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Executive Summary

Each year, the City of Homestead is required to submit a report on CDBG expenditures and progress, which is the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Because Homestead only receives annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the report is largely limited to that program. The CAPER follows a prescribed format suggested by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that helps to facilitate the review process and to include specific regulatory language.

The City of Homestead made significant progress in the management of its CDBG program in FY 2010-2011. Prior to 2010, a number of projects were in the design and development stage, but had not yet started. Last year, the largest single project, Wittkop Park, was bid and awarded. The project was about 85 percent complete as of October 31, 2011, and it is projected to be completed by the Spring of 2012.

In addition to the commencement of Wittkop Park construction, the City completed five projects targeting non-profit organizations operating in Homestead. The following five projects were completed in 2011:

American Red Cross:

Distribution of Emergency Kits and Disaster Preparedness Education

Association of Retarded Citizens:

Renovations to facility located at 712 SW Krome Terrace

GALATA, Inc.:

Renovations to facility located at 916 North Flagler Avenue.

Le Jardin Daycare:

New daycare facility located at 104 NW 12th Street.

South Dade Weed and Seed:

Renovations to new facility located at 151 NW 11th Street, Suite 400.

The benefit derived and the affected populations are summarized in the following chart:

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LeJardin	50	61	58		1	53	0	120	100%
South Dade Weed and Seed	132	171	274	1		315	0	446	100%
TOTAL	346	2,592	3,348	1	1	402	1,549	5,942	100%

These five projects provide direct benefit to 5,942 low-to-moderate (LMI) residents of Homestead. All of the funding expended benefits 100 percent LMI residents. Each of these projects is described in more detail in this report. The City also fulfilled its spending targets with HUD by handily meeting the timeliness standards for expenditure of funds.

The cost of each completed project is summarized below:

Project	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
American Red Cross	\$9,074		
Association of Retarded Citizens	\$5,780		
GALATA, Inc.		\$25,125	\$10,000
LeJardin			\$79,000
Weed & Seed	\$10,250	\$14,875	
Sub Total	\$25,104	\$40,000	\$89,000
GRAND TOTAL (all years)	\$154,104		

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Office Supplies	\$778.95
Professional Services (Administrative, Legal, Architectural)	\$143,903.06
Travel and Training	\$173.48
Wittkop Park	\$990,778.00
Wittkop Park Playground	\$147,421.15
Non-Profit/Subrecipient Projects*	\$158,020.00
TOTAL	\$1,441,074.64

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The City has received the following grants directly through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since the beginning of 2008:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Activity	National Objective	Activity Number	2011 Action Plan Funding	2010 Action Plan Funding	2009 Action Plan Funding	2008 Action Plan Funding
Wittkop Park	LMI Benefit	03F		\$507,925	\$512,781	\$600,000
Wittkop Park Design	LMI Benefit	03F		\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Dickenson Comm Cntr	LMI Benefit	03F		\$100,000	\$0	\$0
GALATA, Inc.	LMI Benefit	03A		\$10,000	\$25,125	\$0
South Dade Weed and Seed, Inc.	LMI Benefit	03D		\$0	\$14,875	\$10,250
Association for Retarded Citizens	LMI Benefit	03B		\$0	\$0	\$5,780
American Red Cross	LMI Benefit	05	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
enFAMILIA, Inc.	LMI Benefit	03P		\$11,000	\$0	\$10,970
LeJardin Day Care	LMI Benefit	03A		\$79,000	\$0	\$0
Homestead Soup Kitchen	LMI Benefit	03A	\$100,000			
Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Project	LMI Benefit	03J	\$463,560			
Administrative Costs	NA	21A	\$144,640	\$155,397	\$143,294	\$145,545
TOTAL			\$723,200	\$863,322	\$796,075	\$781,545

The CDBG funds summarized above reflect an annual entitlement to the City. As indicated by the total amount of CDBG received, the City's allocation was significantly reduced in Fiscal Year 2011-2012 after receiving an increase in 2010-2011.

In addition to the regular CDBG allocation, the City also received CDBG-R funds, which were provided as part of Federal stimulus funding. The CDBG portion of the project is completed and the majority of leveraged funds expended, but the project is not yet officially closed due to several construction management issues.

