

2023-2024

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Community*



Economic & Community Development

Annual Action Plan

Second Quarter Activity

FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan

Activities for Q2 (September 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023)

Message from Director:



Fayetteville Redevelopment Commissioners, the second quarter of fiscal year 2024 has seen success with the Department's focus on execution of a variety of agreements and startup of new programs. The Economic and Community Development Team is funding a variety of nonprofits using American Rescue Plan and Community Development Block Grant funding. It has been critical for our team to grow in our monitoring standards to ensure that our partners are successful and that the City adheres to Federal monitoring requirements.

The second quarter's spending trends appear to be lagging behind our goals. We typically see slower spending in the first quarter which is coupled with a larger catch-up period in the second quarter. This trend has failed to materialize and the following report shows the current spending levels and has notes from each division manager regarding what actions they are currently undertaking to get these partners on track.

Currently, our Housing team is working with outside legal counsel to close loans on a variety of housing developments and Habitat is currently working to build 5 homes on Maloney Avenue. Staff has aggressively marketed our Homebuyer Assistance Program to lenders, realtors, and prospective home buyers. During the second quarter, The Neighborhood Engagement team worked to launch the fourth and final round of community safety micro grants and apply for the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant that is due in early February.

Our Economic Development team has been working with nonprofits on workforce development but has also prioritized continuing education and training to better utilize programs and resources outside of the City to help develop for our future. The Day Resource Center has slowly gained its footing and created additional partnerships that will help to bring the community together.

The third quarter will shift the Department's focus and intensity as we submit the application for the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant and begin planning the next year's Annual Action Plan with non profit applications and a variety of community meetings in February and March.

Housing Program Data

Single-Family Housing Construction						
<i>HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set Aside Funds</i>						
Budget	Maloney Ave	---	---	---	---	Total Remaining
\$815,165	\$250,000	---	---	---	---	\$565,165
Est. Date	June, 2024	---	---	---	---	
<i>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Housing Trust Fund (HTF)</i>						
Budget	Rosehill Rd	---	---	---	---	Total Remaining
\$750,000	\$750,000	---	---	---	---	\$0
Est. Date	January, 2026	---	---	---	---	

Multi-Family Housing Construction						
<i>HOME Funds</i>						
Budget	Liberty Springs	Cliffmore Park	Eutaw Landing	Hillside Manor	Aubrey Hills	Total Remaining
\$5,823,113	\$380,500	\$683,968	\$800,000	\$1,800,000	\$2,145,000	\$13,645
Est. Date	February, 2024	April, 2024	April, 2024	August, 2024	August, 2024	
<i>ARPA HTF</i>						
Budget	Fay Gardens	Step Up	---	---	---	Total Remaining
\$3,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$2,000,000	---	---	---	\$0
Est. Date	Under Renovation	Unknown	---	---	---	
<i>HOME-ARP (Extra funds via American Rescue Plan)</i>						
Budget	Step Up	---	---	---	---	Total Remaining
\$3,397,564	\$3,397,564	---	---	---	---	\$0
Est. Date	Unknown	---	---	---	---	

Highlights and Notes

- Habitat for Humanity is progressing on five single-family homes on Maloney Avenue but has significant funding remaining for future projects, or a new CHDO must be identified.
- Kingdom CDC is working with our attorneys to close the Rosehill Project.
- The five projects in HOME represent a full allocation of the City's current HOME Funds
- The City is in conversations with Step Up about the status and timeline of their proposed partnership

Emergency Repair Community Development Block Grant (CDBG Funded)						
<i>Fayetteville Urban Ministry (FUM)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$439,940	\$56,485	\$60,240	---	---	\$116,725	\$323,215
Homes Repaired	1	6	---	---	7	Completed
<i>Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity (FAHFH)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$439,940	\$167,413	\$83,565	---	---	\$250,978	\$188,962
Homes Repaired	17	12	---	---	29	Completed

Highlights and Notes

- Habitat for Humanity is outpacing Fayetteville Urban Ministry in number of repairs but is conducting repairs at a much lower cost than they are allowed (\$25,000).
- FUM has taken on jobs that resulted in more issues being discovered after the initial inspection and causing less total repairs and higher overall cost.

Housing Program Data (Cont.)

