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PLAN PREPARATION

Introduction

This Action Plan presents the Kansas Consolidated Plan objectives and allocation of resources for federal fiscal year 2005 (State program year 2005: January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005). Specific priorities and guidelines are described for the federally mandated programs, i.e., the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. Particular development partners and resources are discussed, including geographic distribution of the State's development resources. Kansas Performance Measures are established to monitor the State's progress on development goals.

The Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, and Kansas Department of Health and Environment will be the lead/partner agencies for the 2005 Action Plan. The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation will be the central point of contact for the 2005 Action Plan.

Consultation

The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) consulted with local governments and State agencies on the preparation of the 2005 Action Plan. The KHRC contacted the local Consolidated Plan coordinators of entitlement areas to offer assistance on local Consolidated Plan documents and invite recommendations on State community development and housing initiatives.

In 2003, the KHRC contracted with BBC Research & Consulting to conduct research on The Kansas Market, Part I of the 2004-2008 Kansas Consolidated Plan. BBC's research activities included investigation of affordable housing, appropriate housing, permanent housing, and fair housing in Kansas. BBC's research inquiry was organized into six regions of the state: Northwest, North Central, Northeast, Southwest, South Central, and Southeast. BBC's research tasks included analysis of 2000 Census data, review of annual reports, surveys of housing and community service providers, focus groups, examination of Fair Housing complaint data, and public forums on the research findings. BBC prepared The Kansas Market, Part I of the 2004-2008 Consolidated Plan.

Citizen Participation

Four public hearings were held for public input on community development issues in the 2005 Action Plan. The community development public hearings were announced through a public notice in the Kansas Register on April 1, 2004, and additional direct mail notification. The public input hearings on community development occurred in Chanute, Garden City, Hays, and Topeka, Kansas on April 19, 21, 21, and 26, respectively. Results of the public hearings have been incorporated into the community development parts of the 2005 Action Plan.

Two public hearings were held for public input on housing priorities in the 2005 Action Plan. The public hearings were announced through a public notice in the Kansas Register on July 15, 2004, and additional direct mail notification. Also, news releases were sent to newspapers of general circulation. The public input hearings on housing occurred in Emporia and Hays, on August 3 and 6, respectively. Results of the public hearings have been incorporated into the housing parts of the 2005 Action Plan.

One public hearing was held on October 6, 2004, for public comment on the preliminary draft of the 2005 Action Plan. The public comment hearing was announced through a public notice in the Kansas Register on September 16, 2004. Also, news releases were sent to newspapers of general circulation. The announcement of the public comment hearing included information on where to find the complete document for public examination. The site for the public comment hearing on October 6 was Hutchinson, Kansas. The public comment period was September 17, 2004 to October 18, 2004. A summary of citizen comments is provided at the end of the Plan.

III. THE 2005 ACTION PLAN