Community Development Block Grant Recovery Program (CDBG-R)*

Activity	National Objective	Activity Number	Funding
Administration	NA	NA	\$21,227
Washington Ave Streetscape	LMI	03K	\$191,047
TOTAL			\$212,274

*CDBG-R is a non-recurring grant and was allocated for one year only.

In addition to CDBG and CDBG-R, the City also received Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP) funds, which were allocated to purchase and renovate foreclosed houses within the City limits. NSP funds have been expended and the program is now selling and transferring title of homes that were purchased and renovated.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)*

Activity	Amount
LMI Special Needs	\$ 872,685.00
Downpayment Assistance	\$ 35,720.51
Purchase Rehabilitation	\$ 1,689,903.49
Administration	\$ 288,701.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,887,010.00

*NSP is a non-recurring grant and was allocated for one year only.

In addition to the ongoing administration of CDBG, CDBG-R, and NSP, the City has undertaken additional activities required under Federal rule and regulations. The City has updated its study of fair housing by creating a new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. A new program manual for CDBG and subrecipient monitoring has been developed over FY 2010-2011, and the City has conducted community and stakeholder meetings to address fair housing and community development issues on May 11, 2011, August 2, 2011, and December 14, 2011. Finally, staff has held numerous meetings with non-profit organizations and community stakeholders during FY 2010-2011 to discuss housing and community development issues.

General Questions

Assessment of One Year Goals and Objectives, Evaluation of Program Effectiveness

The Consolidated Plan has three strategies:

1. Improve the Quality of Life for Homestead's Most Vulnerable populations.
2. Enhance public infrastructure throughout the City's low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.

3. Provide disaster mitigation.

The City's goals in the Consolidated Plan were focused on community development activities. The Consolidated Plan goals are summarized in the following chart:

Five-Year Community Development Goals			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Public Facilities	1	1	1
Senior Center	1		
Flood and Drainage		1	1
Water/Sewer		1	1

These goals were formulated at the time of the adoption of the Consolidated Plan. While the goals reflect the priorities of the City and the community, some of the goals have been met and exceeded, whereas others have not. In some cases, such as with the Senior Center, other sources of funding were made available to complete the project and CDBG funds were not needed.

In FY 2010-2011, four public facilities projects were completed (GALATA, LeJardin Day Care, ARC, and South Dade Weed and Seed), each of which serve a LMI clientele. The goal was three public facilities, so the City has met and exceeded that goal. As stated previously, the Senior Center was constructed with other funds.

The chart also identifies two flood and drainage projects. One of these projects is under construction with CDBG disaster funds through Miami-Dade County. The remaining flood and drainage project in the goals chart has not yet been funded. At this time, it is unlikely that future CDBG funds will be allocated to a flood and drainage project due to diminishing CDBG resources and other priority areas.

There were also two water and sewer projects identified in the goals. One project is under design, the Infiltration and Inflow Project for FY 2011-2012, but is not yet under construction. No additional water/sewer projects have been identified for CDBG resources at this time.

The City's CDBG program is effective and has demonstrated an ability to expend funds in a timely manner within programmatic guidelines. The completed projects, and the projects under construction, have had a genuine and positive impact on the lives of Homestead's most vulnerable citizens.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

The City of Homestead has recently completed a revised study of fair housing issues. The new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice examines the current state of housing in Homestead and analyzes survey data. It has identified five possible impediments to fair housing:

Impediment 1: Deficient public education and awareness regarding rights and responsibilities under Federal Fair Housing law.

Impediment 2: Deficient public education and awareness of the Miami-Dade Office of Human Rights and Fair Employment Practices (OHRFEP).

Impediment 3: Lack of knowledge about the City of Homestead's Fair Housing Ordinance, including the grievance procedure.

Impediment 4: Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data indicate a possible racial and ethnic discrepancy of lending practices.

Impediment 5: Lack of access to affordable housing opportunities.

The City will work to address these impediments now and in subsequent program years.

In addition to the Analysis of Impediments, the City enforces fair housing through Ordinance #91-10-83 adopted in 1991. This policy prohibits housing discrimination and creates a mechanism for enforcement. In 2010-2011, there were no fair housing complaints reported directly to the City or through Miami-Dade County.

