

PART NINE. ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2005-2006

A. Introduction

Previous chapters of this document describe the needs, goals and strategies for meeting the needs of low and moderate-income persons in the City of Myrtle Beach over the next 5 years. The Annual Action Plan describes the specific activities that will be undertaken in the 2005 program year with the City's CDBG funds. The City of Myrtle Beach expects to receive \$228,237 to implement activities for the 2005-2006 Program Year. The activities proposed for funding are as follows:

Table 9-1. Annual Action Plan CDBG Funding, Program Year 2005-2006

Priority Need	Projects	2005/2006 Funds Allocated
Infrastructure	Annual Bond Payment	\$168,800
Public Facility	Public Market Redevelopment Project Plans	\$ 44,437
Administration	CDBG Program Administration	\$ 15,000
Total		\$228,237

B. Funding Sources

1. Federal Resources

The federal resources expected to be available to the City of Myrtle Beach, the Myrtle Beach Housing Authority, and local non-profits include the following program sources:

a. HUD - CDBG program =	\$ 228,237
b. HUD - Section 8 Rental Assistance program renewals (734 units) =	\$ 4,000,000
c. HUD - Homeownership Assistance =	\$ 28,000
d. HUD - DMH Other Rental Assistance (146 units) =	\$ 732,000
e. HUD - HMIS =	\$ 45,000
f. HUD - SHP - Supportive Services - Alliance Inn Apts. =	\$ 99,000
g. HUD - SHP/HOME - Safe Place At The Beach Apts. =	\$ 198,000
h. USDA – Public Market Redevelopment Plans =	\$ 65,000
Subtotal	\$ 5,395,237

2. Other Possible Governmental Resources

a. State Housing Auth. HOME grant - SPATB/TBHA =	\$ 87,000
b. State Housing Auth. HOME grant - Women's Shelter =	\$ 300,000
c. State Housing Auth. HOME grant - Unity Village Land Acquisition =	\$ 500,000
d. SC Department of Mental Health grant - Women's Shelter =	\$ 100,000
e. City of Myrtle Beach - Public Market Redevelopment Plans =	\$ 169,000
Subtotal	\$ 1,156,000

Total Governmental Resources Projected To Be Available FY 2005/06 **\$ 6,551,237**

3. Leveraging of Other Resources

Other private and non-federal public funds will be leveraged into the projects listed in this Annual Action Plan. In addition to the governmental funding sources listed above, private funding of approximately \$32,350,000 could be leveraged for the new housing construction and multi-family rehabilitation projects proposed to be undertaken as follows:

a. New Apts. Douglas Co. LIHTC Program/Private (128 units) =	\$12,900,000
b. Habitat Homes (5 units) =	\$ 350,000
c. New Apts. Douglas Co. SCSHFDA bonds (150 units) =	\$15,000,000
d. Heyward Court Apts. GSH/Owner LIHTC (41 units) =	<u>\$ 4,100,000</u>
Total non-governmental funds	\$32,350,000

C. Specific Objectives

1. Non-Housing Community Development Objectives

The specific Strategic Plan objectives for the former BTW Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, now referred to as the LMI Eligible Area, for the 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan are included in Table 9-2.

Table 9-2. Non-Housing Community Development Objectives

Priority Objective 1. Provide adequate and safe streets, water, sewer, sidewalks and storm drainage to LMI residents.	
#	Strategies
1.1	Make the last of 9 annual bond payments for the \$5.1 million project
1.4	Improve existing paved roads
1.5	Construct or improve storm drainage facilities
Priority Objective 2. Redevelop and revitalize blighted commercial areas in LMI areas.	
2.1	Develop detailed plans for all phases of the redevelopment of the Public Market District
2.3	Provide design and engineering services for construction and infrastructure needed for the redevelopment of the Public Market District
Priority Objective 3. Expand economic opportunities for LMI residents.	
3.1	Develop detailed plans for commercial development within the Public Market District
3.2	Develop designs for the Public Market and Farmers Market that provide the best possible opportunities for the success of local small businesses and entrepreneurs
3.3	Develop detailed Business Recruitment Plan for the Public Market District
3.4	In conjunction with the Public Market Advisory Board, develop a Unified Marketing Plan for the District

2. Citywide Housing Objectives

The specific Strategic Plan objectives for housing both within the City of Myrtle Beach and in the greater MBHA Service Area for the 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan are included in Table 9-3.