Blight Removal (CDBG Funded)						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$150,824	\$1,739	\$40,943	---	---	\$42,682	\$108,142
Buildings	2	6	---	---	8	Demolished

Highlights and Notes

- ECD has been assisting Development Services to remove blighted and dangerous buildings and is expected to use entire budget

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$834,891	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$834,891
Households Assisted	75	91			166	Assisted

Highlights and Notes

- Program submitted reimbursement requests during the second quarter, but were rejected for additional documents, and were approved during the third.
- Program is working to increase awareness with CoC, HIV task forces and other service providers

Homebuyer Assistance						
<i>Good Neighbor Homebuyer Assistance for Employees - General Fund and Bank Grant</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$420,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	---	---	\$60,000	\$360,000
Homebuyers	1	1	---	---	2	Assisted
<i>Down payment Assistance from 80% to 120% AMI (State Grant Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$404,210	\$0	\$33,613	---	---	\$33,613	\$370,597
Homebuyers	0	2	---	---	2	Assisted
<i>Down payment Assistance under 80% AMI (CDBG Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$102,217	\$20,000	\$0	---	---	\$20,000	\$82,217
Homebuyers	1	0	---	---	1	Assisted
<i>Homebuyer Education and Counseling - State Funded</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$25,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$25,000
Workshop	30	29	---	---	59	Attendees
Counseling Clients	6	4	---	---	10	Assisted

Highlights and Notes

- These programs are being marketed via billboards, Fay TV, Social Media, flyers, and word of mouth and funded by Marketing and Communications
- Kingdom CDC has submitted six (6) invoices for Homebuyer Workshops and Counseling's that were rejected for correction and have not been returned

Economic Development Program Data

Workforce Development						
<i>Mid Carolina Youth Paid Apprenticeships (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$90,000	\$45,000	\$0	---	---	\$45,000	\$45,000
Apprenticeships	19	0	---	---	19	Completed
<i>Mama's Village Doula and Lactation Job Skills Training (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$150,000	Starts 3rd qtr	Starts 3rd qtr	---	---	\$0	\$150,000
Individuals	---	---	---	---	0	Trained
<i>High School Coding Classes (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$100,000	Starts 3rd qtr	Starts 3rd qtr	---	---	\$0	\$100,000
Students	---	---	---	---	0	Assisted
<i>General Contractor Licensing Prep (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$90,000	Starts 3rd qtr	Starts 3rd qtr	---	---	\$0	\$90,000
Students	---	---	---	---	0	Attended
<i>Partnership for Children Recruitment and Retention for Childcare Workers (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$0	---	---	\$200,000	\$800,000
Centers	0	0	---	---	0	Assisted
<i>Starward Stem Education Opportunities Middle Schoolers (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$115,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$115,000
Students	0	0	---	---	0	Assisted
<i>FTCC Job Skills Training (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$120,000	\$0	\$11,510	---	---	\$11,510	\$108,490
Students	2	27	---	---	29	Assisted
<i>Service Source Employment for Veterans (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$75,000	\$0	\$3,676	---	---	\$3,676	\$71,324
Veterans	73	92	---	---	165	Assisted
<i>Veterans Bridge Employment for Veterans (CDBG Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$20,000	\$0	\$438	---	---	\$438	\$19,562
Veterans	72	161	---	---	233	Assisted
<i>CREST Employment for Disabled Individuals (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$75,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$75,000
Individuals	17	23	---	---	40	Assisted
<i>FMHA - Housing Authority Job Skills Training (ARPA Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$300,000	\$0	\$21,253	---	---	\$21,253	\$278,747
Residents	24	0	---	---	24	Assisted
<i>Miller's Crew Job Training for Special Needs Adults (CDBG Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	---	---	\$10,000	\$0
Individuals	22	23	---	---	45	Assisted

Highlights and Notes

- NOTE - Workforce Development Programs funded by ARPA are on a three (3) year agreement.
- Some non-profits started programs in the third quarter
- CREST has had some organizational challenges, and the sub recipient will be reevaluated next quarter
- Partnership for Children's new budget is being put in place in the third quarter due to duplication of programs from the state
- Mama's Village has not signed an agreement and a deadline of February 15th has been set to move forward

Economic Development Program Data (Cont.)

