

Action Plan

Grantee: Washoe County, NV

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Funding Sources

Funding Source	Funding Type
NSP3	Other Federal Funds
State of Nevada NSP3	Other Federal Funds

Narratives

Summary of Distribution and Uses of NSP Funds:

This action plan represents Washoe County's first substantial amendment to its NSP3 plan. All previous actions plans will remain available at www.washoecounty.us/comdev. This amendment adds Redevelopment as an eligible use and slightly alters the boundary of the target neighborhood. These changes are necessary in order to acquire property within the NSP3 required timelines. While there appear to be numerous foreclosures in the original target area, current regulations in Nevada regarding the foreclosure process are slowing the movement of these units to market. We continue to believe these units will eventually become available but in the meantime it is necessary for us to find other more readily available opportunities. By expanding the target area and the eligible uses of the funds, Washoe County will be able to move more rapidly to implement the NSP3 grant. In order to ensure adequate funds for the new opportunities, Washoe County is re-evaluating its currently approved activity to rehabilitate a unit it currently owns at 1361 10th street. This approved activity may become an option again in the future should funds allow. Should it decide to pursue this activity the county will undergo the proper amendment process to re-activate this activity. Washoe County followed the same Citizen Participation Plan it followed for the original submittal for NSP3 funds. This includes conducting a public meeting, publishing notice, posting in numerous locations, and making the plan available in several locations including the county's NSP3 webpage. To date, no members of the public have chosen to comment on Washoe County's NSP3 plan or activities.

Washoe County's NSP3 funds will be supplemented with \$400,000 in State of Nevada NSP3 funds. This will result in a total of \$1,962,327.00 in funds available for program activities. A pro-rated division of these funds results in 80 percent of funds attributed to Washoe County and the remaining 20 percent contributed by the State of Nevada. Washoe County's first NSP3 Action Plan focused on only Eligible Use B, or Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Foreclosed units. This amended Action Plan, in addition to slightly expanding the boundaries of the target neighborhood, also adds Eligible Use E, or Redevelopment of Vacant Parcels. The new map is entitled NSP3 Target Area 2, and is given the HUD Neighborhood ID number 7143829. The Map and the HUD generated data sheet, including the census tract numbers, is an attached document to the specific activities listed later in the action plan.

Washoe County intends to produce a total of 12 units. Washoe County will be credited for 9 units, and the State of Nevada will be credited with funding 3 units. The distribution of funds is as follows.

1. Acquire three vacant parcels in a failed subdivision and subsequently construct a duplex on each parcel for a total of 6 units.
2. Construct a four-plex designed for seniors on a vacant parcel currently owned by Washoe County.
3. Acquire and rehabilitate 2 foreclosed units.

Rehabilitation and new construction (redevelopment) will result in energy efficient units that meet the "Build Green" construction standards of the National Association of Home Builders. All units will be made available to LH-25 qualified families, seniors, aging out foster youth, and other tenants. Tenants will generally already be clients of the Washoe County Social Services Department.

How Fund Use Addresses Market Conditions:

Response:

Supply: Washoe County Assessor data indicates that the supply of single family and multi family units in foreclosure is substantial. While the HUD mapping tool has been used extensively in our search for a target neighborhood, the unfortunate truth is that it was not difficult to draw small, medium, and large neighborhoods that easily met the minimum needs score for the state of Nevada (17). In fact only one of the neighborhoods we tested did not meet the minimum score.

In order to have a meaningful impact, this program will attempt to focus the expenditure of funds in micro areas within the identified target area



as defined on the NSP3 map provided. Our target area identification process involved reviewing the locations of foreclosures (county assessor data) and matching those areas with other variables (transit, employment, etc.). The acquisition and rehabilitation of targeted properties will help to remove the inherent instability and risk involved with foreclosed properties, and in turn will help to stabilize the local market and encourage further private investment. The redevelopment of vacant properties in the target area will have a similar investment inducing impact.