Table 9-3. Citywide Housing Objectives

Priority Objective 5. Provide and/or support adequate, decent and affordable housing for LMI residents.	
#	Strategies
5.1	Support the programs and efforts of the MBHA
5.2	Continue to seek expanded affordable housing resources
5.3	Work with the Waccamaw COG to create a 3-county HOME Consortium
5.4	Assist and support the efforts of private affordable housing developers in providing new affordable housing
5.5	Continue support and collaboration with Habitat for Humanity of Horry County, Inc.
Priority Objective 6. Support programs that provide housing and services for homeless populations.	
6.1	Support services for the homeless
6.2	Encourage and support the development of transitional and permanent housing for the homeless
6.3	Support regional efforts to alleviate homelessness
6.4	Continue partnership with the 6-county regional Total Care for the Homeless Coalition
6.5	Continue partnerships with state agencies (DMH, SHA, DHEC) on issues related to homelessness

3. Administrative Objectives

The specific Strategic Plan objectives for CDBG administration for the 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan are included in Table 9-4.

Table 9-4. CDBG Administrative Objectives

Priority Objective 9: Develop and produce plans and studies that will assist in identifying and evaluating community needs and establish detailed strategies for implementation.	
#	Strategies
7.2	Conduct neighborhood plans and studies
7.3	Provide administrative services to support the CDBG program

D. Description of Projects

1. Description of Non-Housing Community Development Projects

The City intends to undertake two major non-housing community development activities within the LMI Eligible Area during the 2005-2006 program year.

- a.** The first project consists of final payment of a **9-year annual bond payment** by the City for stormwater drainage and street improvements in the former BTW Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area, now referred to as the LMI Eligible Area.

- b. The second project is the first phase of a multi-year project that will result in the redevelopment and revitalization of a blighted and underutilized area in the heart of the LMI Eligible Area of the City. The City of Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand Housing and Community Development Corporation (GSH&CDC) are in the process of creating the **Public Market District** on an underutilized area of more than 10 acres that currently consists of blighted properties including an abandoned warehouse, utility substation, old rail lines and a train depot, an empty lumberyard and smaller vacant lots and commercial structures. The site is within LMI Census Tracts 506 and 507 and links a number of low-income, predominantly minority neighborhoods and the 5-Points Downtown district that is characterized by declining businesses that must compete with newer, large-scale commercial development that is burgeoning outside the Downtown. The Market District will anchor revitalization efforts and will offer a farmers market; an accessible venue for cultural, musical and arts events; a mini-park; preservation of the historic train depot and museum; and a public market and artisans center for regional cuisine and crafts (particularly showcasing Coastal, Lowcountry, Pee Dee and Gullah products). Through the leveraging of CDBG funds, the City intends to create a Public Market District that will replace the previously blighted and underutilized mixed-use commercial/industrial/warehouse area adjacent to these LMI neighborhoods with a lively, productive and attractive community gathering and shopping area and center for entrepreneurship and commerce.

Tables 9-5 and 9-6 include specific information related to the non-housing community development activities planned by the City of Myrtle Beach for the 2005-2006 program year. Table 9-7 includes specific information related to the administrative activities planned by the City of Myrtle Beach for the coming program year.

2. Description of CDBG Projects with Program Income

The City Finance Department has completed an internal audit of CDBG Program Income. City Council has amended the FY 03/04 Annual Action Plan to reprogram available program income based on the results of the audit. The audit agreed with the figures previously reported to HUD of CDBG program income of \$49,267 and HOME program income of \$53,216. The CDBG program income has been reprogrammed as follows: (1) Preliminary Engineering Study of Planning Area 3 Streets and Drainage - \$25,000; (2) Zoning Ordinance Update - \$20,000; and (3) Public Market District Development Plan - \$4,267; for a total of \$49,267. The HOME program income has been reprogrammed as follows: (1) Monticello Park Apartments - \$51,382; and (2) Alliance Inn - \$1,834; for a total of \$53,216.

