continued instability in the economic and housing sectors on a state and national level.

The legislative campaign for 2011 was once again challenging due to significant funding cuts across the budgetary spectrum and specific to housing, including the possible expiration of the State's Rent Regulations which help keep rents affordable and provide tenant protections in metropolitan areas like New York City. Transition and change were apparent in every aspect of New York State government. Emphasis on executive leadership, inter-agency cooperation, legislative engagement, stakeholder support and effective communication was never more important.

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The Governor and his administration proposed and implemented a new process of evaluating and distributing funding for economic development and job creation through ten newly created Regional Economic Development Councils. A majority of New York State Homes and Community Renewal's (HCR) locally administered and capital programs were included in the new process and were an integral component of the new Consolidated Funding Application. As part of an historic announcement in December, the Governor announced that the Regional Councils had awarded over \$785 million, including \$141 million in HCR funding.

In June of 2011, the State legislature passed the greatest expansion of rent regulation in 40 years. Among the most important changes, the new law raised the deregulation rent threshold from \$2,000 to \$2,500, the first increase in rent threshold since 1993. It also raised the income threshold from \$175,000 to \$200,000, the first change in income threshold since 1997. The laws were extended until 2015.

The Commissioner/CEO of HCR met with State legislators, local elected officials, developers, stakeholders, and advocacy organizations to discuss and explain the integration of the State's housing agencies under one roof, the new role HCR would play in regards to the newly formed Regional Councils as well as the funding challenges faced by the state. These meetings were important in that they provided opportunities to discuss and promote the development of affordable housing as an engine for economic development and job creation, helping to strengthen families and communities and improving the quality of life for working families, senior citizens, and people living with disabilities.

HCR, which administers the federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) in New York, received \$396 million in WAP stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 and will fulfill its WAP ARRA weatherization goals by March 2012, the deadline by which stimulus-related weatherization work must be completed. By the end of ARRA reporting period on March 31, 2012, more than 60,000 homes will have been weatherized and 1,400 jobs created.

During the summer of 2011, New York State was devastated by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. The destruction was widespread, leaving homes, businesses and farms destroyed and municipal water supplies and sewer system in complete ruin. In response to the disaster and urgent need of communities, HCR committed \$10 million towards the Governor's Agricultural and Community Recovery fund. This included funding from the Community Development Block Grant program to assist farmers to continue operations, and funding from New York Main Street program for assistance to small business in communities devastated by the storms. In 2012, HCR, in partnership with the Governor's office and our fellow State agencies, will lead the effort to direct \$71 million in federal CDBG disaster funding from HUD into the hardest-hit areas still struggling to recovery from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

## **6.3 Eliminating Barriers to Affordable Housing**

In Program Year 2011, the State of New York continued its efforts to eliminate barriers to affordable housing by developing and implementing new initiatives and by maximizing limited federal resources.

In 2010, HCR announced the availability of funds and invited applications for housing assistance through a Unified Funding process. Unified Funding enables eligible applicants to submit a single application for funding from several DHCR/HTFC administered programs, under the categories of capital programs and local programs. The Unified Funding process was made more efficient and transparent by providing the option of submitting online application and posting award information on HCR's website. A Frequently Asked Questions section was also made available online, as well as access to application workshops. Awards were made to 35 multi-family projects in September 2011.

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In July 2011, the Regional Economic Development Council initiative created Regional Councils which represent a fundamental shift in the state's approach to economic development from a top-down development model to a community-based, performance driven approach which empowers individual areas to develop comprehensive strategic plans that invest in regional solutions to create jobs and economic growth. As part of the Regional Council process, a Strategic Plan Review Committee was chosen to analyze and rank the strategic plans for each region competing for \$200 million in specially targeted economic development funding.

In addition to the strategic planning grants made available through the Regional Council initiative, a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) was created to give businesses and other entities streamlined and expedited access to economic development funding from nine state agencies, including HCR, and 29 existing programs. Awards for CFA projects were based on the endorsement of the local Regional Council and the technical scoring of various state funding agencies. Awards were made to 32 multi-family projects in December 2011.

In continued and upgraded intra-agency cooperation within HCR, in late 2011, DHCR and HFA initiated the process of revising both agencies' Qualified Allocation Plans (QAPs). Once revised, the QAPs, which set forth the agencies' parameters for the selection of projects and distribution of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, will contain many common elements in relation to project underwriting and compliance monitoring oversight of completed projects. HCR initiated the QAP revision process by conducting roundtable discussions with representatives of the affordable housing industry. HCR is currently reviewing the comments and suggestions received at these roundtables and plans to complete the revision process and adopt the new QAP in 2012.

The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (OFHEO) was created to promote the participation of minority and women-owned businesses in contracts let by DHCR, and to provide oversight of fair housing activities and monitoring.

Those opposed to affordable housing use a wide range of tactics including writing letters to owners, politicians, lobbying officials, forming opposition groups and circulating petitions to oppose the housing or needed zoning and/or regulatory change.

OFHEO has also identified actions to aide in eliminating the identified impediments which include:

- education, outreach, and enforcement of fair housing standards
- elimination or revision of discriminatory housing and zoning policies
- commitment of funds to programs and projects that produce fair housing
- expansion of affordable housing in areas where opportunities for low income, minority, and disabled housing are limited
- developing housing in areas where job opportunities are greater provision of low interest mortgages or deferred payment loans to impacted groups
- institution of homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs
- consideration of the President's proposal for the Refinance Program and the Mortgage Modification Program.

The NYS CDBG program, through its housing rehabilitation and home ownership funding, supports eligible municipalities in their efforts to maintain the stock of affordable housing and encourages the purchase of existing affordable homes by new owners, who otherwise would be unable to purchase homes. Without such funding, it is likely that many households would face insurmountable barriers to home purchase and decent rentals and be forced to live in inadequate shelters or even become de-facto homeless, which in non-entitlement communities usually means living with relatives for extended periods in crowded conditions.

New York's communities have made great strides in neighborhood revitalization and in reducing these barriers to affordable housing. The State of New York continues to work closely with communities, councils of local government, agencies, and others to educate New Yorkers about affordable housing.

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## 6.4 Filling Gaps in the Institutional Structure

In support of the general effort of New York State agencies to collaborate, integrate and coordinate services and funding, the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) partners with the State Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation, the Environmental Facilities Corporation (a public benefit corporation managing revolving loan funds for water and sewer development), and USDA Rural Development in a funding coordination committee that helps to ensure optimum funding potential and assistance in financing water and wastewater projects.

This initiative brings a concentrated, multi-pronged community development focus to some of the neediest localities and focuses on revitalizing town centers, protecting open space, and improving the use of technology in ways that complement the priorities of individual communities. The New York Main Street Program, which is also administered by DHCR and HTFC, complements this endeavor.

With the implementation of New York Main Street, HTFC assembled a team of cooperating State agencies. In addition to HTFC, the Departments of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Transportation, and State, and the Empire State Development Corporation have all contributed to New York Main Street (NYMS). NYMS makes financial and technical assistance available to local communities to preserve and renovate local business districts, with an emphasis on the residential component of such districts.

HTFC partners with other (non-housing) federal, State and local agencies to co-fund projects, helping to stretch CDBG funds as well as those of cooperating agencies. Examples include projects funded jointly with the Empire State Development Corporation, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, the Environmental Facilities Corporation, the USDA Rural Development Rural Utilities Service, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, county Industrial Development Agencies and many others. While each agency still must observe applicable federal/State/local requirements, their cooperation not only brings very expensive projects to fruition that each agency could not fund alone, but also fosters greater cooperation among agencies to ensure a proper funding sequence and more rapid disposition of project permitting and review hurdles.

Weatherization Assistance (WAP) and HOME program coordination continued in 2011, as significant progress was made to integrate energy conservation practices into HOME-funded rehabilitation programs. A number of sub-recipients in each region have established formal relationships with their local Weatherization providers to provide coordinated services to clients. In the 2011 HOME Local Program Application and RFP, applicants are again required to provide a description of their procedures for evaluating the energy efficiency of units to be assisted with HOME funds. Applicants are also required to specify the typical energy conservation measures that will be performed on assisted units, and to describe the process for incorporating energy conservation measures into the work scope. The statewide network of Weatherization service providers has entered into agreements to assist HOME sub-recipients by providing energy efficiency audits and other expertise to HOME-assisted projects.

HCR closely coordinates the WAP with the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). In 2011, systems were put in place by the WAP network to target and prioritize HEAP households that have excessively high energy use and whose ratio of energy costs per monthly income is very high.

HCR continued its efforts in 2011 to collaborate with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to bring utility-funded System Benefits Charge funds into HOME-assisted and other subsidized housing. Starting in the summer of 2005, the Weatherization Program worked with NYSERDA to have electric reduction measures (ERMs) installed in previously weatherized units that were completed at a time when ERMs were not eligible. In 2011, the Weatherization Program continued to work with NYSERDA to continue this initiative and leverage additional funds to expand project work scopes that lead to greater energy and dollar savings for residents. There remains great potential for achieving greater affordability in DHCR, HTFC and other publicly-assisted projects through this coordinated approach.

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HCR continues to participate in the Low Income Forum on Energy (LIFE) steering committee. The LIFE steering committee is comprised of State agencies, energy utilities, and low-income advocates that sponsor and support public forum events designed to identify, thoroughly investigate and discuss possible solutions to energy issues and problems confronted by low income residents in New York State.

## **Administering Section 8 Rental Assistance**

HCR administers both tenant-based and project-based Section 8 rental assistance.

## **Housing Choice Vouchers**

HCR has statewide responsibility for the administration of 41,117 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers allocated by HUD. Each year, these vouchers provide assistance to thousands of income-eligible households. Through its own Subsidy Services Unit and/or via subcontracts with a network of Local Administrators, the program is delivered to extremely-low, very-low and low-income families in 50 of the State's 62 counties.

**TABLE 58  
SECTION 8  
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS**

	<b>NUMBER OF FAMILIES ASSISTED*</b>	<b>HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS** [in Dollars]</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	38,867	355,430,018

\*This is a monthly average computed by adding together each month's specific unit months of assistance and dividing that sum by twelve (12). The aggregate assistance for 2011 totaled 466,413 unit months.

\*\* This twelve month cumulative summary of Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) includes rental and home ownership assistance payments to owners on behalf of eligible participating families.

As compared to 2010, the overall level of Housing Assistance Payments increased by \$17.7 million dollars. The increase is reflective of continued economic difficulties facing program participants. Although the average monthly number of families assisted by only 1.7%, the 6.9% increase in housing assistance outlay suggests that average incomes of assisted families has decreased over the period.

## **Section 8 Home Ownership Assistance**

Local Administrators authorized to implement the home ownership option are responsible for determinations of family eligibility and home ownership assistance levels, home ownership counseling (either in-house or using community partners), home inspections, and post-purchase follow-up. They follow through the process to make sure the participants are mortgage ready, all financing meets Section 8 requirements, and that the home meets all standards of safe, decent and affordable.

HCR has achieved full statewide implementation of the home ownership program option. Although real estate closings have happened in only 41 out of 50 local program jurisdictions, the program option is being offered in all 50 and, all programs continue outreach to eligible participants.

Since home ownership activity commenced in 2000, 408 families have purchased homes utilizing ongoing Section 8 homeownership assistance payments or via the use of Family Self-Sufficiency escrow funds realized during their tenure as a Section 8 participant. In December 2011, a total of \$154,890 in monthly home ownership assistance payments was paid on behalf of participating families.