The City took the following actions to further fair housing goals and objectives in the City of Homestead:

- The City conducted a meeting on May 11, 2011 to provide public education about Fair Housing and to solicit public comments regarding impediments to fair housing.
- The City has disbursed Spanish-language Fair Housing information to City Hall and City offices.
- The Fair Housing Logo appears on the City's website and community development correspondence and advertisements.
- April 2011 was declared Fair Housing Month in the City of Homestead.

Unmet Needs and Leveraging

The City of Homestead has a number of unmet needs that persisted in 2010-2011. Chief among them are a lack of resource to address aging infrastructure in low income neighborhoods, lack of economic opportunity within certain sectors of the City (particularly west of U.S. 1), and a large low-income population.

In addition, there are persistent housing issues, primarily in the western and southern parts of the City, which generally have the oldest housing stock and the highest number of housing problems, including lead-based paint and asbestos. Housing funding for acquisition, rehabilitation, and reconstruction is needed. However, Homestead does not receive HOME funds, and the SHIP program no longer offers state assistance. The NSP funding helped to address some of these concerns; however the City was not awarded NSP 3 funding.

GALATA and LeJardin leveraged CDBG funds with other funds to complete their projects. Both project utilized funding from Miami-Dade County.

Managing the Process

The City managed the CDBG program process in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. The City's CDBG functions are managed through the Finance Department and the City Manager's office. Any proposed projects or applications for funding are thoroughly reviewed at the staff level before final approval by the City Council. The City also utilizes the services of consultants to help implement CDBG activities.

All activities funded with CDBG are in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and the current EAR, and all other City policies.

Local residents, community leaders, the public, and City officials are notified of funding opportunities through interoffice communications, the City website, and local media (printed advertisements). City staff and consultants work with the community to develop eligible projects that will provide the community benefit and conform to the Consolidated Plan.

Citizen Participation

Citizens are provided an opportunity to provide input into the City's programs. Meetings are held several times every year to generate discussions related to community development needs and related topics. Meetings were held on May 11, August 2, and December 14 to obtain citizen views on housing and community development needs, fair housing, and program performance. On December 14, two meetings were held: one was at 2 pm in the Finance Department and the other was a 7 pm public hearing.

Complete program information is posted on the City's website. Availability of the CAPER for public comment was advertised in accordance with requirements and public comments will be reviewed and considered as they are received. In addition, the CAPER will be published on the City's website and copies are available at local libraries.

Institutional Structure

The City of Homestead manages the CDBG program through the Finance Department and the City Manager's office. The City has worked hard this year to create linkages across the departments to assist in implementation of the new Federal programs. While the City has had CDBG funds for many years, the relationship is now different because the City receives funding directly through HUD, rather than through the Florida Department of Community Affairs (now the Department of Economic Opportunity).

The City has recently developed new documents, policies and procedures specific to the CDBG program. The City is also aware that HUD has expectations regarding the timely expenditure of funds, and City management is actively communicating these requirements to department heads and others.

All activities are located within the City of Homestead and serve LMI residents within the service area or are LMI-client based. Maps in the appendix demonstrate the location and demographics of each area.

Monitoring

The City has developed a monitoring plan for CDBG subrecipients based on a new program manual.

The City monitors subrecipients as required. At this time, no formal monitorings have been conducted. However, certain procedures are in place. When the City received applications for public facilities from non-profit organizations, the City thoroughly reviewed all applications to determine the activities met a national objective, activity eligibility, and beneficiaries. The contract documents between the City and the non-profits will contain very specific language regarding accountability, Federal requirements (labor standards, Section 3, etc.), performance measures and fiscal management.

All project sites and staff are verified in person by City staff. In addition, staff is in frequent contact with subrecipient personnel and contractors. As the projects progress, the City will increase its compliance efforts, which will include executing a contract, reviewing plans and specifications, monitoring construction, and documenting beneficiary data.

In FY 2011-2012, formal monitorings will begin for CDBG recipients. Although participating parties are referred to as subrecipients, in fact these non-profit agencies receive no direct allocation of CDBG funds, nor do they carry out contracted CDBG services. Instead, contractors performing rehabilitation work on these facilities are paid directly by the City. In a few cases, such as the American Red Cross disaster preparedness projects, services to clients are provided directly by the subrecipient. The City has visited the Red Cross in the past to evaluate their record keeping and will schedule subsequent visits.