3. Description of Citywide Housing Action Projects Funded with Non-CDBG Funds

Plans include assistance for a total of 1,336 households/housing units in FY 05/06 including:

1. MBHA proposes to assist 905 households with Section 8 vouchers and/or other rental assistance, and for more families if additional funds become available.

2. Technical assistance to Grand Strand Housing and other non-profit and for-profit affordable housing developers to fund and build a total of 319 new affordable housing units.
3. Conversion of 5 Section 8 voucher recipients to homeownership.
4. Establish the Waccamaw HOME Consortium to provide affordable housing for the homeless and low-income renters and owners.
5. Acquisition of HOME, HTF, DMH and SHP program funds from SCSHFDA and HUD for the 26-unit *Safe Place at the Beach* homeless permanent supportive housing project.
6. Renewal of operating and supportive services for the 54-unit Alliance Inn Apartments for homeless individuals and families.
7. Land acquisition, relocation and expansion of the Street Reach Mission for homeless persons to the new Unity Village, which will accommodate 200 persons.
8. Technical assistance to acquire 5 vacant lots in LMI Eligible Area for new homes to be built by Habitat for Humanity.
9. Work towards the establishment of a 20-unit Women's Facility to provide transitional housing for homeless women possibly at the Unity Village site or another key location.
10. Renewal of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) HUD grant to continue the linkage of local homeless service provider organizations.

Table 9-8 includes a listing of housing activities planned in the Myrtle Beach area for the 2005-2006 program year.

**Table 9-5. BTW Neighborhood Streets and Storm Drainage Improvements
(HUD Table 3)
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects**

Applicant's Name City of Myrtle Beach

Priority Need
Infrastructure

Project Title
BTW Neighborhood Streets and Storm Drainage Improvements Project – Annual Bond Payment

Project Description
Annual bond payment by the City for stormwater drainage and street improvements in the BTWNRS area. This project was pre-approved by HUD in lieu of a 108 Loan from HUD. This is the 9th of 9 annual payments on this bond. CDBG funds of \$1.9 million have leveraged an additional \$3.2 million in City funds for the \$5.1 million long-term infrastructure project. The project is directly benefiting 1,500 persons living in the BTWNRS area.

Location
Booker T. Washington neighborhood in LMI Census tract 506

Objective Number 1	Project ID 0001	Funding Sources: CDBG <u>\$168,800</u> ESG <u>\$ 0</u> HOME <u>\$ 0</u> HOPWA <u>\$ 0</u> Total Formula <u>\$168,800</u> Prior Year Funds <u>\$ 0</u> Assisted Housing <u>\$ 0</u> PHA <u>\$ 0</u> Other Funding <u>\$ 0</u> Total <u>\$168,800</u>
HUD Matrix Code 03	CDBG Citation 570.201(c)	
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMA	
Start Date 07/01/2005	Completion Date 06/30/2006	
Performance Indicator Bond Paid in Full	Annual Units n/a	
Local ID n/a	Units Upon Completion n/a	

The primary purpose of the project is to help: the Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

**Table 9-6. Public Market Redevelopment Plans
(HUD Table 3)
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects**

Applicant's Name City of Myrtle Beach

Priority Need

Public Facility

Project Title

Public Market Redevelopment Project Plans

Project Description

Architectural and engineering feasibility study and plans for the Public Market Redevelopment project

Location

LMI Census tract 506

Objective Number 2 and 3	Project ID 0002
HUD Matrix Code 20	CDBG Citation 570.208(a)(1)
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective LMA
Start Date 07/01/2005	Completion Date 06/30/2006
Performance Indicator Completed Project Plans	Annual Units n/a
Local ID n/a	Units Upon Completion n/a

Funding Sources:

CDBG	\$ 44,437
ESG	\$ 0
HOME	\$ 0
HOPWA	\$ 0
Total Formula	\$ 44,437
Prior Year Funds	\$ 0
Assisted Housing	\$ 0
PHA	\$ 0
Other Funding	\$105,536*
Total	\$150,000

* Funding from the City and other sources

The primary purpose of the project is to help: the Homeless Persons with HIV/AIDS Persons with Disabilities Public Housing Needs