Demand: The program design is focused on providing homes to families already receiving case management and supportive services from the Washoe County Social Services Department, Children's Services Division. Families will be referred to the program through an existing comprehensive assessment process which will identify housing as a primary risk and safety factor. Housing is a primary risk factor in over 80 percent of all families served by the Department related to reports of neglect. In addition, the identified target neighborhood area represents one of the highest rates of referral and resulting need for services. The demand for housing from these clients far outpaces the supply of available units. Vacancy is not anticipated to be a barrier to the successful implementation of this program.

Ensuring Continued Affordability:

This program will adopt, at a minimum, the HOME program standards at 24 CFR 92.252(a), (c), (e), and (f), and 92.254 for long term affordability, with priority given to properties committed for longer periods. A minimum of 15 years if over \$15K investment.

Definition of Blighted Structure:

A building or structure, used or intended to be used for residential, commercial, industrial or other purposes, or a combination thereof, which are unfit or unsafe for those purposes and are conducive to ill health, transmission of disease, infant mortality, juvenile delinquency or crime because of one or more of the following factors:

1. Defective design and character of physical construction.
2. Faulty arrangement of the interior and spacing of building.
3. Inadequate provision for ventilation, light, sanitation, open spaces and recreational facilities.
4. Age, obsolescence, deterioration, dilapidation, mixed character or shifting of uses.

Washoe County will not be using federal funds from this grant to purchase and demolish structures. If demolition were necessary, we would use Nevada Revised Statutes, Title 18, Chapter 231 to expand the definition of blighted found above.

Definition of Affordable Rents:

The program will utilize the HOME program standards at 24 CFR 92.252 (a), (c), (e), and (f) and 92.254. The program will utilize low HOME rents as determined by HUD.

Housing Rehabilitation/New Construction Standards:

Housing rehabilitation standards will generally seek to adhere to the International Building Codes adopted by Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the City of Sparks including but not limited to: the International Building Code, International Residential Code, Mechanical Code, and the National Electrical Code.

An energy and water efficiency plan will be required for all properties acquired and rehabilitated or newly constructed with NSP3 funds. At a minimum, the standards for rehabilitation will be the Energy Star standards identified in the NSP3 guidelines. We have adopted the "Build Green" program of the National Association of Home Builders for new construction and rehabilitation. In all instances, we will seek to implement these standards.

The vast majority of rehabilitation work being carried out will involve a variety of minor to moderate activities to be carried out in existing structures. Where replacements are needed, we will seek to replace older obsolete products and appliances such as windows, doors, lighting, air conditioning units, and refrigerators with Energy Star-46 labeled products. Water efficient toilets, showers, and faucets, such as those with the WaterSense label, will also be installed when replacements are being carried out.

Washoe County anticipates all acquired units will be vacant. However, should the need arise, Washoe county will adhere to its relocation and anti-displacement policies, which reflect all current Federal standards.

Vicinity Hiring:

The Washoe County NSP3 program will, to the maximum extent possible provide for the hiring of individuals who reside in the vicinity of the NSP3 projects (in the target neighborhood area). This will include requiring all contractors and sub-contractors that work on these projects to provide notice of all hiring be posted at a minimum of three public locations within the neighborhood, in both English and Spanish.

Additionally in order to further the vicinity hiring requirement all contractors and sub-contractors will be required to provide preference in hiring to applicants living in the target neighborhood area, when all other qualifications are equal.

Procedures for Preferences for Affordable Rental Dev.:

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The Housing Element of the Washoe County Master Plan contains numerous policies and action programs to support, promote, and incentivize the development of affordable housing. These policies and programs include the removal of regulatory barriers, providing for increased density, and providing incentives (including density incentives) to develop affordable housing. The Washoe County Housing Element can be accessed at the following link:

http://www/comdev/publications_maps_products/comdevplan/comdevplan_index.htm

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Project Summary

Project #	Project Title	Grantee Activity #	Activity Title
9999	Restricted Balance		<i>No activities in this project</i>
One	administration	2	Administration
Three	Redevelopment of Vacant parcels.	3	Zephyr Way Redevelopment
		4	Spokane Redevelopment
Two	Acquistion and Rehabilitation Rental	1	Acquisition/rehabilitation - LH25% SF

Activities



Grantee Activity Number: 1
Activity Title: Acquisition/rehabilitation - LH25% SF rental

Activity Type:
 Rehabilitation/reconstruction of residential structures

Activity Status:
 Planned

Project Number:
 Two

Project Title:
 Acquisition and Rehabilitation Rental for LH25,

Projected Start Date:
 12/13/2011

Projected End Date:
 03/16/2014

National Objective:
 LH25: Funds targeted for housing for households whose incomes are at or under 50% Area Median Income.