Lead-Based Paint

Under the City's programs, lead-based paint hazards are evaluated in residential structures built before 1978. The City will undertake such reviews when residential units are identified as possible purchases through the NSP, or if any residential structures are assisted through the CDBG program.

Management of lead-based paint includes several steps. First, the age and use of the property is determined. If the property was built prior to 1978 and is residential, a qualified firm is selected to perform a lead analysis. If lead is present, the paint is either encapsulated or stripped. The course of action for lead abatement is based on the extent of lead present and the estimated cost of repairs. Generally, minor amounts of lead are encapsulated and more extensive contamination required paint removal. The City has procured the services of an environmental team that can test housing structures for lead-based paint.

In 2010-2011, there was no LBP found related to any CDBG projects.

Housing Needs

The City of Homestead has unmet housing need that far outstrips available resources. It is anticipated, however, that NSP funds will help to meet some of those needs. In particular, the City is actively pursuing homes that will require substantial rehabilitation in the hopes of stabilizing targeted neighborhoods.

The City will recycle NSP funds into additional affordable housing in order to address unmet need. The City did not receive NSP 3 funds as those funds were allocated directly to the County.

Public Housing Strategy

The Homestead Housing Authority (HHA) operates a number of public housing facilities in the City of Homestead targeted to farm worker housing. The HHA is actually based in unincorporated Miami Dade County, several miles north of City limits on South Dixie Highway. While the HHA operates some facilities within the City, it does not offer housing to any population besides agricultural workers. The programs appear to operate very well, and the HHA is currently undergoing a significant capital expansion. The City has met with representatives of the HHA and, at this time, they have not indicated interest in City CDBG entitlement or NSP funding. The Rental Rehabilitation RFP was made available to the HHA during the application period. The City will continue to engage the Housing Authority by meeting with their staff and keeping abreast of their projects.

The City does not directly fund any public housing, nor does it manage Section 8 vouchers, HOPWA, ESG, HOME, or SHIP.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

There are several barriers to affordable housing in the City. The first is the price of houses in Miami-Dade County where, despite recent market corrections, housing remains expensive. The second barrier is a function of the first -- the relatively low wages earned by the typical resident of Homestead. Subsequently, low wages often contribute to poor credit, which creates additional barriers. In order to overcome barriers to affordable housing, the City began implementation of the CDBG's NSP. The City believes that this program will help mitigate barriers to affordable housing by providing foreclosed houses to renters and homeowners.

At this time, NSP houses are being transferred back into private ownership.

The City of Homestead was not eligible for NSP 3 funds and, therefore, will not be able to continue the program beyond program income received.

HOME/ADDI

The City of Homestead does not receive HOME or ADDI funds. These programs are, however, administered through Miami-Dade County and Homestead projects are sometimes funded.

Homeless Needs

Homeless programs funded through HUD are coordinated through Miami Dade County, and specifically the Homeless Trust. In particular, the Community Partnership's South Miami-Dade homeless facility located at 28205 SW 125th Avenue provides a complete campus for all homeless services. The City of Homestead actively supports the efforts of the County, the Continuum of Care, and the Community Partnership. The Community Partnership is an efficient and comprehensive agency that amply provides for homeless needs in Homestead.

The City of Homestead does not directly administer homeless funds. However, the City's efforts with NSP are intended to provide some relief to the issue of homelessness. In response, GALATA, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Homestead, is being granted five NSP houses to use for very low-income elderly housing. This arrangement will provide extremely affordable housing to very-low income elderly and will help to prevent homelessness.

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

The City fully supports the Homeless Trust of Miami-Dade County. The Homeless Trust provides services to Homestead residents, specifically the Community Partnership. Representatives of the City have met with the Community Partnership to discuss inter-agency cooperation.

It can also be noted, as in previous CAPERs, that NSP provides some homeless prevention elements. The City has started implementation of the NSP, in part, to help prevent homelessness. The majority of activities for homeless prevention in Dade County are coordinated at the County level. In particular, the City is allocating five NSP houses to GALATA, Inc. for use as elderly, VLI rental housing. All of the houses are located on the west and south side of the City and are accessible to shopping and public services. As program income is received, it is recycled into additional NSP activities, including those targeted to very low income families. There is also an NSP townhouse property that may be transferred to a homeless provider because it may not be marketable to an eligible client, although this has not been finalized.