**Table 9-7. Administration
(HUD Table 3)
Consolidated Plan Listing of Projects**

Applicant's Name City of Myrtle Beach

Priority Need

n/a

Project Title

Administration

Project Description

Administration to support the City of Myrtle Beach CDBG program

Location

City of Myrtle Beach

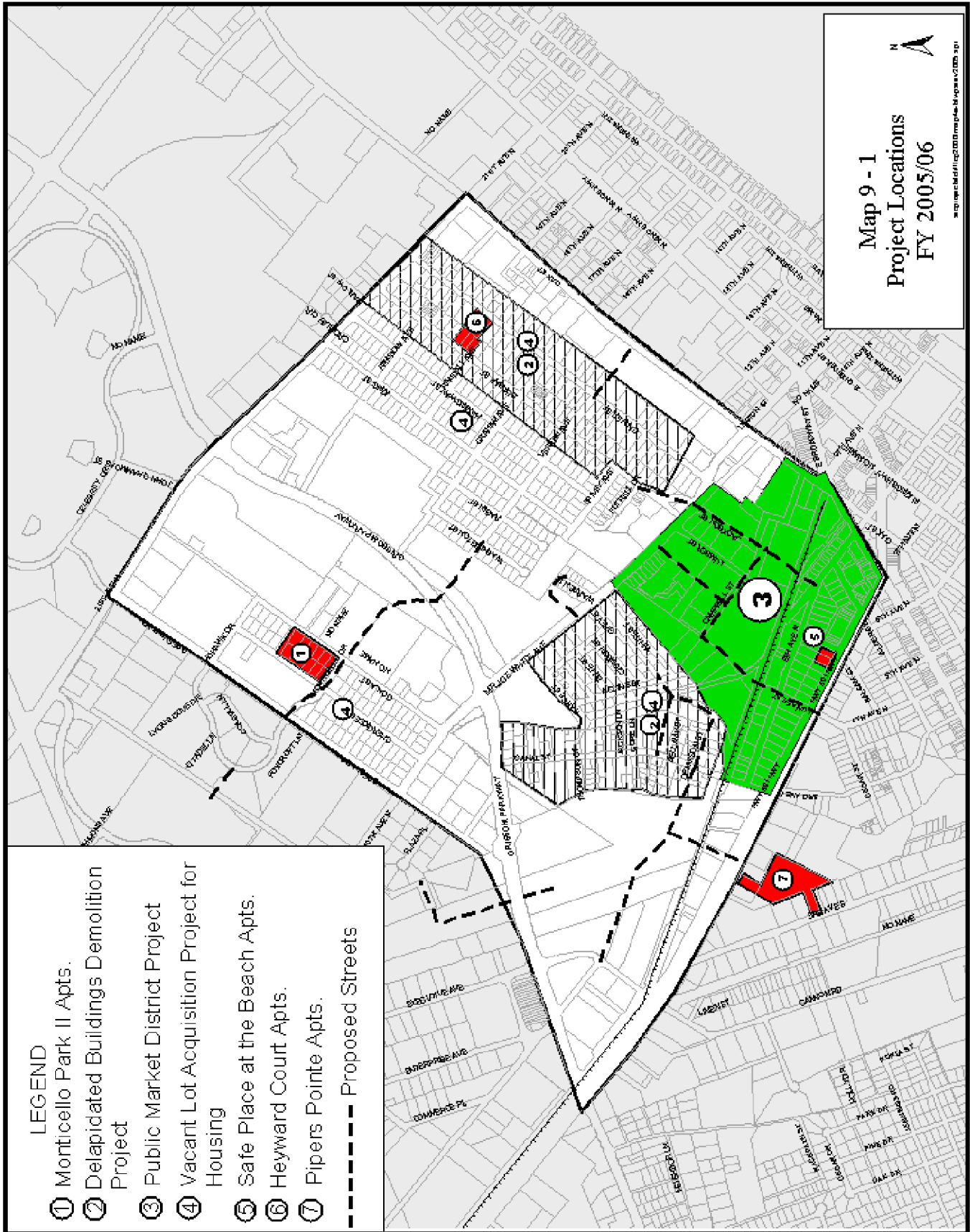
Objective Number 7	Project ID 0003	Funding Sources: CDBG \$ <u>15,000</u> ESG \$ <u>0</u> HOME \$ <u>0</u> HOPWA \$ <u>0</u> Total Formula \$ <u>15,000</u> Prior Year Funds \$ <u>0</u> Assisted Housing \$ <u>0</u> PHA \$ <u>0</u> Other Funding \$ <u>0</u> Total \$ <u>15,000</u>
HUD Matrix Code 21a	CDBG Citation n/a	
Type of Recipient Local Government	CDBG National Objective n/a	
Start Date 07/01/2005	Completion Date 06/30/2006	
Performance Indicator n/a	Annual Units n/a	
Local ID n/a	Units Upon Completion n/a	