Small Business Programs						
<i>Small Business Assistance - Exterior Grants and Gap Financing (CDBG Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$328,343	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$328,343
Business Owners	1	1	---	---	2	Assisted
Technical Assistance	8	12	---	---	20	Provided
<i>Commercial Corridor Exterior Grant (Locally Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$352,218	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$352,218
Business Owners	0	0	---	---	0	Assisted

Highlights and Notes

- We have two small business events scheduled to increase marketing and exposure to current programs
- Awaiting invoicing on two projects and working with several business owners to move forward with projects

Downtown Management Contract						
<i>Community Safety Ambassador</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$55,000	\$12,500	\$12,500	---	---	\$25,000	\$30,000
<i>Municipal Service District (MSD) Management</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$226,600	\$56,650	\$56,650	---	---	\$113,300	\$113,300
New Businesses	6	5	---	---	11	Opened
Technical Assistance	8	12	---	---	20	Provided

Highlights and Notes

- Five (5) new businesses for a total of eleven (11) created in the MSD
- Almost \$500 million in public and private investment is planned in the MSD

Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC)						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$168,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	---	---	\$84,000	\$84,000
<i>Golden Leaf Airport Lift Station Project Managed by FCEDC (total budget \$965,830)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$826,010	\$16,303	\$4,438	---	---	\$20,741	\$805,269

Highlights and Notes

- Lift station 29 is planned to be put up for bid to make improvements

Neighborhood Engagement Program Data

Neighborhood Enhancements						
<i>Projects that Add Resources to Neighborhoods (CDBG Funded)</i>						
Budget	Oakridge	PFC	---	---	Total	Total Remaining
\$456,727	\$92,241	\$250,000	---	---	\$342,241	\$114,486
Est. Date	January, 2024	June, 2024	---	---		
<i>Oakridge Estate Fence</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$92,241	\$90,797	\$1,444	---	---	\$92,241	\$0
<i>Partnership for Children (PFC)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$250,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$250,000

Highlights and Notes

- PFC funds are allocated for a future project

Neighborhood Beautification (Locally Funded)						
<i>Subdivision Entry Signage</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$30,000	\$0	\$5,258	---	---	\$5,258	\$24,742
Signs	0	2	---	---	2	Installed
<i>Landscaping</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$20,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$20,000
Landscaping	0	0	---	---	0	Completed

Highlights and Notes

- 4 signs are in progress and 3 signs are awaiting PO's
- 2 signs are slated to receive landscaping in this quarter

Community Safety Micro-Grants (Locally Funded)						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$129,808	\$57,404	\$0	---	---	\$57,404	\$72,404
Grants	18	25	---	---	43	Awarded

Highlights and Notes

- All funds will be expended after all awardees are issued funds for the fourth cycle

Choice Neighborhood Application Support (Locally Funded)						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$500,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$500,000
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Highlights and Notes

- Grant application will be turned in on the 13th of February

Neighborhood Engagement Program Data (Cont.)

Youth Development						
<i>Tulsa Initiative College-Aged Entrepreneurial Mentoring (Locally Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$100,000	\$14,560	\$18,747	---	---	\$33,307	\$66,693
Students	60	410	---	---	470	Assisted
<i>ROOTS Mentoring School Aged Mentoring (Locally Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$25,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$25,000
Students	23	400	---	---	423	Assisted
<i>Two-Six Jr. and High School Aged Athletic Mentoring (Locally Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$25,000	\$0	\$16,953	---	---	\$16,953	\$8,047
Students	190	180	---	---	370	Assisted
<i>Greater Life of Fayetteville at Risk Youth and Parents (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$10,000	\$0	\$2,218	---	---	\$2,218	\$7,782
Students	21	15	---	---	36	Assisted
<i>Communicare Justice Involved Youth (Locally Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$50,000	\$0	\$7,859	---	---	\$7,859	\$42,141
Students	112	No Report	---	---	112	Assisted
<i>United Ministries in Christ Church LGBTQIA Youth Mental Health (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$10,000	\$0	\$1,725	---	---	\$1,725	\$8,275
Individuals	5	No Report	---	---	5	Assisted
<i>Fayetteville - Raeford CARES Mentoring (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$10,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$10,000
Students	No Report	24	---	---	24	Assisted

Highlights and Notes

- Tulsa Initiative is on a 2 year contract slated to term in June of 2025
- Roots Mentoring has a draw submitted for the 2nd quarter of \$4,788 – Awaiting proper documentation
- Communicare has had challenges with several identified schools, and looking at alternatives
- United Ministries In Christ reported staffing issues which impacted the program during the quarter
- Fayetteville-Raeford Cares has been unresponsive and given a deadline to show compliance