Statewide monthly average home ownership assistance payments (\$571) continue to be less that corresponding average rental assistance payments (\$767). With continued federal concerns focused on reducing Section 8 Voucher Program outlay, HUD

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will hopefully encourage public housing authorities to expand implementation of the Section 8 home ownership option.

## **Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinators**

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is an important component of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. It encourages the development of local strategies to help assisted families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) work with welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners to develop a comprehensive program that gives participating FSS family members the skills and experience to enable them to obtain viable employment. HCR again received \$1.17 million in FSS Program funding in calendar year 2011. These funds allowed for the retention of local FSS Coordinators who provide important case management services to FSS participants.

## **Section 8 Project-based Contract Administration**

As Performance-Based Contract Administrator (PBCA) for the Section 8 Project-Based portfolio in New York State, HCR is responsible to HUD for all program functions and reporting requirements, provides general program oversight and input on policy development and performs quality assurance for all assigned tasks.

With most previous Traditional Contract Administrator (TCA) contracts having already been assigned to PBCAs by HUD, HCR saw little change in its PBCA portfolio as compared to previous years. At the end of 2011, the assigned portfolio stands at 1001 contracts covering 97,789 units. This is a difference of just 3 contracts and 194 units as compared to the prior year. Monthly gross Housing Assistance Payments for 2011 (prior to mortgage or other offsets) remained at approximately the same average level of \$86 million per month.

Day-to-day functions involved in the PBCA initiative include the following duties for the contracts assigned to the Section 8 Project-Based portfolio:

- conduct management and occupancy reviews;
- adjust contract rents;
- process Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) contract renewals, terminations, and/or opt-outs;
- pay monthly HAP vouchers submitted by project owners;
- respond to project health and safety issues; and
- follow up on results of physical inspections of Section 8 projects.

Since initiating PBCA activities in December 2000, HCR has engaged a private sector partner (PSP) to assist in the performance of the day-to-day responsibilities of contract administration. CGI is the current PSP and completed its 6th year as private sector partner at the end of November 2011.

In February 2011, HCR submitted a proposal in response to HUD's rebidding of PBCA contracts. HUD's Invitation to bid was subsequently withdrawn and it is expected that HUD will issue another form of rebid in the first 6 months of calendar year 2012.

## **6.5 Public Housing Initiatives and Working with Public Housing Authorities**

### **Public Housing Restructuring**

Following a successful pilot plan, New York State continued efforts to restructure State-assisted public housing projects. DHCR and HTFC worked with private developers to research and develop restructuring strategies to further this initiative. Resources committed to restructuring efforts have included tax credit proceeds and Public Housing Modernization Funds. When completed, the housing remains as affordable housing, but is privately-owned for low-income families subject to tax credit compliance. The plans for redevelopment typically include substantial rehabilitation and reconfiguration of units to meet market demands.

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The current status of New York State's restructuring is as follows:

- No. Hempstead H.A. – (Construction fully completed at below estimated cost)
- Oswego H.A. – Hamilton Homes (phases 1 & 2 of construction completed; phase 3 underway) Rockville Centre H.A. – Rockville Apts. (work completed)
- Rome HA – Liberty Apts (Construction underway)
- Auburn H.A. – Brogan Apts. (Awaiting legal documents, scope of work and cost estimates)

## Public Housing Modernization Program

DHCR and HTFC continued to work with Housing Authorities to develop of long-range plans and funding strategies for the repair, replacement, or renovation of defective, deteriorating, or deficient structural and physical building systems. This work leads to the upgrade and modernization of State-assisted public housing projects. For Housing Authorities with non-assisted projects, DHCR and HTFC continued assistance with the identification of means for necessary financial and technical assistance.

## Energy Conservation in Mitchell-Lama Housing

HCR's Office of Housing Management remains involved in assisting Mitchell-Lama developments to develop and package projects that will improve their energy performance. Measures under consideration or in progress include: heating system improvements, conversions of heating systems from electric to gas, lighting retrofits, water conservation, and elevator upgrades, as well as advanced measures such as cogeneration. While the estimated cost of work to implement these energy improvement projects remains high, the potential energy savings could make a significant contribution to the overall affordability of the Mitchell-Lama developments.

The Office of Housing Management has also continued to strengthen monitoring procedures for accurate and reliable reporting of energy utilization information by the housing developments. Required energy performance, energy cost, and building systems reporting forms which are required to be submitted annually, are available in an electronic format on the HCR website. Through a database of the comprehensive information provided via these forms, the energy performance for each property is profiled in terms of dollars/square foot/heating degree day.

## 6.6 Reducing the Hazards of Lead-Based Paint

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), in collaboration with its strategic partners including HCR, are continuing the positive trends toward achieving elimination of childhood lead poisoning in NYS. Although the number of cases of lead poisoning has steadily declined, NYS continues to have the greatest number of cases of childhood lead poisoning in the nation. In 2009, there were over 2,700 children under age six years diagnosed with lead poisoning ( $BLL \geq 10$  mcg/dL) compared to 11,643 children in 1998. New York's comprehensive lead poisoning elimination approach includes strategies to advance:

- partnerships and community engagement;
- primary prevention;
- surveillance and data analysis;
- laboratory reporting and data quality assurance;
- blood lead testing & screening; and
- follow-up/management of children with elevated blood lead levels (EBLLs).

Since 2007, NYSDOH has undertaken a Childhood Lead Primary Prevention Program (CLPPP) in selected communities with older, deteriorated housing and with significant concentrations of children newly identified with elevated blood-lead levels. A *primary prevention* approach is used to reduce or eliminate lead exposures or risk factors before a child is exposed. Funding for this initiative has increased steadily, with a total of \$8.0 million allotted to 14 counties and NYC in the 2011 – 2012 grant year. Expectations of the grantees continue to include:

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1. identifying housing at greatest risk of lead-paint hazards;
2. developing partnerships and community engagement to promote primary prevention;
3. promoting interventions to create lead-safe housing units;
4. building a knowledgeable and certified Lead-Safe Work Practice (LSWP) workforce; and
5. identifying community resources for lead-hazard control.

Preliminary data on implementation from activities for most of the contractors in Year 2011 (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011) indicate that grantees continue to make steady progress toward achieving these goals by reaching a total of 8,603 housing units for initial inspection for lead-based paint using a combination of inspection strategies.

- Visited 11,732 housing units (8,603 of these were first visited in Year Four).
- 5,664 children under age six, those most vulnerable to neuro-developmental damage, through home visits, with 3,126 receiving referrals for blood-lead testing thus making an important contribution to secondary prevention in the target communities
- Inspected 11,523 units (8,534 first inspected in Year Four) with 6,955 found to have lead-based paint hazards. At least 2,448 units had been remediated and cleared as free of lead-based paint dust hazards, with many more in progress.
- 2,688 property owners, contractors, and do-it-yourselfers for training in Lead Safe Work Practices.
- 1,755 contractors and property owners trained in the EPA Renovation, Remodeling, and Painting rule (8 hour and refresher course)

NYSDOH, with the assistance of the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH), facilitated discussions between Section 8 Administrators and CLPPP Managers in 15 target communities across New York State. Participants were introduced to a 'model' partnership developed between the Schenectady County Health Department's CLPPP and the Schenectady Municipal Housing Authority's Section 8 housing. The collaborative elements include tenant education, lead-safe remediation, HEPA vacuum loan, follow-up and clearance aspects. Participants learned about the benefits this partnership has produced for the Health Department, the Housing Authority, Schenectady families, and property owners. Participants will also learn about opportunities and tools for replicating a similar partnership in their local jurisdictions.

In addition to the LPPP, the NYSDOH Healthy Neighborhoods Program (HNP) is a door-to-door outreach program in targeted high-need areas that provides residents with practical information and tools to reduce environmental hazards in their homes, including risks for lead-based paint exposure. The program currently operates in Clinton County, Niagara County, Erie County, Monroe County, Tompkins County, Onondaga County, Schenectady County, Orange County, Rockland County, and Westchester County. Residents of the dwellings are interviewed to determine their individual needs and a room-by-room visual inspection is conducted to identify peeling paint, carbon monoxide hazards, asthma triggers and fire hazards. Smoke detectors are tested and batteries and/or a detector are provided when needed. In the 2011 period included in this report, a total of 17,570 dwelling units were approached by HNPs statewide and 5,591 (32%) households had a home assessment initiated; 2,907 (52%) of the dwellings visited had a minority respondent; 2,075 (37%) of dwellings visited did not have a functional smoke alarm on floors with living space; 1,780 (32%) households had children younger than six years old. A total of 1,515 (27%) dwelling units had deteriorated paint. In terms of the HNP intervention, all families were educated on the dangers of lead paint, some referrals were made to the landlord, and others were referred for enforcement. Within 90 days, 80 deteriorated paint conditions were corrected. HNP assesses whether each child has had a blood lead test and makes the appropriate referrals to ensure that all children have been tested. 1,073 homes or 19% of homes visited in upstate New York contained someone with asthma. Finally, in cooperation with the Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection, HNP provided 325 radon test kits through a federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant to homes in low socio-economic status (SES) areas that request one.

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The NYSDOH HNP was instrumental in helping HUD launch its Healthy Homes Initiative in 2000. The program's strong emphasis on addressing asthma as part of a comprehensive healthy homes approach has received national recognition, including the 2011 National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management. It has a number of distinguishing factors that make it an ideal model for addressing the research gaps outlined above. The NYSDOH HNP:

- 1) is managed at the state level and implemented at the community level.
- 2) is unique in scale and geographic scope, serving over 5000 homes and 13,000 individuals in high-risk urban and rural communities each year.
- 3) has a primary emphasis on management of the home environment that enhances case management and clinical care provided by partners.
- 4) has innovative partnerships that improve delivery of services and integration of environmental management throughout the continuum of clinical care.
- 5) has a robust and dynamic program evaluation that allows for assessment of improvement in individual patients, but also across differences in delivery systems.

NYSDOH applied for a federal Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD) Healthy Homes Technical Studies program which seeks to advance the recognition and control of residential health and safety hazards. HUD outlined topics of particular interest, including cost-benefit analysis of reductions in asthma morbidity due to improvements in indoor environmental quality at home. The NYSDOH project is titled, *"Measuring the asthma-related costs and benefits of a large-scale, state-funded healthy homes program to inform Medicaid policy for residents with asthma"*.

On February 1, 2011, CDC released a competitive procurement for the next 3-year cooperative agreement. Through this announcement, CDC has significantly restructured the current lead poisoning prevention initiative into a **Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention** initiative that addresses a variety of environmental health and safety concerns, including lead as well as other factors such as pest control, asthma prevention and management, radon, fire safety, second hand smoke exposure, etc. NYS will build a consortium of strategic partners, including HCR, to address unsafe and/or unhealthy housing conditions and work with the consortium to create a unified strategy for promoting healthier home environments.