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Table 9-8. Planned Housing Activities in the Myrtle Beach Area, FY 2005-2006

Project	Sponsors/ Funding Source	Number of Units	Priority Needs	Funds FY 04/05
Lot Acquisition for Single Family Homeownership	Habitat for Humanity of Horry County/SCSHFDA- Housing Trust Fund	5 lots 5 new const.	First-time Home-buyers Habitat Construction Match	\$100,000 \$350,000
Monticello Park II Apartments	Douglas Co./GSH/SCSHFDA- LIHTC Funds	56 new units	Small to Medium Family Renters	\$5,900,000
Housing Rental Assistance	MBHA-HUD/Sec.8 Program	734 units renewal	Small to Large Family Renters Existing Customers @ \$5,375 each	\$4,000,000
Housing Rental Assistance	MBHA - HUD/Sec.8 Program	66 units renewal	Disabled Families	\$320,000
Housing Rental Assistance	Home Alliance- MBHA/DMH	6 units renewal	Homeless & disabled persons	\$23,000
Unity Village – I Land Acq./Rehab Bldg. for Homeless Shelter	Home Alliance, Inc./ City/ MBHA/Others – acquire property from Lowe’s Corp.- SCSHFDA/HTF grant + donation	200 persons 2 shelter units	Relocate and expand Street Reach Mission for homeless persons	\$500,000
Sec. 8 Rental Assist. Conversion to Homeownership	MBHA/HUD/ - Rental Assist. Program	5 vouchers for homeownership	Existing Tenants - down payment and closing costs and/or monthly payments for mortgage @ \$5,500	\$28,000
Housing Rental Assistance	MBHA - HUD/Sec.8 program	50 units new	Small to Large Family Renters New customers @ \$5,375 each	\$269,000
Housing Rental Assistance	MBHA + Waccamaw Housing/DMH - Shelter + Care	24 units renewal	Homeless & disabled persons	\$120,000
Housing Rental Assistance/SBATB	MBHA/SCSHFDA HOME	25 units	Homeless & disabled persons	\$87,000
Safe Place At The Beach Apartments	Home Alliance Inc.+ WCMH – SCSHFDA HOME/HTF/DMH	26 units acquire + rehab const.	Homeless & disabled persons Permanent Supportive Housing	\$350,000
Pipers Pointe Apartments	Douglas Co./GSH/SCSHFDA – LIHTC Funds	72 units new const.	Small to medium family renters	\$7,000,000
Heyward Court PUD Project	GSH – SCSHFDA – LIHTC/HOME Funds	41 units new const.	Small to medium family renters and homeowners	\$4,100,000
Waccamaw HOME Consortium – Establish Program	City + Waccamaw Regional COG - HOME Grant from HUD	n/a	Affordable housing for homeless + low income renters and owners persons/families	\$500,000
Alliance Inn Apts. Supportive services	Home Alliance – HUD – SHP Grant Renewal	54 units renewal	Homeless persons/families	\$98,000
Women’s Facility for Homeless	Home Alliance Inc. – SCSHFDA – HOME/HTF/DMH	20 units	SRO units for transitional housing with supportive services	\$750,000
Apartments	Douglas Co./SCSHFDA/Bonds	150 units	Small to medium family renters	\$15,000,000
Total	17 projects	1,336 units		\$39,495,000

Map 9-1. Project Locations FY 2005/2006



D. Geographic Distribution

1. LMI Eligible Area

All projects funded through the CDBG program will be located within the area of the City known as the “LMI Eligible Area” and shown on the map included in Appendix D. All proposed housing projects, programs and activities will be located within the LMI Eligible Area, with the exception of the distribution and use of Section 8 rental assistance vouchers, which may be used within the entire MBHA service area, including areas outside of the City of Myrtle Beach. Project locations for FY 2005/2006 are shown on Map 9-1.