Water and Sewer (Locally Funded)						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$30,000	\$2,000	\$0	---	---	\$2,000	\$28,000
Households	1	0	---	---	1	Assisted

Highlights and Notes

- 4 Applications initiated but have not been completed – Awaiting documentation from the owners

Community Partnerships Program Data

Homeless Programs						
<i>Cumberland HealthNet Street Outreach and Reunification (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$47,892	\$0	\$5,759	---	---	\$5,759	\$42,133
Individuals	20	379	---	---	399	Assisted
<i>Connections of Cumberland County Women's Day Resource Center (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$40,000	\$0	\$21,976	---	---	\$21,976	\$18,024
Individuals	314	333	---	---	647	Assisted
<i>Salvation Army White Flag and Meals (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$10,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$10,000
Individuals	359	300	---	---	659	Assisted
<i>Better Health Healthcare for Un/Underinsured (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$20,000	\$2,555	\$4,417	---	---	\$6,972	\$13,028
Individuals	25	31	---	---	56	Assisted
<i>Re-Entry Housing Support (Locally Funded)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$10,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$10,000
Individuals	3	2	---	---	5	Assisted
<i>Combined Unified Services Meals and Support for Homeless (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$10,000	\$2,664	\$2,920	---	---	\$5,584	\$4,416
Individuals	32	39	---	---	71	Assisted
<i>Myrover-Reese Housing for Homeless Women (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$10,000	\$0	\$3,153	---	---	\$3,153	\$6,847
Individuals	29	28	---	---	57	Assisted
<i>Marius Maximus Homeless Peer Support</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$10,000	\$1,126	\$2,475	---	---	\$3,601	\$6,399
Individuals	423	972	---	---	1395	Assisted

Highlights and Notes

- Cumberland HealthNet has assisted with reunification and bus passes but lost their street outreach coordinator
- Salvation Army has not submitted invoices for reimbursement for the performance reported
- Re-entry has not submitted invoices for reimbursement for the performance reported

Other Partnerships						
<i>Fayetteville Urban Ministries Emergency Assistance (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$15,500	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$15,500
Individuals	31	4	---	---	35	Assisted
<i>Vision Resource Center Support for Visually Impaired (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$25,000	\$0	\$0	---	---	\$0	\$25,000
Individuals	No Report	14	---	---	14	Assisted

Highlights and Notes

- Fayetteville Urban Ministries has not submitted invoices for reimbursement for the performance reported
- Vision Resource Center submitted a funding request that was returned for additional documents

Community Partnerships Program Data (Cont.)

Day Resource Center						
<i>Nonprofit Operations and Building Support (ARPA)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$300,000	\$9,774	\$29,352	---	---	\$39,126	\$260,874
Visitors	1397	2774	---	---	4171	
Engaged	434	575	---	---	1009	
Showers	570	660	---	---	1230	
Laundry	436	1508	---	---	1944	
<i>Cumberland HealthNet (CDBG)</i>						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$30,000	\$0	\$9,736	---	---	\$9,736	\$20,264
Salaries	3	3	---	---	6	

Dream Center Utilities (Locally Funded)						
Budget	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Total Remaining
\$16,700	\$3,788	\$3,091	---	---	\$6,879	\$9,821
Avg. Beds Filled (19)	18	16	---	---	34	
Meals	10586	13627	---	---	24213	
Transitioned	19	8	---	---	27	

Highlights and Notes

- Day Resource Center operations continue to expand and now fully staffed
- Dream Center is on track with funding and reports transitioning individuals to permanent housing

Housing Program Explanations

Single-Family Housing Development: The City will partner with for-profit and non-profit developers to construct or rehabilitate affordable single-family homes. The City is required to set aside 15% of its HOME allocation for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO).

Multi-Family Housing Construction: To increase the supply of affordable housing, The City allocates HOME and HOPWA funds annually. It has a one-time allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds (ARP), HOME – ARP, and State funding for multi-family rental and single-family housing construction.

Emergency Home Repair: Contracts with Fayetteville Urban Ministry (FUM) and Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity (FAHFH) to provide repairs that remedy substandard conditions and improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

Blight Removal: This grant program is designed to encourage and assist with demolishing blighted and deteriorated structures beyond reasonable repair in low-income communities.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) & Support Services: TBRA provides a subsidy to eligible households in a unit of their choice that meets quality housing standards, and assists with needed support services. Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility (STRMU) assistance provides stabilization intervention to housing HOPWA-eligible households while increasing their access to supportive services.