**TABLE 59**  
**HUD LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANTS**  
**TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN NEW YORK STATE**  
**SUMMARY OF UNITS COMPLETED BEFORE AND DURING 2011**  
**(Dollars in Millions)**

GRANTEE		AWARD TYPE	AWARD DATE	AWARD AMOUNT	UNITS PROJECTED	UNITS COMPLETED		
						Before 2011	During 2011	TOTAL
CITIES	NEW YORK CITY	LHRG	1/11	\$4.5	300	0	0	0
	SCHENECTADY	LHRG	1/11	\$3.2	225	0	0	0
	SYRACUSE	LRDG	10/07	\$4.0	275	399	49	448
		LRDG	10/09	\$1.9	275	20	110	130
		LHRG	1/11	\$2.9	180	0	29	29
UTICA	LHR	2/09	\$2.0	180	10	4	14	
COUNTIES	BROOME	LHC	1/11	\$2.1	100	0	0	0
	CHAUTAUQUA	LHC	10/09	\$2.6	175	18	53	71
		LHC	10/08	\$3.0	175	98	85	183
	ERIE	LHC	9/11	\$2.3	150	0	0	0

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GRANTEE	AWARD TYPE	AWARD DATE	AWARD AMOUNT	UNITS PROJECTED	UNITS COMPLETED		
MONROE	LHC	10/09	\$3.0	350	111	177	288
	LHC	1/11	\$3.1	175	0	8	8
ONONDAGA	LHC	10/08	\$3.0	210	139	56	195
	LRDG	10/08	\$3.6	240	159	61	220
WESTCHESTER	LHC	1/11	\$1.75	140	0	6	6
	LRDG	10/09	\$1.0	75	16	82	98
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$43.95</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>1,690</b>

LHC = Lead Hazard Control Grant  
 LHRG = Lead Hazard Reduction Grant  
 LRDG = Lead Reduction Demonstration Grant  
 LHCCB= Lead Hazard Control Capacity Building

### 6.7 Implementing an Anti-Poverty Strategy

The four federal programs covered by the New York State Consolidated Plan (NYS CDBG, HOME, ESGP and HOPWA) directly support the overall State anti-poverty strategy by addressing the housing or non-housing community development needs of persons at the poverty level.

OTDA, which administers the ESG and the HOPWA programs, oversees the New York State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The intent of the program is to promote individual responsibility and family independence. It is described fully in the State's 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan.

The NYS CDBG program, through its housing rehabilitation, home ownership, public infrastructure, public facilities, and economic development funding improves the quality of housing and sanitation and reduces unemployment and underemployment. Housing conditions for renters and homeowners are improved, tenants are empowered to become new home owners, and projects to bring safe drinking water to, and treat wastewater for low- and moderate-income residents are funded. Centers are constructed to provide services to persons in predominantly low- and moderate-income areas. Economic development projects create or retain jobs for low- and moderate-income persons who may have been formerly unemployed or underemployed. Job training to a skill level that will raise employees out of poverty is often a component of CDBG-funded economic development and microenterprise projects. Finally, through microenterprise activities, HTFC helps low- and moderate-income business owners to improve or develop a business enterprise.

While the HOME program does not provide income or operating assistance, the program attempts to serve the lowest possible income levels and supports programs that are designed to achieve or sustain self-sufficiency among extremely low-income households.

#### Reducing Energy Costs

HCR assists low-income New Yorkers in a number of ways as they face high energy costs.

#### Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

HCR administers the federally-funded Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). WAP provides grants to local governments, community action agencies and other non-profit agencies to install energy conservation measures in housing units occupied by low-income households. This assistance is provided to reduce energy consumption and lower monthly energy bills. Typical measures consist of: air sealing; adding insulation; heating system repair or replacement; window and door repair or

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replacement; providing high-efficiency lighting fixtures, energy star refrigerators and other electric base load reduction; and, work items that mitigate energy-related health and safety concerns.

HCR closely coordinates WAP resources with other HCR programs to improve energy efficiency and affordability in assisted projects. WAP funds are made available by formula to non-profit subgrantees in each county in the State, and an annual competitive solicitation is held to provide funding for assisted multifamily projects and other housing in areas known to have high needs.

## **6.8 Ensuring Compliance and Monitoring**

DHCR, HTFC and OTDA are individually responsible for ensuring compliance in the programs they administer. During 2011, each agency implemented the monitoring plan that was outlined in the 2011 Annual Action Plan.

### **6.8.1 HOME Program Monitoring**

In 2011, HCR regional offices conducted on-site and desk monitoring events for 50 sub-recipients and State recipients. There were a total of 168 HOME sub-recipients and State recipients statewide in 2011, making the total monitored **30%** of total recipients. The result of this effort was 66 of 310 active contracts monitored statewide or 21%. HCR regional office staff will conduct additional monitoring of sub-recipients of concern, and provide technical assistance where indicated, to ensure that actions are taken to address those concerns that were identified. The results of on-site inspections are reported in Section 7.2.4. The contractual agreement requires grantees to submit quarterly and final reports. Quarterly reports describe a project's progress during the quarter through a detailed narrative describing contract activities and the results achieved. Guidelines or criteria, which new grantees developed for eligibility and participant selection, are also appended to the first quarterly report

### **6.8.2 HOPWA Monitoring**

All HOPWA contracts entered into by OTDA are subject to on-going monitoring throughout the term of the contract. The primary methods of monitoring include:

- review of narrative and tabular quarterly reports (due two calendar weeks after the end of each quarter);
- review of final reports (due 30 days after the expiration of the contract);
- periodic site visits, including review of randomly-selected case files; and
- on-going telephone contact with program staff.

Grantees must ensure that books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to costs and expenses under the grant are maintained to reflect all costs of materials, equipment, supplies, services, building costs, and all other costs and expenses for which reimbursement is claimed or payment is made. All expenditures are reported on an accrual basis.

OTDA has direct access to any records relevant to the project, including books, documents, photographs, correspondence and records to make audits, examinations, transcripts, and excerpts. All records pertaining to the grant including financial audits, budget, plans/drafts, supporting documents, statistical records, etc. are retained for a period of at least four years following submission of the final expenditure report. In the event that any claim, audit, litigation, or State/federal investigation is started before the expiration of the record retention period, the records are retained by the grantee until all claims or findings are resolved.

The contractual agreement requires grantees to submit quarterly and final reports. Quarterly reports describe a project's progress during the quarter through a detailed narrative describing contract activities and the results achieved. Guidelines or criteria, which new grantees developed for eligibility and participant selection, are also appended to the first quarterly report. Significant obstacles or problems in carrying out the contractual obligations are identified along with plans to overcome these obstacles. Changes in contract staffing are addressed and resumes provided for new staff. To meet HUD reporting requirements, statistical data is also reported to track the type of activity carried out and the number of individuals and families assisted, including data on the racial/ethnic characteristics of the participants.

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Final reports verify fulfillment of all contractual requirements and tabulate final demographic data on the program participants. They also trigger final reimbursement for contractual activities. The narrative follows the basic format established for quarterly reports, but emphasizes final outcomes. As outlined in the contract, a percentage of the grant award is withheld until the final report is received and approved. Grantees are advised that unless all reporting requirements are met satisfactorily, vouchers are not processed for payment.

Site visits by OTDA staff are a critical component of project monitoring activities. Subsequent to a monitoring visit to OTDA by HUD in 1999, a new monitoring system for ESGP and HOPWA (as well as other OTDA housing services programs) was fully implemented. In keeping with this system, monitoring visits for all housing services programs (including both HOPWA and ESGP) administered by the Bureau of Housing and Shelter Services (BHSS) take place regularly using the pooled staff resources of the BHSS Unit. At a minimum, each multi-year contract is monitored at least once during the life of the contract.

The site visits usually consist of an overview of the agency and the program, a tour of the site, observation of direct service provision, review of files and records, and meetings with accounting staff. Extensive questions are asked based on the information contained in quarterly reports and on the HOPWA program coordinator's knowledge of the program. Following each monitoring site visit, a formal letter is sent to the grantee relating findings and requesting a formal response when corrective action is needed.

Another aspect of monitoring is frequent telephone conversations between program staff and the program coordinator. Contractors call with questions about changes in their programs, contract requirements, vouchering, and other issues concerning their program. The program coordinator also initiates telephone calls to question information contained in reports. In unusual circumstances, programs may be requested to submit special reports or any media coverage the program has received.

## **6.8.3 CDBG Monitoring**

HTFC has established a process to ensure compliance with program requirements by its grant recipients which includes: recipient training; desk monitoring which entails review of expenditure types; expenditure rates; performance reports; and a combination of technical and monitoring visits. Communities are contacted regularly by HTFC staff for status updates on their projects and for program compliance and statutory requirement assistance. Technical assistance visits are conducted when a recipient is not performing according to its schedule or have encountered particular difficulties in advancing their project. At least once during the life of a grant, a comprehensive on-site monitoring of the recipient's project is conducted. This monitoring visit ensures that recipients of CDBG funds adhere to state and federal regulatory requirements as well as all program requirements. Comprehensive monitoring includes a review of all project files including, but not limited to, financial records, procurement files, individual case files, National Objective compliance documentation, and environmental review files. A Grant Administration Manual that outlines the program requirements and provides compliance guidance is available to the grant recipients on our website. Additionally, our website contains updates, policies, procedures and program requirements and easy access to vital information which ensures compliance with program regulations.

## **6.8.4 ESGP Monitoring**

All ESGP contracts entered into by OTDA are subject to on-going monitoring throughout the term of the contract. The primary methods of monitoring include:

- review of narrative and tabular quarter reports (due 20 days after the end of each quarter);
- review of final reports;
- periodic site visits, including review of randomly-selected case files; and
- on-going telephone and email contact with program staff.

Grantees must ensure that books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to costs and expenses under the grant are maintained to reflect all costs of materials, equipment, supplies, services, building costs and all other costs and expenses for

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which reimbursement is claimed or payment is made. All expenditures are reported on an accrual basis.

OTDA has direct access to any records relevant to the project, including books, documents, photographs, correspondence and records to make audits, examinations, transcripts, and excerpts. All records pertaining to the grant including financial audits, budget, plans/drafts, supporting documents, statistical records, etc., are retained for a period of at least four years following submission of the final expenditure report. In the event that any claim, audit, litigation, or State/federal investigation is started before the expiration of the record retention period, the records are retained by the grantee until all claims or findings are resolved.

The contractual agreement requires grantees to submit quarterly and final reports. Quarterly reports describe a project's progress during the quarter through a detailed narrative describing contract activities and the results achieved. Guidelines or criteria, which new grantees developed for eligibility and participant selection, are also appended to the first quarterly report. Significant obstacles or problems in carrying out the contractual obligations are identified, along with plans to overcome these obstacles. Changes in contract staffing are addressed and resumes provided for new staff. To meet HUD reporting requirements, statistical data is also reported to track the type of activity carried out and the number of individuals and families assisted, including data on the racial/ethnic characteristics of the participants. Other related data that is required by the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) is also collected.

Final Reports verify fulfillment of all contractual requirements and tabulate final demographic data on the program participants. They also trigger final reimbursement for contractual activities. The narrative follows the basic format established for quarterly reports, but emphasizes final outcomes. As outlined in the contract, a percentage of the grant award is withheld until the final report is received and approved. Grantees are advised that unless all reporting requirements are met satisfactorily, vouchers are not processed for payment.

Site visits by OTDA staff are a critical component of project monitoring activities. The site visits are usually a couple of hours in duration, and consist of an overview of the agency and the program, a tour of the site, observation of direct service provision, and meetings with accounting staff. Extensive questions are asked based on the information contained in quarterly reports and on the coordinator's knowledge of the program.