Total Budget: \$ 98,327.00
Other Funds Total: \$ 190,000.00
Total Funds Amount: \$ 288,327.00

Environmental Assessment:
 UNDERWAY

Benefit Report Type:
 Direct (Households)

Proposed Beneficiaries	Total	Low	Mod	Low/Mod%
# Renter Households	2	2		100.00
# of Households	2	2		100.00

Proposed Accomplishments	Total
# of Singlefamily Units	2
# of Housing Units	2
#Units > other green	2
#Units exceeding Energy Star	2
#Low flow showerheads	2
#Low flow toilets	2
#Dishwashers replaced	2
#Clothes washers replaced	2
#Refrigerators replaced	2
#Light fixtures (outdoors) replaced	2
#Replaced hot water heaters	2
#Replaced thermostats	2
#Efficient AC added/replaced	2
#High efficiency heating plants	2
#Additional Attic/Roof Insulation	2
#Energy Star Replacement Windows	2
# of Properties	2



Activity is being carried out by Grantee:

Yes

Activity is being carried out through:

Grantee Employees and Contractors

Organization carrying out Activity:

Washoe County

Proposed budgets for organizations carrying out Activity:

Responsible Organization

Washoe County

Organization Type

Local Government

Proposed

\$ 98,327.00

Funding Source Name

State of Nevada NSP3

Matching Funds

No

Funding Amount

\$ 190,000.00

Location Description:

Washoe County will seek to acquire 2 foreclosed single family units in the target area for rehabilitation and rental to qualified low income families. The target neighborhood is located near transit, elementary and middle schools, and the county administrative complex. The number of units acquired will be determined by the available budget. The target area is bounded roughly by Sutro Street, McCarran Blvd, El Rancho and Interstate 80.

Activity Description:

The activity is to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed single family units for low income qualified renters in the LH-25 category. Washoe County will maintain ownership of these units and will operate the rental program. The affordability period will be 15 years at a minimum, or the HOME program standards at 24 CFR 92.252(a), (c), (e) and (f), and 92.254 for long term affordability, whichever is greater. All renters will meet the Low income threshold of 50% AMI or less. Preference will be given to families and individuals who are current clients of the Washoe County Social Services Department. By maintaining ownership, Washoe County will be able to ensure the affordability period and the eligibility of tenants.



Grantee Activity Number: 2
Activity Title: Administration

Activity Type:

Administration

Activity Status:

Under Way

Project Number:

One

Project Title:

administration

Projected Start Date:

06/01/2011

Projected End Date:

06/16/2014

National Objective:

Not Applicable - (for Planning/Administration or Unprogrammed Funds only)

Total Budget:

\$ 173,591.00

Other Funds Total:

\$ 0.00

Environmental Assessment:

EXEMPT

Total Funds Amount:

\$ 173,591.00

Benefit Report Type:

NA

Activity is being carried out by Grantee:

No

Activity is being carried out through:

Organization carrying out Activity:

Washoe County

Proposed budgets for organizations carrying out Activity:

Responsible Organization

Washoe County

Organization Type

Local Government

Proposed

\$ 173,592.00

Location Description:

N/A

Activity Description:

General Administration and planning activities associated with implementation of NSP3.



Grantee Activity Number: 3
Activity Title: Zephyr Way Redevelopment

Activity Type:

Construction of new housing

Project Number:

Three

Projected Start Date:

07/15/2012

National Objective:

LH25: Funds targeted for housing for households whose incomes are at or under 50% Area Median Income.

Environmental Assessment:

UNDERWAY

Activity Status:

Planned

Project Title:

Redevelopment of Vacant parcels.