Homebuyer Assistance Program: Eligible low- and moderate-income (up to 80% AMI) first-time homebuyers may receive a subordinated loan of up to \$20,000 to assist with the down payment or closing costs. First-time home buyers at 80-120% AMI, are also eligible for up to \$20,000. Under the Good Neighbor Program, qualifying City of Fayetteville employees (80-140% AMI) receive up to \$30,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance to purchase their first home. This was designed to attract and retain employees while encouraging homeownership within the city.

Homebuyer Education and Counseling: First-time homebuyers can complete the Housing & Urban Development (HUD) approved, eight-hour homebuyer education workshop to ensure they are ready to acquire housing and sustain homeownership, followed by one-on-one counseling. Workshop topics include budgeting, credit repair, and mortgage financing, and post-closing homeownership responsibilities.

Small Business Program Explanations

Small Business Assistance:

Gap Financing: This program provides loans to small businesses that fill the gap in financing needs or down payment requirements to purchase a commercial property for the business to operate.

Commercial Exterior Improvement Grants: Matching grants that offer funding from \$10,000 to \$25,000, requiring a one-to-one match to encourage exterior improvements of commercial properties in any of the city's qualified census tracts.

Downtown Management Contract: The Cool Spring Downtown District (CSDD) Inc. is a charitable, nonprofit corporation formed to create and sustain an arts and entertainment district in downtown Fayetteville as a vibrant center of artistic, cultural, civic, and commercial activity.

Fayetteville-Cumberland Economic Development Corporation (FCEDC): The City and County have an inter-local agreement for conducting economic development activities and services through FCEDC, a Nonprofit Corporation created by both parties

Golden Leaf Foundation: Golden LEAF funds economic development projects that focus on creating and retaining jobs, attracting new businesses to North Carolina, expanding industries, and training new workers.

Workforce Development: The City has partnered with a variety of organizations to use Federal grant funds to ensure low and moderate income people are afforded upward mobility through workforce development initiatives. These initiatives are particularly aimed at veterans, youth, people with disabilities, and single parents living in public housing.

Neighborhood Engagement Program Explanations

Neighborhood Enhancements: This program strives to improve locations throughout the city by providing assistance with projects that will assist with public facility improvements, enhance security, and beautification, and foster pride in the neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Signs: This program fosters neighborhood pride by providing a grant for the erection of neighborhood signs and landscaping, to create quality places within the communities.

Water and Sewer Assessment Fee Assistance: This program provides grants for low- and moderate-income homeowners for fees up to \$2,000 that are assessed when water and sewer are made available to a neighborhood, along with a \$900 plumber hook-up fee.

Community Safety Micro-Grant Program: This program is offered to community-based organizations to fund, inspire, and boost community crime reduction activities by supporting efforts to prevent crime and violence in Fayetteville. This is a "low barrier" grant program intended to allow community members to apply and access grant funding

Choice Neighborhood Application Support: Local funding to prepare a high quality and competitive application for the Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant.

Murchison Choice - Community Resource Center: ARPA funds were allocated to fund a community resource center in the Murchison Road corridor.

Youth Development: Funding is dedicated to non-profit organizations that aim to mentor and divert at-risk youth.

Community Partnership Program Explanations

Dream Center at Person St.: The City leases 913 Person Street to Manna Church which operates the building as an overnight shelter and funds the utility expenses.

Day Resource Center: Located at 128 S. King St. the Day Resource Center provides a place for people experiencing homelessness to receive supportive services. It also can operate as a shelter during emergencies as determined by Cumberland County.

Vision Resource Center: The nonprofit agency assists the visually impaired in navigating the City more independently by purchasing of a WeWALK SMART cane or app for each participant. The WeWALK smart cane and app provides voice feedback using mapping services that offer more accessible navigation to the visually impaired.

Fayetteville Urban Ministry Adult Literacy and Education Center: The program provides English as a Second Language (ESL) residents with one-on-one tutoring in English and offers civic training to assist clients in obtaining their American citizenship.

Homeless Programs: The City partners with a variety of nonprofit partners to address or prevent homelessness with services that include white flag support, transitional housing for women that are victims of drug, substance or physical abuse, re-entry housing, food distribution, peer support for mental health, drug addiction or LGBTQIA issues, street outreach, eviction prevention and housing stabilization for women with children, as well as, assistance for vision, dental and prescription drug.