Another aspect of monitoring is frequent telephone conversations between program staff and the program coordinator. Contractors call with questions about changes in their program, contract requirements, vouchering, and other issues concerning their program. The program coordinator also initiates telephone calls to question information contained in reports. In unusual circumstances, programs may be requested to submit special reports or any media coverage the program has received.

Finally, prior to renewal of their contracts, all grantees funded under ESGP undergo a self-evaluation of the benefits realized by homeless and near-homeless households as a result of funding. The evaluation also examines the expansion of service capacity, the utilization of services, and the quantifiable impact of the project. The evaluation seeks to determine whether the project would be viable in other locations across the State. It also examines the overall homeless population within a given community and the continued need for the type of assistance being provided.

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## 7. Program-Specific Requirements

This section addresses program-specific requirements that were not directly covered by other sections.

### 7.1 CDBG Program Requirements

#### 7.1.1 Relationship of Expenditure to Performance Measurements

As part of the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan, approved by HUD on December 30, 2010, the State developed a Strategic Plan delineating its objectives for assisting low- and moderate-income residents based on the analysis of housing and community development needs and the housing market and inventory conditions in New York. These objectives were developed to further the overall goal of the housing and community planning and development programs included in the Consolidated Plan to create viable communities by providing decent housing, economic opportunities and a suitable living environment principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Additionally, the State incorporated the requirements of HUD's performance measurements system into its Strategic Plan, and the State conducted an analysis based on the HUD Performance Measurement matrix. By evaluating the State's accomplishments by objective, future plans and needed changes can be determined.

#### Community Development

The NYS CDBG program is on its way to meeting the goals outlined in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan, as follows:

##### DH-1 – Increasing the Availability/Accessibility of Decent Housing

The NYS CDBG program is on track to achieve the goal of 3,500 units of rehabilitation as set forth in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan. HTFC reports that recipients are well on their way to accomplishing the goals predicted in their individual grant applications. In PY 2011, a total of 708 units of housing were rehabilitated through projects awarded under the competitive round.

##### DH-2 – Increasing the Affordability of Decent Housing

Through funding for home ownership activities, the NYS CDBG program is on track to meet the goal of 575 low- and moderate-income homebuyers as outlined in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan. In PY 2011, 106 households were assisted with home ownership opportunities.

##### EO-1 – Increasing the Availability/Accessibility of Economic Opportunities and

##### EO-2 – Increasing the Affordability of Economic Opportunities

In PY 2011, a total of 1,380 FT and 149 PT jobs were created and/or retained, and 74 businesses were assisted either through economic development funding, microenterprise, small business initiatives or façade assistance. With the job creation/retention activities at its current levels, the NYS CDBG program will meet its goal of 5,000 jobs and 150 businesses assisted as outlined in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan.

##### SL-2 – Improving the Affordability of Suitable Living Environments and

##### SL-3 – Improving the Sustainability of Suitable Living Environments

During the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan period, it is estimated that the construction of 125 public facility projects will receive assistance from the NYS CDBG program. In PY 2011, 27 projects were completed that involved public facilities activities that benefited 78,711 persons. At this rate of accomplishment, the goals of the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan will be met.

#### Additional CDBG Achievements

A CDBG grant is often the spur to stimulate parallel private-sector investments and other neighborhood revival projects which are not CDBG-eligible. An important effort is reaching out to municipalities which have not formerly or recently participated in order

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to attract new kinds of proposals, new partners, and better socioeconomic strategies to alleviate a variety of conditions facing the low- and moderate-income populations of eligible jurisdictions.

Except in relation to the share of funding allocated to each category, no priorities among objectives are established by HTFC. Rather, it is felt that the applicant jurisdictions are best positioned to weigh and prioritize local needs, both via the citizen participation process and through local officials' assessment of conditions that impede the health and welfare of their residents. Local officials also have to match their needs to the host of local, county, State, and federal funding sources to see where best to apply for assistance with particular challenges.

Due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, New York State used a portion of its 2011 allocation as well as prior year unobligated, deobligated and recaptured funds to assist business owners in Main Street areas and farmers throughout the counties who were impacted by the storms. These funds are being used to assist the businesses and farms in recovering from the effects of the storm and to make them solvent.

Further discussion of the NYS CDBG program addressing housing and community development priority needs is contained in Section 2.3.3.

## **Summary**

New York State's affordable housing goal is addressed by activities pursuant to Objective/Outcome DH-1 which seeks to provide decent housing that is available/accessible and DH-2 objectives and outcomes of DH-1 and DH-2. New York State addresses the needs of the homeless, those in danger of becoming homeless, and persons with other special needs through a variety of activities pursuant to its objectives of decent housing availability/accessibility (DH-1) and affordability (DH-1), and the availability/accessibility of suitable living environments (SL-1). In addition, the economic opportunity objectives and outcomes of EO-1, EO-2, and the suitable living environment objectives SL-2 and SL-3 incorporate the needs and requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Goals outlined in the State's Consolidated Plan and annual Action Plan are being achieved. No significant problems were encountered, and New York State does not anticipate major changes in its program administration.

## **7.1.2 Amendments and Other Program Changes**

HTFC objectives and program design stated in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan and the 2011 Annual Plan did not change, and HTFC does not anticipate any changes.

## **7.1.3 Providing Certifications of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan**

A Certificate of Consistency is issued by DHCR which states that activities being approved are consistent with the objectives of the State's Consolidated Plan. During Program Year 2011, the State of New York issued Certificates of Consistency to:

- Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
- 1 Plattsburgh Housing Authority
- 1 Lackawanna Municipal Housing Authority
- 1 Village of Corinth
- 1 Gloversville Public Housing Authority
- 1 City of Johnstown
- 1 Town of Rotterdam
- 1 Village of Scotia
- 1 City of Mechanicville
- 1 Village of Highland Falls
- 1 Village of Fort Plain
- 1 Village of Ballston Spa
- 1 Town of Colonie

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1	Watervliet Housing Authority
1	Cohoes Housing Authority
1	Town of Guilderland
1	Village of Manlius
1	City of Hornell
1	Geneva Housing Authority
1	Suffolk County
1	Orange County
1	City of Lockport Housing Authority
1	Cortland Housing Authority
<b>22</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### Organizations Other Than PHAs

1	Mechanicville Housing Authority
1	Catskill Mountain Housing Development
1	Putnam County Housing Corporation
1	Rural Housing Opportunities
1	Bethany Village Housing Development Fund Co., Inc.
2	People, Inc.
2	Chautauqua Opportunities
2	Cares, Inc.
2	Orleans County Continuum of Care
1	STEL
1	Dunkirk Housing Authority
1	Housing Options Made Easy, Inc.
1	Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.
1	NYS OASAS (Chautauqua County)
1	Columbia Opportunities
1	Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.
1	Franklin County Community Housing Council
1	NYS OASAS (Niagara County)
1	Putnam County Housing Corporation
1	Erie County
1	Jefferson County
1	Suffolk County
1	Orange County
1	Monroe County
<u>1</u>	Onondaga County Community Development
<b>29</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

### 7.1.4 National Objective Failures

None were identified.

### 7.1.5 Actions Taken to Avoid Displacement and Compliance with the Uniform Relocation Act (URA)

It is not anticipated that NYS CDBG funds will result in the displacement of residents. However, recipients who propose activities that have the ability to result in permanent or temporary displacement including housing rehabilitation activities must ensure that steps are taken to avoid displacement and meet the needs of households who must be moved during activities. In doing so, recipients must demonstrate that funds have been allocated to cover costs and that specific procedures are being followed to

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prevent or minimize the impact of relocation/displacement and to ensure that participating landlords are cooperating. HTFC does not encourage wholesale demolishing of housing units. Yet there are cases where the most cost-effective approach is to replace severely dilapidated houses and mobile homes. There are also instances where businesses must be relocated when buildings are proposed for demolition as part of community revitalization projects. Recipients are monitored for compliance with the URA and must demonstrate that proper procedures to protect the rights of tenants and owners are being followed.

In all cases involving temporary or permanent displacement/relocation, all required steps are taken and award recipients are monitored for compliance with all requirements under CDBG regulation 570.606 either during desk monitoring or site visits.

## **7.1.6 Low/Mod: Jobs and Limited Clientele Activities**

Under New York's criteria for assessing applicants for economic development grants, the applicant must provide evidence that at least 51 percent of jobs created will be filled by or made available to low- to moderate-income persons. However, applicants are encouraged to seek projects where a business will guarantee that greater than 51 percent of the jobs will be filled by or made available to low- and moderate-income persons. The majority of the economic development recipients work with the NYS Department of Labor regional offices and Workforce Development Boards for assistance with identifying and hiring low and moderate income persons. In order to ensure that at least 51 percent of the jobs qualify, HTFC enforces strict requirements for hiring practices. These requirements include specific advertisements and language that must be included in advertisements for hiring of individuals for low- and moderate-income jobs. Although ultimately the job may be filled by a non-income-eligible individual, businesses must be able to document that all jobs were made available to low- and moderate-income individuals. During the hiring process, businesses must ensure that all applicants are assessed as to the extent and quality of training to be offered to new hires, with the expectation that a level of skill can be attained to raise these individuals well above minimum wage earning power.

Under the economic development category, microenterprise assistance may be provided to microenterprise businesses where the business owner qualifies as a low- and moderate-income business owner (limited clientele microenterprise). Applicants proposing projects that meet this criterion must retain evidence that demonstrates that a business owner's family income does not exceed the low- and moderate-income limits for the area.

Limited Clientele activities generally involve the construction of sites in which services are offered and funded by other State and federal agencies serving low- to moderate-income persons. Reporting accomplishments in 2011 are projects such as a child care facilities, senior centers and projects that involve activities that provide handicapped access to public places as well as access to health services. Limited clientele activities may often meet the presumed benefit criterion by assisting persons who meet the definition. For those projects where the beneficiaries cannot be presumed to be low- and moderate-income, recipients must clearly document through income data collection that at least 51 percent of the people being served by the facility qualify as low- and moderate-income.

## **7.1.7 Rehabilitation Accomplishments and Expenditures**

The 2011 Action Plan had estimated that 700 housing units would be rehabilitated in PY 2011. For the period January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011, 708 units of housing were fully rehabilitated which is slightly higher than the goals projected. If the State continues to reach this level of accomplishments for the next four years, New York will exceed its goals as estimated in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan.

A fair estimate of the average cost required to bring a substandard unit into standard condition is \$20,228.

## **7.1.8 Community Revitalization Strategy Areas (CRSA)**

No CRSAs were approved during 2011.

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## 7.2 HOME Program Requirements

### 7.2.1 Distribution of Funds Among Identified Needs

The general Consolidated Plan program assessment in Section 2.4 contains a discussion of distribution of funds among identified needs.

### 7.2.2 2011 HOME Matching Funds

Match contributions reported in Table 61 are based on the federal fiscal year that began October 1, 2008 and ended September 30, 2011 pursuant to HOME statute and HUD guidance. Match contributions are provided by New York State Housing Trust Fund grants, for projects that qualify as affordable housing pursuant to Section 215 of the National Affordable Housing Act.

**TABLE 60**  
**2011 HOME PROGRAM**  
**MATCHING FUNDS**  
[in Dollars]

EXCESS MATCH (previous year)	MATCH CONTRIBUTION	MATCH LIABILITY	EXCESS MATCH CARRYOVER
\$69,269,084	\$6,451,468	\$3,836,973	\$71,883,549

See also Appendix IV, which contains Form: HUD 40107-A "HOME Match Report."