The City does not utilize any CDBG funds for the direct purpose of homeless prevention, although all activities are designed to assist VLI and LMI clients and their families.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

The City of Homestead does not receive ESG funding. However, as an incorporated entity within Miami Dade County, the City is committed to coordinating Continuum of Care efforts within the jurisdiction to ensure the best possible delivery of services.

Community Development

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A summary of each CDBG project that is currently under way or completed is listed below:

- **American Red Cross:** Activity is complete.

Location: City-Wide

Description: This activity is a public service subject to a 15 percent cap of the annual CDBG allocation. The activity funded a program that reached a completely new clientele. The intent of the program was to provide disaster preparedness classroom education and emergency kits for LMI households. The goal of the program is to

enhance self sufficiency among Homestead residents in the event of a disaster. Advance preparations reduce reliance on emergency services in the aftermath of a disaster, thus freeing Red Cross resources to address urgent needs.

- **Association of Retarded Citizens:** Project is complete.

Location: 712 SW Krome Terrace, Homestead

Description: This project provided minor renovations to the kitchen and common areas of the ARC campus in southwest Homestead. The ARC clientele is considered non-homeless special needs and is also reported in that section of the CAPER.

- **EnFamilia:** Project is delayed due to issues with bidders.

Location: 141 North Krome Avenue, Homestead

Description: Renovation of facility that serves LMI residents. The project is limited in scope and involves restoration of flooring. There have been problem in obtaining accurate quotes from contractors to carry out the specific restoration work required. The project will be re-bid and completed in early 2012.

- **GALATA, Inc.:** Project is complete.

Location: 916 North Flagler Avenue, Homestead

Description: Renovation of facility to expand usable space and comply with current code requirements. The project is complete; however there are additional phases to completely remodel the facility.

- **LeJardin Daycare:** Project is complete.

Location: 104 NW 12th Street, Homestead

Description: LeJardin Daycare is a Headstart program that provides affordable child care to LMI families. The City of Homestead contributed \$79,000 toward the total cost of the new facility. The expansion represents a significant increase in the capacity of LeJardin to provide quality daycare to LMI families. A total of 120 children will be served by the new facility.

- **South Dade Weed and Seed:** Project is complete.

Location: 151 NW 11th Street, Suite 400, Homestead

Description: This activity was originally funded in FY 2008 and FY 2009. However, the project could not proceed because the organization did not have a permanent home. In late 2010, Weed and Seed moved into a new facility located adjacent to the old

Homestead Hospital. The project provided new paint and counter tops, bathroom renovations, and some electrical and plumbing modifications.

- **William Dickenson Community Center Fence:** Plans have been drawn and the project is currently in the bidding phase.

Location: 1601 North Krome Avenue, Homestead

Description: William Dickenson Community Center was originally slated to receive CDGB funds in 2008-2009. However, due to timing restraints and funding availability from other sources, the project proceeded without a CDBG contribution. However, since the project has been completed, there is a need to enclose and secure the building and parking areas with a fence. The CDBG funds will be expended for that purpose.

- **Wittkop Park and Wittkop Park Design:** Design is completed, the project has been bid and awarded, and construction is approximately 85 percent complete.

Location: 505 NW 9th Street, Homestead

Description: Improvements to an existing park located in a LMI neighborhood. Wittkop Park required planning over three years of CDBG funding in order to fund the improvements. The newly renovated park, when completed in 2012, will have a new playground, parking, landscaping, complete restroom facilities, and a handball court. The existing park facilities were out of date and had been severely damaged by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

- **CDBG-R: Washington Avenue Streetscape:** This project is not part of the regular CDBG entitlement and will be reported separately. However, it is funded with CDBG funds and is a community development project, so it should at least be mentioned. It is complete but for final electrical inspection and punch list items. The CDBG-R portion of the project has been expended but a balance from the FDOT grant remains until the final construction issues are resolved.

