

Housing and Community Development

Fiscal Year 2017
July 1, 2017 - June 30 2018



Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report

The Housing & Community Development (H&CD) Office accepted applications for their Fiscal Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant funding cycle in October 2016.

Seven Public Service applications were received totaling \$136,000. There was \$55,000 available for Public Service. Five General Service applications were received totaling \$632,238. There was \$262,953 available for General Service plus \$204,071 of recaptured funding and \$1,000 anticipated program income.

The H&CD Advisory Council met with the applicants in February 2017 to discuss the individual applications. Five Public Service and three General Service applications were approved.

Public Service Accomplishments

Within Fiscal Year 2017 funding was provided for the below activities:

Cheyenne Transit received \$15,000 for their Free Bus Token Program. A total of 250 low-income individuals received 10,000 free bus tokens.

LCCC Scholarships received a total of \$5,000 for a Tuition Assistance Program. One low-income student received \$535.20 to pay for a final class needed for graduation.

Needs, Inc. received a total of \$12,500 for their Crisis Food Assistance Program. A total of 1,469 low-income individuals received crisis food assistance. Needs received an additional \$10,900 from the community to help with this program.

The Salvation Army received a total of \$12,500 for their Staying Home and Warm Program. A total of 15 low-income households received \$6,130.28 for rental assistance and 27 low-income households received \$6,369.72 for utility assistance.

Cheyenne Housing Authority Senior Services received a total of \$10,000 to assist with purchasing a food delivery van. The Senior Services Center received an additional \$10,000 from the community to help with this purchase.



2017 Sub-Grantees

Public Service

Cheyenne Transit—Bus Tokens	\$15,000
LCCC Scholarships	\$ 5,000
Needs, Inc. Crisis Food Assistance	\$12,500
The Salvation Army—Staying Home and Warm	\$12,500
CHA Senior Services—Delivery Van	\$10,000

General Service

Community Recreation & Events —Holliday Park Playground	\$187,574
Community Recreation & Events —Mylar Park Restroom	\$229,950
Peak Wellness Center—Electrical Upgrade	\$ 50,500

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Wyoming Relay Services

711 or

1-800-877-9975 (V)

1-800-877-9965 (TTY)

General Service Accomplishments

Peak Wellness Center received \$50,500 to upgrade the electrical at one of their shared living facilities. A total of \$19,800 was spent on this project.

The **Community Recreation & Events (CRE) Department** was awarded \$187,574 for the removal of the old playground at Holliday Park and the installation of a new ADA accessible playground. They received an additional \$10,332.60 from CDBG for this project. The CRE Department provided in-kind assistance during the removal of the old equipment.



Old Holliday Park Playground



“Thank You . . . The upgrade in equipment has made a huge difference . . . ” message was received at the Mayor’s office.



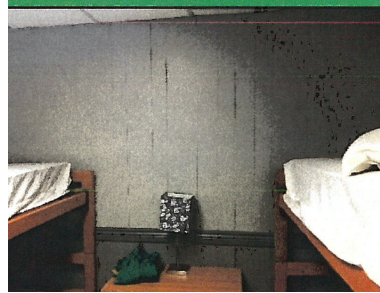
New Holliday Park Playground

CRE is also working on removing the old Mylar Park Restroom and replacing it with a new ADA accessible restroom.

FY 2016 Projects Completed in FY 2017

COMECA House received \$38,292.40 in FY 2016 to replace an old HVAC unit, install a fire window to comply with fire code, and replace tile in their dining/living room. This project was completed in FY 2017.

COMECA: Before



COMECA: After



Cheyenne Housing Authority Senior Center received \$6,500 for rehabilitation of their FoxCrest Senior Center kitchen. The kitchen was finished in FY 2017.



The **Cheyenne West Edge** Property Acquisition project received \$219,785 to purchase properties along Crow Creek that will be used for flood mitigation. The project will be completed in FY 2018.

Five Year Comprehensive Consolidated Plan 2015—2019

The City of Cheyenne's goals for the 2015 to 2019 planning period focus on continuing homeowner rehabilitation efforts, infrastructure improvements, maintaining affordable housing, providing and assisting low income, homeless and special needs residents with supportive services. The overriding objective during the 2015 to 2019 planning period is to help residents maintain and improve their quality of life in Cheyenne.