### 7.2.3 Contracting Opportunities for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Section 3 Compliance

Table 62 demonstrates the State's efforts to secure the participation of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) in the completion of HOME program activities.

**TABLE 61**  
**2011 HOME PROGRAM**  
**LOCAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS (LPAs)**  
**PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

FILED BY	CONTRACTS				SUB-CONTRACTS			
	Ethnicity		Women-Owned*		Ethnicity		Women-Owned*	
TOTAL # OF CONTRACTS	421		24		21		0	
TOTAL \$ OF CONTRACTS	\$9,077,980		\$416,535		\$617,172		0	
<i>Contracts Awarded by Population</i>								
	#	%	\$	%	#	%	\$	%
ALASKAN/NATIVE AMERICAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	4	1	45,697	1	0	0	0	0
BLACK/NON-HISPANIC	10	2	277,075	3	8	38	301,020	49
HISPANIC	8	2	137,545	2	0	0	0	0
WHITE/NON-HISPANIC	399	95	8,622,321	94	13	62	316,152	51
WOMEN-OWNED*	24	5	416,535	5	0	0	0	0

\*Women-owned totals included within the five racial/ethnic population totals.

The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity was created to promote the participation of minority and women-owned

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businesses in contracts led by HCR and to provide oversight of fair housing activities and monitoring. OFHEO participates annually in fair housing training provided by HUD and is working with HUD officials for additional training and workshops pertaining to the Section 3 Program. The Program applies to all recipients of housing and community development assistance in excess of \$200,000 and subcontracts in excess of \$100,000 awarded in connection with Section 3-covered activities. OFHEO developed and disseminated the "Utilization of Section 3 Residents and Businesses" reporting form. The form requires all recipients to provide documentation of all good faith efforts undertaken to utilize area residents as trainees and employees and to award contracts to businesses located within the Section 3-covered project area.

The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (OFHEO) continued its monitoring of Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) participation for project sponsors receiving HOME funds. Each recipient of HOME funding is required to take actions to increase M/WBE participation in its projects. Participation goals are established and evaluated by OFHEO and are incorporated into all HOME contracts. Participation goals are based on the HOME funding amount, local availability of M/WBE's and the geographical location of the project. As part of our continuing effort to maximize the participation of State-certified M/WBEs in HOME projects, OFHEO conducts annual workshops, offers technical assistance, and supplies informational materials to encourage greater participation. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) mandates that DHCR comply with Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968. The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD financial assistance or HUD-insured projects, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons residing in the community where the project is being developed, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing. Non-compliance with Section 3 may result in sanctions, termination, debarment or suspension from future HUD-assisted contracts.

### **7.2.4 On-site Inspections of HOME Rental Units**

Assisted rental units fall into two categories. For multi-family rental projects directly administered by DHCR/HTFC, DHCR's Asset Management Bureau monitors compliance during the affordability period. For smaller rental projects, which are administered by sub-recipients and State recipients, the responsibility for monitoring compliance during the affordability period rests with the sub-recipient or State recipient. In turn, their systems for ensuring compliance with program regulations are monitored annually by DHCR regional office staff.

During the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, DHCR's Asset Management Bureau conducted on-site inspections of 137 HOME-assisted projects (containing a total of 4,062 units). Compliance monitoring of a project that is in service consists of a physical inspection of the property, an analysis of administrative operations and a review of tenant eligibility for a minimum of 20% of assisted units. Regulatory requirements on both the State and federal level are covered, with particular emphasis on Sections 92.508 and 92.351 of the Final HOME Rule.

### **7.2.5 Assessment of Affirmative Marketing Plans**

In accordance with the State's Consolidated Plan, DHCR requires all sponsors to fully comply with all federal and State fair housing and nondiscrimination laws and enforces affirmative fair housing marketing requirements on all capital development projects containing five or more HOME-assisted housing units. OFHEO has developed an Affirmative Marketing Guideline to assist recipients with the compilation of an Affirmative Marketing Plan (AMP). DHCR documents and monitors the marketing outreach efforts of all HOME recipients. All HOME recipients are required to develop and submit for approval an AMP prior to the commencement of any marketing campaign. OFHEO approved 57 Affirmative Marketing Plans during the 2011 program year.

Should it be determined that a HOME recipient is not in compliance with affirmative marketing requirements, the recipient will be required to demonstrate that it took or will take corrective action to bring itself into compliance for any future marketing activities. In the event that a recipient fails to comply or take corrective action, DHCR may impose appropriate sanctions, including the assessment of negative scoring on future applications, recapture of funds and repayment of expended funds.

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## **7.3 ESG Program Requirements**

ESG activities and their relationship to the Consolidated Plan objectives and outcomes are described in Section 2.5.2. The relationship to serving persons within the Continuum is discussed in Section 5. Leveraging of ESG funds is discussed in Section 8.3. The self-evaluation is contained in Section 2.5.

## **7.4 HOPWA Program Requirements**

The description of activities and improvements needed is provided in Section 2.6. The compliance and monitoring procedures are presented in Section 6.8.2. Leveraging is discussed in Table 51.

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## 8. Leveraging Resources

New York State leverages CDBG, HOME and ESGP funds in a variety of ways.

### 8.1 Leveraging of NYS CDBG Program Funds

Although leveraging is not a requirement of the NYS CDBG program, recipients often leverage CDBG funds with other State, Federal, local, and public funding. For housing rehabilitation projects, HOME, Weatherization, USDA Rural Housing and various other State-funded housing program grants are frequently combined with CDBG funds to co-fund housing units that are in severe substandard condition and where the costs to rehabilitate the property well exceeds the program limits of their CDBG program or provides the financial support needed to meet the needs of the very low income population. Leveraging funds also addresses a larger need and increases recipient accomplishments. Recipients with the appropriate capacity can undertake more units or a larger project or create more jobs.

In the Public Infrastructure category, USDA Rural Development and the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and Departments of Health, State and the Office of the Comptroller, as well as the Appalachian Regional Commission, may co-fund a project with the Office of Community Renewal to aid in making a project affordable to the low and moderate income residents and to provide an opportunity to expand the project to address additional health, safety and welfare issues.

Many economic development projects funded with NYS CDBG funds include significant partnering with the New York State Empire State Development Corporation, the federal Small Business Administration, and regional or county economic development agencies, as well as banks and private equity.

Occasionally, projects to rehabilitate or construct community facilities' programs receive construction funding from a NYS CDBG grant, and operating funds from other regular State, local or federal funding sources. Health and human services funding streams will typically create guaranteed, long-term viability for such projects.

The Office of Community Renewal encourages applicants to address community development needs through a targeted approach that will facilitate the use of several funding sources that may address needs such as housing rehabilitation, home ownership, public infrastructure and economic development in a particular area of need. Resources for a multi-need targeted project may require funding from other NYS Homes and Community Renewal sources as well as other state, federal, local and private funding sources.

### 8.2 Leveraging of HOME Funds

#### 8.2.1 2011 HOME Matching Funds

Match contributions reported in Table 63 are based on the federal fiscal year that began October 1, 2010 and ended September 30, 2011, pursuant to HOME statute and HUD guidance. Match contributions are provided by New York State Housing Trust Fund grants, for projects that qualify as affordable housing pursuant to Section 215 of the National Affordable Housing Act. See also Appendix IV, which contains Form: HUD 40107-A "HOME Match Report."

**TABLE 63**  
**2011 HOME PROGRAM**  
**MATCHING FUNDS**  
[in Dollars]

<b>EXCESS MATCH (previous year)</b>	<b>MATCH CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>MATCH LIABILITY</b>	<b>EXCESS MATCH CARRYOVER</b>
\$69,269,084	\$6,451,468	\$3,836,973	\$71,883,549

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## 8.2.2 2011 HOME Program Income

As of January 1, 2011, New York State and its HOME program recipients had a combined program income balance of \$695,136. During the reporting period, an additional \$1,909,583 was received and \$1,567,015 expended. Recipients who have active HOME programs are allowed to retain program income that they receive but must use it before any regular HOME funds are drawn.

## 8.3 Leveraging of Funds for ESGP

The Emergency Shelter Grants Program requires a one hundred percent match by non-McKinney funds. For the first nine months of the 2011 year, agencies were required to provide a 100% match to ESGP funds distributed by New York State. Table 64A illustrates how this requirement was satisfied.

**TABLE 64A**  
**2011 ESG PROGRAM**  
**ROUND 25 MATCHING FUNDS**  
**[in Dollars]**

PROJECT	OTHER FEDERAL	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	PRIVATE	TOTAL
American Red Cross of Tompkins County	0	70,940	0	70,940
Bowery Residents' Committee Inc.	0	141,908	0	141,908
CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, Inc.	0	136,856	0	136,856
Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylar	0	52,011	0	52,011
Chadwick Residence, Inc.	0	50,379	0	50,379
Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County	0	0	35,566	35,566
East Harlem Neighborhood Based Alliance Corporation	0	0	115,823	115,823
Equinox, Inc.	0	75,972	0	75,972
ETC Housing Corporation	0	66,068	0	66,068
Henry Street Settlement	0	136,252	0	136,252
Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, Inc.	0	164,115	0	164,115
Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc.	0	39,978	0	39,978
Nazareth Housing, Inc.	0	0	91,761	91,761
Palladia	0	80,750	0	80,750
Project Hospitality, Inc.	0	0	114,518	114,518
Providence House, Inc.	0	29,066	0	29,066
SAFE, Inc.	0	29,364	0	29,364
Salvation Army - Rochester	0	86,402	0	86,402
Schenectady Community Action Program, Inc.	0	80,750	0	80,750
Shelters of Saratoga, Inc.	0	66,600	0	66,600
St. Christopher's Inn, Inc.	0	0	110,114	110,114
St. Peter's Hospital Foundation	0	110,114	0	110,114
The Learning Web, Inc.	0	92,144	0	92,144
The Sharing Community, Inc.	0	110,114	0	110,114
Unity House of Troy, Inc.	0	41,321	0	41,321
Volunteers of America of WNY, Inc.	0	36,007	0	36,007
YWCA of Jamestown	0	0	27,969	27,969

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YWCA of Niagara, Inc.	0	25,247	0	25,247
YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County	0	67,233	0	67,233
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,789,591</b>	<b>495,751</b>	<b>2,285,342</b>

In the last three months of the year under the Solutions to End Homelessness Program, New York State met 75% of the ESGP required match with a contribution from the NYS budget dedicated to prevention activities assisting those at risk of homelessness, and housing activities assisting those already homeless. New York State's contribution was \$586,417. The agencies awarded funds were required to provide the remaining 25% match, or in other words, each agency provided a 25% match to the ESG award received. Table 64B illustrates agency contributions toward the match for the last three months in 2011.