Projected End Date:

03/11/2014

Total Budget:

\$ 864,000.00

Other Funds Total:

\$ 210,000.00

Total Funds Amount:

\$ 1,074,000.00

Benefit Report Type:

Direct (Households)

Proposed Beneficiaries

Renter Households

Total	Low	Mod	Low/Mod%
6	6		100.00

of Households

6	6		100.00
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Proposed Accomplishments

of Singlefamily Units

Total

6

of Housing Units

6

#Units > other green

6

#Units exceeding Energy Star

6

#Units with bus/rail access

6

#Low flow showerheads

6

#Low flow toilets

6

Activity is being carried out by Grantee:

Yes

Activity is being carried out through:

Grantee Employees and Contractors

Organization carrying out Activity:

Washoe County

Proposed budgets for organizations carrying out Activity:

Responsible Organization

Washoe County

Organization Type

Local Government

Proposed

\$ 864,000.00

Funding Source Name

NSP3

Matching Funds

No

Funding Amount

\$ 0.00

State of Nevada NSP3

No

\$ 210,000.00

Location Description:

The vacant parcels are on Zephyr Way in the City of Sparks in the northeast corner of the target neighborhood. They are located directly adjacent to and north of Oppio Park, Sparks Middle School and Risley Elementary School. Within 1 mile of the area is a broad variety of services. Transit is available within a half mile.

Activity Description:



After acquiring three parcels with NSP3 funds, Washoe County will construct an energy efficient duplex on each parcel. Washoe County will maintain ownership of these units and will operate the rental project. The affordability period will be a minimum of 15 years, or the HOME program standards at 24 CFR 92.252 (a), (c), (e), and (f), and 92.254 for long term affordability, whichever is greater. The units will be made available to low income families. The tenant pool is expected to largely be drawn from existing programs being implemented concurrently by the Washoe County Social Services Department. By maintaining ownership, Washoe County can ensure the affordability period and tenant eligibility.



Grantee Activity Number: 4
Activity Title: Spokane Redevelopment

Activity Type:

Construction of new housing

Activity Status:

Planned

Project Number:

Three

Project Title:

Redevelopment of Vacant parcels.

Projected Start Date:

07/15/2012

Projected End Date:

03/16/2014

National Objective:

LH25: Funds targeted for housing for households whose incomes are at or under 50% Area Median Income.

Total Budget: \$ 600,000.00

Other Funds Total: \$ 0.00

Total Funds Amount: \$ 600,000.00

Environmental Assessment:

UNDERWAY

Benefit Report Type:

Direct (Households)

Proposed Beneficiaries

Renter Households

Total	Low	Mod	Low/Mod%
4			0.00

of Households

4			0.00
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Proposed Accomplishments

of Singlefamily Units

Total

4

of Housing Units

4

#Units \geq other green

4

#Units exceeding Energy Star

4

#Units with bus/rail access

4

#Low flow showerheads

4

#Low flow toilets

4

Activity is being carried out by Grantee:

Yes

Activity is being carried out through:

Grantee Employees and Contractors

Organization carrying out Activity:

Washoe County

Proposed budgets for organizations carrying out Activity:

Responsible Organization

Washoe County

Organization Type

Local Government

Proposed

\$ 600,000.00

Location Description:

842 Spokane Ave is directly across from the Washoe County Administrative complex at the corner of 9th St. and Wells Avenue. The Washoe County Senior Center, bus stops, and a broad range of services are directly accessible from this location.

Activity Description:

Washoe County is currently in possession of this vacant parcel. The county acquired this parcel 10-21-1996. Since that time, the county has not developed any plans for its eventual development and as a consequence, the parcel has remained vacant. Together with the investments other property owners are making nearby, NSP3 funds will represent a significant investment



that will provide an incentive for further reinvestment by yet other property owners in the area. Stabilization and eventual improvement of this entire micro-area is a likely result. The County will maintain ownership of this property and will operate the rental program. Washoe County will redevelop this vacant lot with 4 efficiency style units designed for senior occupancy, however, they will remain available for a variety of low income tenants. The units will be energy efficient and offer long term sustainability. Washoe County will ensure an affordability period of at least 15 years, or the HOME program standards at 24 CFR 92.252(a), (c), (e), and (f), and 92.254 for long term affordability, whichever is greater.

Action Plan History

Version	Date
B-11-UN-32-0002 AP#1	08/15/2012
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