



City of Elmira FY 2019-2020 CAPER

A Report on Elmira's Housing and Community Development Accomplishments

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) details the City's accomplishments during the Program Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. It compares the actual performance measures with those expected in the Annual Action Plan. The CAPER reports on activities funded through the federal HOME Partnership and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. A total of **\$1,439,448.39** was expended during the Program Year from CDBG/HOME/Program Income. This summary demonstrates some of the City's overall housing, community development, economic development, and public service accomplishments and activities.

Revitalization Efforts

During the program year, the Department installed a new community playground at Ernie Davis Park. The park complements the new affordable housing complex Libertad, which is adjacent to the park. The Department was successful in obtaining a "Zombie" and Vacant Properties grant (Rounds 2) to address issues of bank-owned and abandoned properties. Staff participated in the Cities Rise Program (Round 3) to increase the capacity of the Code Enforcement Department, and the New York State Anti-Displacement Learning Network to develop a strategy to prevent homelessness. Additionally, in January 2020, the City was awarded \$1.3 Million in funding from HUD to establish a Lead Hazard Reduction and Abatement Program. The department continued to work with community partners to provide public service programs and economic development initiatives. The revitalization efforts continue to enhance the current and future CDBG and HOME investments, especially supporting the City's low to moderate income residents.

\$508,476.17 in Federal Funds Expended for Low to Moderate Income Housing Activities

Improving the condition of the City's housing stock for low to moderate income individuals and families continue to be a key priority for the City of Elmira. During the Program Year, **12** owner-occupied housing units were rehabilitated and completed using **\$257,813.26** in CDBG and HOME funds. **10** new First-Time Homebuyer closings took place and homebuyers benefited from a total of **\$130,000** in down payment and closing cost assistance and pre-counseling. Within the City, **141 households** received Housing Counseling services from Catholic Charities, and Second Place East provided shelter for **567** individuals.

Funds for Public Services and Non-Profits

A total of **\$111,000** was provided to assist **7** non-profit organizations to provide services, programs, and projects aimed at benefiting low to moderate income Elmira residents. Services provided included funding for community centers, Catholic Charities housing counseling services and homeless prevention.