**TABLE 64B**  
**2011 ESG PROGRAM**  
**ROUND 26 MATCHING FUNDS**  
**[in Dollars]**

PROJECT	OTHER FEDERAL	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	PRIVATE	TOTAL
Addictions Care Center of Albany	0	5,511	0	5,511
Albany County DSS	0	6,338	0	6,338
CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, Inc.	0	0	18,214	18,214
Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler	0	3,704	0	3,704
Chances and Changes	0	2,337	0	2,337
Chautauqua Opportunities	0	0	8,092	8,092
Community Action Program Madison County	0	0	217	217
Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County	0	0	3,947	3,947
Equinox, Inc.	0	8,294	0	8,294
ETC Housing Corporation	0	0	9,898	9,898
HONOR ehg (A Friend's House)	0	4,747	0	4,747
Hudson River Housing, Inc.	0	3,103	0	3,103
Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, Inc.	0	5,724	0	5,724
Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc.	0	4,067	0	4,067
Opportunities for Otsego	0	2,453	0	2,453
Oswego County Opportunities	0	12,825	0	12,825
Rural Ulster Preservation Company	0	4,674	0	4,674
SAFE, Inc.	0	3,125	0	3,125
Schenectady Community Action Program, Inc.	0	8,713	0	8,713
Spiritus Christi Prison Outreach, Inc.	0	2,375	0	2,375
St. Peter's Hospital Foundation	0	11,109	0	11,109
Steuben County DSS	0	9,425	0	9,425
The Salvation Army - Rochester	0	12,767	0	12,767
The Sharing Community, Inc.	0	9,176	0	9,176
Tompkins County DSS	0	15,440	0	15,440
Unity House of Troy, Inc.	0	6,893	0	6,893
Volunteers of America of WNY, Inc.	0	3,863	0	3,863
Westhab, Inc	0	6,253	0	6,253

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YWCA of Niagara, Inc.	0	2,188	0	2,188
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>155,104</b>	<b>40,368</b>	<b>195,472</b>

## 8.4 Leveraging Funds for HOPWA

The State of New York has long demonstrated leadership and commitment to housing homeless persons with HIV/AIDS. This is most clearly demonstrated in the State's Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP). Leveraging of funds is demonstrated in Table 51.

The HHAP is a State-funded program providing capital grants and loans to not-for-profit corporations, charitable and religious organizations, municipalities and public corporations to acquire, construct or rehabilitate housing for homeless individuals and families. The program provides capital funding for the development of a broad range of housing options for the very diverse homeless population in the State. The goal of HHAP is to respond to the need for affordable housing for homeless and at risk homeless persons and to provide appropriate support services to help individuals/families achieve the highest level of independence they are capable of achieving.

Annually, HHAP receives an allocation of \$30 million in State operating funds of which \$5 million is specifically set aside for the development of housing for persons with HIV/AIDS. Since the inception of the program in 1983 through State Fiscal Year 2010-11, \$788.5 million has been appropriated to contribute toward the development of supported housing for homeless and at risk households in New York State. Since 1990, HHAP appropriation language has set aside \$5 million for the development of housing for people living with HIV/AIDS. In total, HHAP has awarded over \$108 million for the development of 1,799 units of housing for families and individuals living with HIV related illness and/or AIDS.

## 8.5 Other Leveraging

The Low-Income Housing Credit (LIHC) Program is used to subsidize the construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of affordable housing that is reserved for low-income households in New York State. The LIHC is typically needed in affordable housing because: 1) the rents (as derived from the low-income group served) cannot support the debt service of the mortgage; 2) the rents cannot support the project operating and maintenance costs; and/or 3) the development costs of the projects exceed the available amount of development subsidies.

The State's strategy, with regard to the LIHC, is to make allocations to projects which serve the lowest income tenants for the longest period of time and which will leverage the most capital financing and equity for each LIHC dollar allocated. Applications for LIHC are reviewed, scored and ranked based upon the extent that the proposed projects:

- address unmet housing demand within the community;
- are part of a comprehensive community revitalization plan which includes the use of existing housing;
- leverage other financing and are efficient in their utilization of the LIHC allocation per unit made to the project;
- will utilize Green building measures to encourage sustainable development;
- provide full accessible units for persons with mobility or other physical impairments;
- utilize energy efficiency standards;
- will be affordable to persons with the lowest incomes (e.g., 30 percent, 40 percent, or 50 percent of area median income);
- propose an effective regulatory period beyond the minimum extended use period required;
- include the participation of non-profit organizations;
- have obtained financing commitments;
- extend a preference in tenant selection to persons on existing waiting lists for public housing or subsidized properties;
- will serve individuals with children;
- will promote mixed income development;

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- propose project amenities;
- promote the preservation of historic buildings;
- will serve households that include persons with special needs, including the provision of supportive services; and
- will be developed and managed by entities that have a proven LIHC track record.

DHCR's Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) addresses the tremendous demand for LIHC. Demand for the LIHC exceeds its supply by approximately four to one. The QAP outlines:

- Threshold eligibility and project selection criteria designed to meet housing needs and agency priorities throughout the State using a competitive funding round to address the demand for LIHC.
- The parameters for DHCR to allocate its annual housing credit ceiling, which enables it to assist in the development of an estimated 2,500 - 3,000 units of affordable housing each year, as well as to access the National Credit Pool for additional Credit resources; and
- DHCR's underwriting guidelines, which ensure that any project receives only the amount of credit required to make a project feasible.

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## **9. Public Notice and Citizen Comments**

### **9.1 Public Notice**

In accordance with the New York State Citizen Participation Plan, the 2011 Performance Report as Published for Public Comment was subject to a public comment period that ran from February 22, 2012 through March 7, 2012. A notice announcing the availability of the Report appeared in a variety of newspapers with statewide circulation. The Report was also on HCR's web site at [www.nyshcr.gov](http://www.nyshcr.gov).

### **9.2 Citizen Comments on the Draft 2011 CAPER**

The State of New York received no comments regarding the 2011 Performance Report, as Published for Public Comment, during the comment period of February 22, 2012 through March 7, 2012.

**Appendix I**  
**Citizen Participation Plan**  
**and**  
**Public Notice Documentation**

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## **NEW YORK STATE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

In the development of its Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and amendment(s) thereto, New York State follows its approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP). New York State's CPP fulfills the general and specific requirements described in Section 91.115 of 24 CFR 91 of the federal rules and regulations for the Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs (the Rules), including citizen participation requirements for units of local government receiving Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), as described at 24 CFR 570.486.

New York's adopted CPP uses existing, on-going citizen participation organizations, and pursues new relationships and organizational structures among various agencies and interested citizens and groups, to implement a participation process that meets and exceeds the requirements of the federal regulations. The CPP has been and will continue to be amended as the State continues to gain access to technology that improves the avenues of participation.

This CPP reflects extensive public outreach opportunities, including those afforded by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) and numerous state, county, municipal, and private sector entities that are active or involved in the broad spectrum of housing and non-housing community revitalization activities in the State.

New York State receives advice and comments from its New York State Task Force on the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC), regional planning associations, local governments, citizens, non-profit organizations, and other interested parties with insights into the housing and community development needs of New York State to maximize the benefits of collective problem-solving, to coordinate activities, and to increase commitment. Over time, the CPP has expanded NAHA Task Force and PAC membership to further encourage State agency participation and increase input from statewide/regional not-for-profits, local governments, regional planning associations and a variety of economic development and private business associations. Membership in the Task Force or the PAC may change without public notice or comment. Entities seeking membership should contact the Office of Policy and Research Affairs, New York Homes and Community Renewal (HCR).

### **Applicability of the Citizen Participation Plan**

New York's CPP provides citizens and units of general local government with the opportunity to comment on the Consolidated Plan and on substantial amendments. In compliance with Section 91.115 of the Rules, the CPP encourages the participation of low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in slum and blighted areas and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used and by residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, as defined by the State, as well as minority citizens, non-English speaking persons, and persons with disabilities. The State has made the CPP part of the Consolidated Plan with wide distribution in draft and final form.

### **Citizen Participation Outreach**

In the development of its 2011- 2015 Consolidated Plan, New York State implemented an intense outreach program to encourage the participation of citizens, statewide and regional community revitalization organizations and State agencies. Implementation of this program ensures that New York State citizens have ample opportunity to participate in the consolidated planning process. New York State's comprehensive outreach process is a multifaceted program that encourages participation by low- and moderate-income persons, minorities, non-English speaking residents, and persons with disabilities.

The CPP process consists of several steps. To achieve broad participation focused on New York State's housing and rural and small cities' non-housing needs as they relate to people of low- and moderate-income, New York State receives guidance and input on the Consolidated Plan from the NAHA Task Force and the PAC, representing State agencies and statewide/regional organizations, respectively. In addition, New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)

interact with local governments, community development interests, housing and service providers, and economic development interests in many arenas beyond the development and implementation of the consolidated planning process. To the extent possible, these interests are included in the development and implementation process by being kept informed, invited to participate at public hearings, and asked to review the Consolidated Plan.

To further meet the local consultation requirements and receive important input on the State's non-housing needs, HCR schedules meetings with local government representatives of the State's non-entitlement communities and a broad range of economic development organizations, not-for-profits, industrial development agencies, local development corporations, and chambers of commerce. In addition, New York State community revitalization officials participate in appropriate conferences and meetings to encourage participation from low- and moderate-income persons from non-entitlement areas.

The Internet is used to disseminate information, making the consolidated planning process easily accessible to local governments, organizations, and residents. In addition, public notices are printed in newspapers with readership across the State (especially in rural areas and non-entitlement cities) including minority newspapers announcing the dates, times, and locations of public hearings. Notices are published in Spanish, as necessary and appropriate.

Finally, as required by 24 CFR 570.486, the CPP includes citizen participation requirements for local governments receiving CDBG funding that will ensure that citizens are provided with reasonable advance notice of, and opportunity to comment on, proposed CDBG applications to the State.

### **Consultation Process**

The New York State Task Force on the National Affordable Housing Act is a committee of Commissioners and staff liaisons of various State agencies. Member agencies are listed in Addendum I.

The senior officials of these agencies provide crucial information concerning their agencies' responsibilities and activities in helping to develop all portions of the Consolidated Plan documents and Amendments, including the State's housing and non-housing community development needs. These State agencies are asked to encourage all of their clients, providers, and non-profit organizations to participate in the consolidated planning process. These agencies, through their extensive network of clients, are urged to seek direct input into the Consolidated Plan. Furthermore, the agencies are asked to disseminate the schedule of Consolidated Plan meetings and public hearing dates. Many of the populations served by these agencies are low- and moderate- income persons.

Input from the NAHA Task Force is provided through a series of meetings and written correspondence. Task Force members submit information to be included in the Consolidated Plan. Members' input is based on their vast amount of work with such groups as low- and moderate-income persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and minority groups as well as industrial development, small business, and economic development interests that are essential to the economic vitality of the State.

The Task Force reviews the draft Consolidated Plan document for appropriate revisions. Once the draft is released for the thirty-day public comment period, the Task Force members are again asked to encourage persons and organizations they serve to comment on the Plan.

The PAC provides additional important input to the Consolidated Plan. The PAC consists primarily of representatives of statewide and regional organizations including not-for-profit, local government, and private business associations. The PAC also includes additional community revitalization representatives such as the New York State Economic Development Council and the New York State Urban Council, Inc., which together provide a comprehensive view of the State's community revitalization needs. The broad-based membership of each organization in the PAC represents a wide range of communities, including the homeless, minorities, low- and moderate-income persons, and persons with disabilities as well as those who provide employment, housing, and revitalization services to these communities. Member organizations are listed in Addendum II.

As in the case of the Task Force, the Partnership Advisory Committee is asked to review the draft Consolidated Plan document prior to the draft's thirty-day comment period. The committee members are asked to make the draft Plan available to their members and encourage participation by their members during the thirty-day public comment period.