Specifically, the City will do the following: (5 Year Goal)

Provide Decent, Affordable Housing:

1. Annually assist 7 to 10 low income homeowners with needed rehabilitation.
(Assist 33 households)
2. Assist with shelter/transitional housing/rapid re-housing for homeless in Cheyenne.
(Assist 155 households)

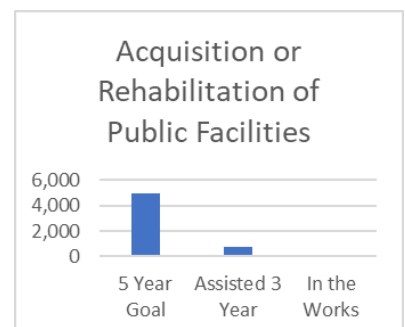
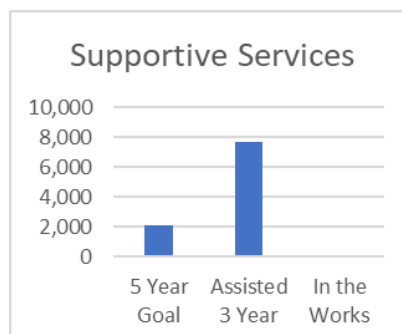
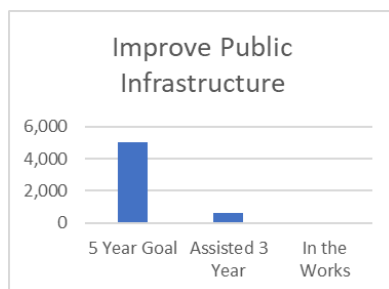
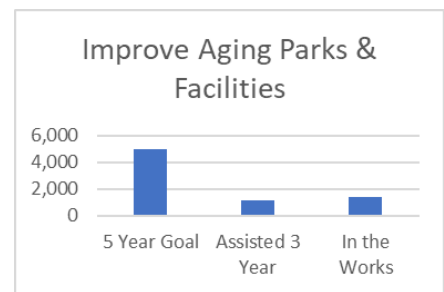
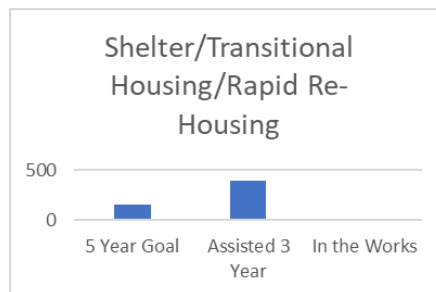
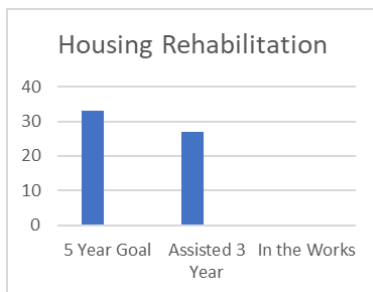
Create Suitable Living Environments:

1. Invest in improving aging parks and facilities.
(Assist 5,000 persons)
2. Invest in improving public infrastructure.
(Assist 5,000 persons)
3. Assist with the elimination of spot blight.
(Demolish 2 buildings)

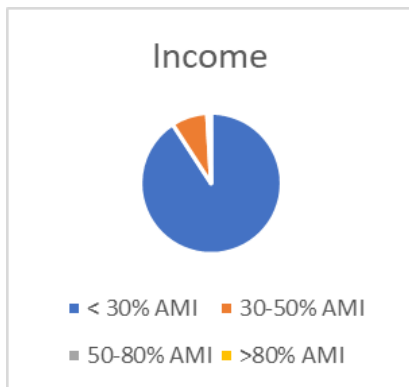
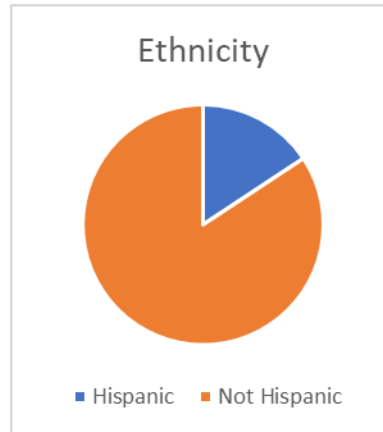
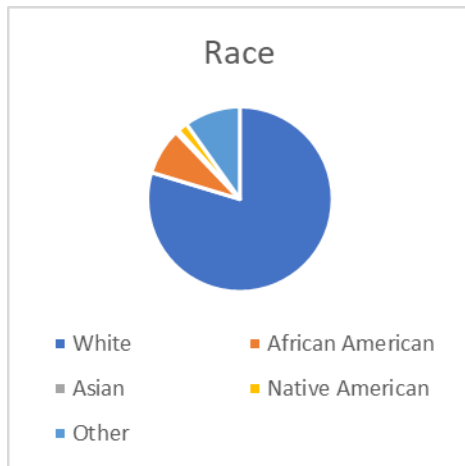
Improve Economic Opportunity:

1. Assist low income and special needs residents with supportive services including job training.
(Assist 2,063 persons)
2. Assist with the acquisition or rehabilitation of public facilities.
(Assist 5,000 persons)

Goals Accomplished Within First Three Years



Demographics of Families Assisted



Fair Housing

The Fair Housing Act Protects People From Discrimination Because of Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Disability, National Origin, or Familial Status (having children under 18 in a household, including pregnant women).

Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination:

1-800-669-9777

(toll free)

1-800-925-9275
(TTY)

Section 504

24 CFR 8.4, Section 504 states that: “No otherwise qualified individual shall, solely by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from participation (including employment), denied program benefits, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal funding assistance.”

Under Section 504, federal funds recipients must ensure that their programs are accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities. Program accessibility means that a program, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. This means that persons with disabilities must: (1) have an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the program, and (2) be offered the same range of choices and amenities as those offered to persons that do not have disabilities, to the maximum extent feasible, unless the actions would constitute an undue financial and administrative burden or require a fundamental alteration in the nature of the program.

For additional information you may go to <https://www.ada.gov>.



2018 Sub-Grantees

Public Service

CLIMB Wyoming - Promote Job Training

\$15,000

Needs, Inc. - Crisis Food Assistance and Bus Tokens

\$45,000

LCCC Scholarships

\$5,000

General Service

Habitat for Humanity - Housing Rehabilitation

\$35,000

Hand Program - Housing Rehabilitation

\$10,000

CHOP Program - First Time Homebuyer Assistance

\$5,000

City of Cheyenne - Neighborhood Infrastructure

\$229,574

City of Cheyenne - Blighted Houses Demolition

\$56,000

Program Administration

\$86,789

Fiscal Year 2018

The U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development approved the City of Cheyenne Fiscal Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant request.

The following projects were approved.

Climb Wyoming received \$15,000 to provide job training to approximately 15 low-income single mothers.

Needs, Inc. received \$45,000 to provide food box assistance to approximately 2,500 low-income individuals and will also provide free bus tokens to approximately 600 low-income individuals.

The LCCC Scholarship program received \$5,000 to provide for scholarship assistance at Laramie County Community College for approximately 5 low-income students.

Habitat for Humanity received \$35,000 to provide for homeowner housing rehabilitation for approximately 10 low-income households.

The Hand Program received \$10,000 to provide for homeowner housing rehabilitation for approximately two low-income households.

The Chop Program received \$5,000 to provide down payment and closing costs for approximately one low-income homebuyer.

The City of Cheyenne received \$229,574 to provide for neighborhood infrastructure. One low-income neighborhood will receive pavement for three unpaved roads, installation of curb, gutter, curb cuts, sidewalks, manholes, water valves, valley pans, residential drive approaches and landscaping along the curb.

The City of Cheyenne received \$56,000 to provide for the demolition of approximately two abandoned and dangerous houses in Cheyenne.

Upcoming Fiscal Year 2019

The Housing & Community Development Office is gearing up for Fiscal Year 2019. A Notice of Funding Available was sent out. A Training Session will be held on October 3, 2018 at 2101 O'Neil Avenue, Room 104 at 3:00 p.m. to present an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Parking is available in the Cox Parking Lot.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with mobility impairments. Please notify the H&CD Office, 637-6255 or dwidtauf@cheyennecity.org if special accommodations (equipment or interpreting service for Limited English Proficiency) are needed or Wyoming Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-877-9975 during regular business hours to discuss the provision of TDD/TTY communication.