In summary, the majority of the City's CDBG Entitlement and CDBG-R efforts have been directed to Community Development. The Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) project, however, is a special needs population project since the clientele is developmentally disabled and presumed to be LMI.

The allocations for all of the direct Federal allocations since 2008 are as follows:

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TOTAL			\$723,200	\$863,322	\$796,075	\$781,545

Of these activities, the American Red Cross is an activity that is designed for Public Services and not a direct community development activity. The CDBG-R program is also a community development activity and funding was disbursed in FY 2009. However, the project is not yet closed because of final construction issues. CDBG-R can be summarized as follows:

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Administration	NA	NA	\$21,227
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TOTAL			\$212,274

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Also, NSP serves as a community development function because it is designed to stabilize neighborhoods. All NSP funding was obligated by September of 2010 and it is summarized below:

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)*

Activity	Amount
LMI Special Needs	\$ 872,685.00
Dowpayment Assistance	\$ 35,720.51
Purchase Rehabilitation	\$ 1,689,903.49
Administration	\$ 288,701.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,887,010.00

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During FY 2010-2011, the City completed the rehabilitation of fifteen housing units purchased by the City with the NSP allocation of \$2,887,010. Five of these housing units are in the process of being transferred to a local non-profit housing provider, GALATA, Inc., that will rent the units to very low income residents. The remaining ten homes are being offered for sale to eligible applicants through a lottery system.

One NSP house has been sold and closed. There are sales contracts on an additional four units, and the City is still soliciting applicants for this program. To date, three beneficiaries have been served as a result of the sale of one home.

Anti-Poverty Strategy

There are several ways that the City has pursued an anti-poverty strategy. First, the City has undertaken homeownership activities through the NSP that may help alleviate poverty. By providing stable, affordable homeownership and rental properties, certain families living close to the poverty line may receive enough assistance to help lift them out of poverty. As the City navigates the NSP to deliver assistance to residents, the efficacy of the program for this purpose will be evaluated.

In addition, the social service agencies funded by the City through the CDBG program all deal with low or very-low income families and individuals, including those with disabilities. By working with these agencies to fund improvements to their facilities, the city is helping to alleviate the conditions of poverty.

The City has recently completed LeJardin Daycare, which will provide valuable, affordable daycare for working families. This will foster a supportive community where people can go to work and rely on quality daycare for their children. GALATA provides services to immigrant communities, and helps to connect clients to available social service programs. South Dade Weed and Seed mentors at risk youth, and their intervention may help to break the cycle of poverty.

Non-Homeless Special Needs

The project to rehabilitate the facility housing the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) in Homestead provided resources to service a special needs population (the severely mentally disabled). The project provided \$5,780 for facility renovations, and serves a total of 28 beneficiaries.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

The Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership is the local entity responsible for administration of HOPWA throughout Dade County, including the City of Homestead. In FY 2011, the Partnership received \$12,498,939. Based on data contained in the 2010-2011 Comprehensive Plan for HIV/AIDS, there were between 300 and 900 reported cases of AIDS through 2007 in ZIP codes 33030, 33033, and 33035 (these ZIP codes include the City of Homestead and some surrounding areas).

Although the City of Homestead does not receive HOPWA funds, the City is committed to full cooperation with the Partnership. The City will coordinate, to the extent possible, with the Partnership to provide support regarding specific HOPWA objectives.

Performance Measures

Activities funded by the City are expected to be completed in a timely and professional manner. The City has policies and procedures in place to monitor the performance of subrecipients. This process ensures that the subrecipients are in compliance with Federal and local requirements.

The City has not, to date, funded agencies over multiple years, either for capital projects or public services. In addition, this CAPER represents only the third year of funding. Therefore, no trends have been detected in subrecipient performance. It is reasonable to expect, however, that there will be an increase in services provided by the non-profits that have received funding to enhance their facilities. In particular, the City will revisit LeJardin Daycare and GALATA since they underwent the most dramatic renovations.

In FY 2011-2012, the Red Cross will receive additional public services funding to expand the disaster preparedness program. This will provide an excellent opportunity to observe an increase in service delivery to a specific population.

Attachment A - PR26 Report

Attachment B – Completed Activities

Attachment C – Proof of Public Comment Period

Attachment D – Area Maps