### **Outreach Process**

An important outreach tool that New York State officials use is the various conferences and meetings held by statewide housing and community revitalization groups. To the extent feasible, HCR and OTDA representatives attend available conferences and meetings and distribute information with regard to the Consolidated Plan's development. In addition, HCR holds informational meetings with local government representatives and a broad spectrum of economic development organizations at the local and regional level to obtain input on New York State's rural areas and non-entitlement cities' non-housing needs. The schedule of public hearings is distributed at these meetings (in addition to publishing such schedule as described). Conference and meeting attendees are encouraged to participate in the public hearings.

Accessibility to information is an important component when encouraging citizen input into the consolidated planning process. Consequently, the State distributes information to an appropriately dispersed and readily accessible number of repositories, and makes the information available via the Internet at [www.nyshcr.org](http://www.nyshcr.org). Types of information that are made available are: a) explanation of what a consolidated plan is and ways to provide input into the Consolidated Plan's development; b) copies of the Consolidated Plan draft; and, c) copies of the final Consolidated Plan.

In addition, HCR maintains an electronic mailing list designed to provide regularly updated agency information such as event notifications, press releases, and progress and accomplishments of agency programs and initiatives. Interested parties who wish to be on the mailing list can access HCR's web site at [www.nyshcr.org](http://www.nyshcr.org), go to DHCR, and select "Join Our E-Mail List."

Notices are published announcing that New York State is holding public hearings soliciting residents' input on the housing and non-housing community development needs of the State. The notices are printed in newspapers with state-wide access including minority newspapers and also published in Spanish, where necessary and appropriate. The notice provides a toll-free telephone number as well as postal and e-mail addresses to which citizens can direct their comments.

To provide residents the opportunity to comment on community development and non-housing needs, and to encourage participation from low- and moderate-income persons living in the State's non-entitlement communities, and in fulfillment of the requirements of Rules Section 91.115 (b)(3) regarding public hearings, a minimum of three public hearings are held to solicit public input prior to the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. These public hearings are held at different times of day to enhance opportunities for testimony. In addition, the published notices will also include an invitation to comment in writing directly to the Office of Policy and Research Affairs.

A 30-day public comment period is also held to provide an opportunity for the public to submit comments on the draft plan either electronically or in writing.

### **CDBG Consultations**

As required by 24 CFR 570.486, the CPP also requires units of local governments receiving CDBG funding to provide for and encourage citizen participation. This requirement is intended to ensure that all citizens will be given reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to local governments' proposed and actual use of CDBG funds including: the amount of expected available CDBG funding for the current fiscal year (including grant and anticipated program income); listings of eligible activities and estimated funding to be used to meet the national objective of benefiting low- and moderate-income persons; and, descriptions of any activities likely to result in displacement, as well as proposed anti-displacement and relocation plans.

Units of local governments receiving CDBG funding must provide for a minimum of two public hearings per program year, each at a different stage of the program, for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views and responding to proposals and questions. Together the hearings must cover community development and housing needs, development of proposed activities, and a review of program performance.

The public hearings to cover community development and housing needs must be held before submission of an application to the State. There must be reasonable notice of the hearings and they must be held at times and locations convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries, with accommodations for people with disabilities. Public hearings shall be conducted in a manner to meet the needs of non-English speaking residents where a significant number of non-English residents can reasonably be expected to participate.

#### **Availability of the Consolidated Plan**

New York State prepares a draft Consolidated Plan including information regarding the amount of assistance the State expects to receive and the range of activities that may be undertaken including: the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low- and moderate-income, plans to minimize displacement of persons and to assist any persons displaced, a description of economic development assistance available, and the amount of targeted job creation and economic benefit for persons of low- and moderate-income.

To announce the availability of the draft Consolidated Plan, New York State uses a combination of newspaper notices, mass mailings to local governments, dissemination of information through the NAHA and PAC membership network and clients, and the Internet. At every opportunity possible, New York State officials attend various community development organization conferences and information workshops to help publicize the proposed Consolidated Plan. This helps ensure that citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties will have sufficient opportunity to review the draft Consolidated Plan.

The entire draft plan is available online [www.nyshcr.org](http://www.nyshcr.org). In addition, copies of the draft plan can be requested by e-mail or by calling HCR's toll-free number (1-866-275-3427).

#### **Availability of the Final Consolidated Plan**

The final Consolidated Plan and Consolidated Plan documents are available online at [www.nyshcr.org](http://www.nyshcr.org) under "Publications" and "What's New." Copies of the final Consolidated Plan are available from HCR in electronic format, upon toll-free telephone or written request. The Plan will also, upon request, be available in a form accessible to persons with disabilities. Any substantial amendments will also be made available.

#### **Public Hearings**

Rules Section 91.115 (b)(3) requires that the CPP must provide for at least one public hearing before the proposed Consolidated Plan is published for comment.

To provide residents the opportunity to comment on housing and non-housing community development needs, to encourage participation from low- and moderate-income persons living in the state's non-entitlement communities, and in fulfillment of the requirements of Rules Section 91.115 (b)(3) regarding public hearings, a minimum of three public hearings is held to solicit public input prior to the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. The notice for public hearings is placed in newspapers with statewide circulation and on DHCR's web site. The notice appears at least 14 days before the hearings begin. In addition, the notice of the public hearings is distributed to the NAHA Task Force and the PAC. Members are asked to distribute the notice to their members and clients to encourage participation by low- and moderate-income people.

The Consolidated Plan is published during the required 30-day public comment period. Copies of the public comment period notice are sent to many organizations and local governments in the State. The toll-free number (1-866-275-3427) and e-mail address [HCRConPln@nyshcr.org](mailto:HCRConPln@nyshcr.org) are used to facilitate the general public's access to information about the public comment period.

As required by 24 CFR 570.486, the CPP includes citizen participation requirements for local governments receiving CDBG funding. Local governments shall hold a minimum of two public hearings, including one hearing prior to submission of CDBG applications to the State, which must cover community development and housing needs and proposed community development and/or housing activities. A second hearing is required to review program performance. Public hearings must have reasonable notice, held at times and locations convenient to actual and potential beneficiary populations, and accommodate handicapped and non-English speaking populations. In addition to public hearings, local governments must provide citizens with an opportunity to submit written comments, including the address, phone number, and times for submitting comments, and provide timely written responses, within 15 working days where practicable.

### **Comment Period**

New York State meets the requirements of a public comment period, Section 91.115 (b)(4), by making the draft Consolidated Plan available for review and subject to a 30-day public comment period. Individuals or units of general local government can call 1-866-275-3427 to request more information or a copy of the Plan. In addition, the draft Consolidated Plan is available via the Internet at [www.nyshcr.org](http://www.nyshcr.org).

The State seeks to expand opportunities for interested parties to comment on the document by posting it on HCR's web site. The document will contain internal links in specific parts of the document to enable persons to send e-mail comments. In addition, written comments can be submitted during the 30-day comment period to the Office of Policy and Research Affairs, New York Homes and Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York 12207, or [HCRConPln@nyshcr.org](mailto:HCRConPln@nyshcr.org).

In preparing the final Consolidated Plan, New York State fulfills the requirements of Section 91.115(b)(5) by creating a section of the Consolidated Plan which summarizes the comments of citizens and other interested parties. Also included in this section of the Plan is a summary of any comments not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them.

### **Amendments**

New York State has established primary criteria for determining what changes in the State's planned or actual activities constitute a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan. The criteria are:

- a substantial change in the State's allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds;
- an activity, using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan (including program income), not previously described in the Action Plan; or
- a substantial change in the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

New York State will provide reasonable notice of a proposed amendment to the Consolidated Plan. The opportunity to comment on proposed amendments will be provided prior to submission of any such amendment.

A period of not less than 30 days will be provided to citizens and other interested parties to comment on the proposed substantial amendment before it is implemented. A toll-free number will be available to request copies of the amendment and, during the 30-day public comment period, interested parties can mail their written comments to the Office of Policy and Research Affairs, New York Homes and Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York 12207, or send them to [HCRConPln@nyshcr.org](mailto:HCRConPln@nyshcr.org).

The requirements of Section 91.115 (c)(3) will be fulfilled by creating a section of the final amendment to the Consolidated Plan which summarizes the comments on the substantial amendment and also includes a summary of any comments not accepted and the reason therefore.

### **Performance Reports**

To meet the requirements of Section 91-115 (d)(1), New York State provides reasonable notice of and an opportunity to comment on Performance Reports. A period of not less than 15 days is provided to citizens and other interested parties to comment on the Performance Report before it is submitted to HUD. Notices are published in newspapers with statewide circulation informing the public of the report's availability. A toll-free number (1-866-275-3427) is available for citizens to request copies of the reports and interested parties can

mail their comments to New York State Homes and Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York 12207, or send them to [HCRConPln@nyshcr.org](mailto:HCRConPln@nyshcr.org).

The requirements of Section 91.115 (d)(2) are fulfilled by creating a section in the final Consolidated Plan which summarizes the comments on the Performance Report and also includes a summary of any comments not accepted and the reason therefore.

### **Citizen Complaints**

All citizen complaints must be made in writing to New York State Homes and Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York, 12207. When a citizen complaint is received with regard to the Consolidated Plan, amendments, or Performance Reports, the complaint will be dated and recorded. An acknowledgment of receipt of the complaint will be mailed to the complainant within 15 days. Subsequently, the complaint will then be referred to the most appropriate official for a written response within 45 days of receipt of the complaint.

### **Access to Records**

The State's repository of annual Performance Reports is the most comprehensive collection of information and records relating to the New York State's Consolidated Plan and the State's use of assistance under the programs covered by the Plan during the preceding five years. A citizen may, upon request, receive a copy of this report. All records and reports will be maintained at the offices of the New York State Homes and Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York 12207 and are available upon written or telephone request. If a report is requested, the report will be provided within a reasonable time period. Upon request, the reports will be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities.

### **Citizen Participation Enhancement**

The State of New York has made its CPP more expansive and more inclusive, making the Consolidated Planning Process and related materials more accessible to the general public. Those steps include increasing Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) membership, describing the process by which organizations can apply for membership, and providing additional electronic avenues by which the public can comment on Consolidated Plan documents and the Consolidated Planning process. Further, HCR will create a link in its web site to enable direct access to the CPP.

## **Addendum I**

### **Member Agencies of the New York State Task Force on the National Affordable Housing Act\***

1. Office for the Aging
2. Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
3. Division of the Budget
4. Division of Criminal Justice Services
5. Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
6. Empire State Development Corporation
7. Department of Health
8. Housing Finance Agency
9. Housing Trust Fund Corporation
10. Homes and Community Renewal
11. Division of Human Rights
12. AIDS Institute
13. Department of Labor
14. Office of Mental Health
15. Office for People With Developmental Disabilities
16. Division of Parole
17. Office of Community Renewal
18. Department of State
19. State of New York Mortgage Agency
20. Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
21. Department of Transportation
22. Division of Veterans' Affairs
23. Washington Office of the Governor

\*As of September, 2011

## **Member Organizations of the Partnership Advisory Committee\***

1. Accord Corporation
2. Appalachian Regional Commission
3. Arch Diocese of New York
4. ARISE, Center for Independent Living
5. Association for Community Living
6. Association of Towns of the State of New York
7. CARES, Inc.
8. Center for Disability Rights
9. Coalition for the Homeless
10. Community Preservation Corporation
11. Community Service Society
12. Development Authority of the North Country
13. Empire State Housing Alliance
14. Empire Justice Center
15. Enterprise Community Partners
16. Erase Racism
17. Fair Housing Justice Center
18. Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
19. Greater Rochester Housing Partnership
20. Healthcare Association of New York State
21. Housing First!
22. Housing Partnership Development Corporation
23. Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress
24. Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing
25. Legal Services New York City
26. Local Initiatives Support Corporation
27. Long Island Housing Partnership
28. Mental Health Association in New York State
29. National Alliance on Mental Illness
30. Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City
31. Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State
32. NeighborWorks Alliance of New York State
33. New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
34. New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
35. New York Bankers Association
36. New York Housing Association
37. NYS Association of Area Agencies on Aging
38. NYS Association of Counties
39. NYS Association of Realtors
40. NYS Association of Regional Planning & Development Organizations
41. NYS Association of Renewal and Housing Officials
42. NYS Builders Association
43. NYS Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials
44. NYS Economic Development Council
45. NYS Independent Living Council
46. NYS Rural Advocates
47. NYS Rural Housing Coalition
48. NYS Tenants and Neighbors
49. NYS Urban Council, Inc.
50. PathStone
51. Plattsburgh Housing Authority
52. Self-Advocacy Association of NY

53. Southern Tier East Regional Planning Board
54. Southern Tier Independence Center
55. Supportive Housing Network of New York
56. UJA Federation of New York
57. Western New York Independent Living, Inc.

\*as of September, 2011

**New York State  
Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report  
Public Comment Period Notice**

In accordance with the provisions of the National Affordable Housing Act, the State of New York is making a draft of its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2011 available for public comment. The CAPER analyzes New York State's progress in implementing its HUD-approved Annual Action Plan for 2011. **The public is invited to review the draft New York State CAPER and to offer comments on the document.** The draft 2011 CAPER, as published for public comment, will be available during the public comment period on the New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) website at [www.nyshcr.org](http://www.nyshcr.org). In addition, copies can be requested by e-mail at [HCRConPln@nyshcr.org](mailto:HCRConPln@nyshcr.org) or by telephoning 1-518-473-3031. **The public comment period will begin on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 and end on Wednesday, March 7, 2012.** Written comments must be postmarked no later than March 7, 2012 and addressed to: Nancy Moreland, NYS HCR, Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. E-mail comments must be sent by that date and e-mailed to: [HCRConPln@nyshcr.org](mailto:HCRConPln@nyshcr.org).

## **Appendix II\***

**NYS CDBG Program Performance and Evaluation Report**

**for**

**Program Year 2011**

**\*Submitted to HUD under separate cover**

## **Appendix III**

### **2011 New York State Unified Funding Awards**

## 2011 UNIFIED FUNDING HOME AWARDS

SHARS ID	Applicant	Region	County	Amt Requested	Amt Award	Total Development Cost	Units	Uses of Funds
20113005	Cayuga County Homsite Development Corp.	SYRACUSE	CAYUGA	\$324,000	\$324,000	\$480,000	6	Owner Rehab
20113009	Homsite Fund, Inc.	SYRACUSE	CAYUGA	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$894,000	35	Owner Rehab CHDO
20113051	Urban League of Rochester Economic Development Corp.	BUFFALO	MONROE	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$1,151,250	10	Homebuyer CHDO
20113055	Keuka Housing Council, Inc.	BUFFALO	YATES	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$218,750	2	Homebuyer
20113077	Keuka Housing Council, Inc.	BUFFALO	YATES MULTI-	\$432,000	\$432,000	\$1,920,000	20	Homebuyer
20113089	Western Catskills Community Revitalization Council, Inc.	ALBANY	COUNTY	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$545,350	22	Rental Rehab
20113100	Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.	BUFFALO	CATTARAUGUS	\$749,986	\$749,986	\$957,687	15	Owner Rehab
20113101	Cattaraugus Community Action, Inc.	BUFFALO	CATTARAUGUS	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$631,188	35	Owner Rehab
20113102	Village of Massena	SYRACUSE	ST LAWRENCE	\$311,600	\$311,600	\$409,200	20	Owner Rehab
20113105	City of Little Falls	SYRACUSE	HERKIMER	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$370,900	22	Owner Rehab CHDO
20113106	Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	SYRACUSE	TOMPKINS	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$2,586,559	11	Homebuyer
20113111	Town of Thompson	ALBANY	SULLIVAN	\$278,400	\$278,400	\$257,600	10	Owner Rehab
20113114	Village of Gouverneur	SYRACUSE	ST LAWRENCE	\$288,200	\$288,200	\$431,200	20	Owner Rehab
20113118	Neighbors of Watertown, Inc.	SYRACUSE	JEFFERSON	\$507,300	\$507,300	\$835,200	20	Rental Rehab
20113130	First Ward Action Council, Inc.	SYRACUSE	BROOME	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$576,000	13	Owner Rehab
20113146	Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, Inc.	ALBANY	ALBANY	\$390,000	\$390,000	\$2,221,800	12	Homebuyer
20113149	Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, Inc.	ALBANY	ALBANY	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$552,375	15	Owner Rehab
20113151	Town of Fort Edward	ALBANY	WASHINGTON	\$267,000	\$267,000	\$343,500	20	Owner Rehab
20113154	City of Kingston	ALBANY	ULSTER	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$2,166,000	13	Homebuyer
20113155	Rural Ulster Preservation Company, Inc.	ALBANY	ULSTER	\$278,400	\$278,400	\$317,600	10	Owner Rehab
20113160	Otsego Rural Housing Assistance, Inc.	ALBANY	OTSEGO	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$754,000	24	Owner Rehab CHDO
20113166	Home HeadQuarters, Inc.	SYRACUSE	ONONDAGA	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,818,727	20	Homebuyer
20113168	South End Improvement Corp.	ALBANY	ALBANY MULTI-	\$486,000	\$486,000	\$1,297,120	20	Owner Rehab
20113173	The Empire Housing Center, Inc.	BUFFALO	COUNTY	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$368,000	8	Owner Rehab

20113176	M-ARK Project, Inc.	ALBANY	DELAWARE	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$697,000	18	Rental Rehab	
20113214	Village of Corinth	ALBANY	SARATOGA	\$307,000	\$307,000	\$414,600	21	Owner Rehab	
20113221	Village of Ballston Spa	ALBANY	SARATOGA	\$278,200	\$278,200	\$392,700	21	Owner Rehab	
20113243	Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.	BUFFALO	MONROE	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$527,950	18	Owner Rehab	
20113244	Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.	BUFFALO	CHEMUNG	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$431,775	14	Owner Rehab	
20113247	Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.	BUFFALO	SENECA	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$431,775	14	Owner Rehab	
20113248	Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.	BUFFALO	STEUBEN	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$527,950	18	Owner Rehab	
20113250	Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.	SYRACUSE	TOMPKINS	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$431,775	14	Owner Rehab	
20113252	Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.	BUFFALO	YATES	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$431,775	14	Owner Rehab	
20113253	Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.	SYRACUSE	CAYUGA	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$431,775	14	Owner Rehab	
20113259	Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc.	BUFFALO	ERIE	\$288,122	\$288,122	\$266,780	30	Owner Rehab	
20113276	Opportunities For Chenango, Inc.	SYRACUSE	CHENANGO	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$555,750	20	Owner Rehab	
20113284	NeighborWorks Home Resources	BUFFALO	CATTARAUGUS MULTI-	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$939,000	17	Owner Rehab CHDO	
20113307	SCAP d/b/a Arbor Development	BUFFALO	COUNTY	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$1,612,160	10	Homebuyer	
20113308	West Side Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.	BUFFALO	ERIE	\$399,600	\$399,600	\$520,000	20	Owner Rehab	
20113328	Homefront Development Corp.	ALBANY	WASHINGTON MULTI-	\$324,000	\$324,000	\$300,000	10	Owner Rehab	
20113336	Rural Housing Opportunities Corporation	BUFFALO	COUNTY	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$2,607,000	23	Homebuyer	
20113343	Housing Resources of Columbia County, Inc.	ALBANY	COLUMBIA	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$439,750	22	Owner Rehab	
20113354	Cuba Community Development Corporation	BUFFALO	ALLEGANY	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$584,000	25	Owner Rehab	
20113386	Housing Assistance Program of Essex County, Inc.	ALBANY	ESSEX MULTI-	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$478,000	12	Owner Rehab	
20113416	Rural Housing Opportunities Corporation	BUFFALO	COUNTY	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$577,300	8	Owner Rehab	
20116018	Lakewood Development, LLC	SYRACUSE	ONONDAGA	\$2,370,269	\$2,370,269	\$7,073,481	37	Rental	
20116020	RGC-SRE Oswego Acquisitions, LLC	SYRACUSE	OSWEGO	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$6,788,544	26	Rental	
20116024	Wellsville-Seneca Housing Co., L.P.	BUFFALO	ALLEGANY	\$1,851,688	\$1,851,688	\$5,289,628	28	Rental	
20116041	Liberty Affordable Housing, Inc.	ALBANY	ESSEX	\$1,365,141	\$1,365,141	\$6,925,790	31	Rental	
20116044	Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc.	BUFFALO	ONTARIO	\$1,785,000	\$1,785,000	\$8,989,728	17	Rental	
20116050	Housing Visions Consultants, Inc.	SYRACUSE	ONEIDA	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$8,882,177	33	Rental	
20116053	Providence Housing Development Corporation	BUFFALO	MONROE	\$411,386	\$411,386	\$14,537,369	10	CHDO Rental	
20116086	Southern Tier Environments For Living, Inc.	BUFFALO	ERIE	\$1,349,726	\$1,349,726	\$2,999,392	11	CHDO Rental	
20116091	St John Fruit Belt Community Development Corp.	BUFFALO	ERIE	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$13,898,271	49	Rental	
<b>Total:</b>						<b>\$34,493,018</b>			

## **Appendix IV**

**Form: HUD 40107-A  
HOME Match Report**

# HOME Match Report

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development

OMB Approval No. 2506-0171  
(exp. 12/31/2012)

## Part I Participant Identification

Match Contributions for  
Federal Fiscal Year (yyyy) 2011

1. Participant No. (assigned by HUD) M-05-SG-360100  
2. Name of the Participating Jurisdiction State of New York  
5. Street Address of the Participating Jurisdiction 38-40 State Street  
6. City Albany  
7. State NY  
8. Zip Code 12207

3. Name of Contact (person completing this report) Margaret Aldrich  
4. Contact's Phone Number (include area code) 518 473-6843

## Part II Fiscal Year Summary

1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	\$	69,269,084	
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year (see Part III.9.)	\$	6,451,468	
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (line 1 + line 2)	\$	75,720,522	
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	\$	3,836,973	
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (line 3 minus line 4)	\$	71,883,549	

## Part III Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

1. Project No. or Other ID	2. Date of Contribution (mm/dd/yyyy)	3. Cash (non-Federal sources)	4. Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	5. Appraised Land / Real Property	6. Required Infrastructure	7. Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	8. Bond Financing	9. Total Match
20086062	01/03/2011	\$1,500,000						\$1,500,000
20070069	02/07/2011	\$716,000						\$716,000
20020556	05/20/2011	\$1,919,022						\$1,919,022
20070052	06/02/2011	\$1,451,736						\$1,451,736
20070071	09/20/2011	\$864,710						\$864,710

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