2. Section 8 Service Area

The Myrtle Beach Housing Authority’s Section 8 rental assistance service area includes the eastern one-third of Horry County as shown on Map 4-1. Rental assistance vouchers may be used for any approved rental unit located within the MBHA service area.

E. Homeless and Other Special Populations

1. Homeless Population

Home Alliance, Inc. is a local non-profit corporation created specifically to build new homeless housing projects using the continuum-of-care strategy. Home Alliance, Inc. was created by several existing non-profits and the Myrtle Beach Housing Authority – with technical assistance from the City of Myrtle Beach and the Waccamaw Center for Mental Health – to build the 3-story, 54-unit *Alliance Inn Apartment* building. The *Low Income Housing Tax Credit* program has approved funding for property acquisition and 44 apartments for transitional housing. HUD’s Supportive Housing Program (SHP) awarded a \$700,000 grant to build 10 apartments as permanent homeless housing with space for a supportive service center.

A second HUD-SHP project has been approved to provide access for each of the homeless housing and supportive health care provider organizations to a computerized Internet-based *Homeless Management Information System* (HMIS). A grant in the amount of \$168,000 to Home Alliance, Inc., sponsor of the SHP grant to the 7-county Total Care for the Homeless Coalition, is funding the provision of the HMIS to 35 organizations.

Safe Place at the Beach is a 25-unit permanent supportive housing facility planned for the downtown Myrtle Beach area to serve chronically homeless disabled individuals through permanent supportive housing. A local motel is proposed to be purchased and rehabbed with a combination of funds from the HUD-SHP and South Carolina State Housing Authority programs. The estimated acquisition and rehabilitation cost is \$650,000 for this program year. Home Alliance, Inc. and the Waccamaw Center for Mental Health are the pre-development partners for this project.

Unity Village is a proposed project that will create a campus of facilities in Myrtle Beach for the homeless that will expand the current emergency shelter capacity and will include a

temporary cold weather facility. The project is in the concept phase pending further progress in obtaining a suitable site for the project.

A *Drop-In/Sober Center Facility* is needed in Myrtle Beach to accommodate the large number of homeless persons with substance abuse issues and homeless persons suffering from chronic mental illness. A Drop-In/Sober Center would provide homeless persons with mental and substance abuse problems a temporary place to receive calls and other communications from potential employers or service agencies, take a shower, or use the restroom. The Center would also provide referrals for persons that need treatment and mental health services or admission to residential facilities.

2. Elderly and Other Special Needs Populations

There are several rental properties within the Myrtle Beach area that have housing units that are specifically for elderly and/or disabled residents. Jefferson Place Apartments provides 41 units for the elderly, Plantation Apartments provides 40 units (of the 110 in the complex), and Swansgate Apartments provides 122 units for elderly and/or disabled residents. All of these rental properties are under private ownership, but received funding assistance through programs such as Section 8, the SC LIHTC program, CDBG, HOME, and other private and public sources.

There are 3 nursing homes in the City of Myrtle Beach with a total of 222 beds that provide long-term care of chronic conditions or short-term convalescent or rehabilitative care of remedial ailments for which medical and nursing care are necessary. While some nursing home residents are admitted for shorter convalescent or rehabilitative stays following hospitalization, most nursing facility residents are older adults who require long-term care. Outside of the City but within the greater Myrtle Beach area of Horry County there are 4 additional nursing homes with capacity for 490 residents.

The City of Myrtle Beach is home to 4 assisted living facilities that are able to accommodate a combined total of more than 430 residents. Assisted living facilities are designed to accommodate changing needs and preferences of residents; maximize the dignity, autonomy, privacy, independence, and safety of residents; and encourage family and community involvement. Also included is any facility (other than a hospital), which offers a beneficial or protected environment specifically for individuals who have mental illness or disabilities. Outside of the City but within the greater Myrtle Beach area of Horry County there are 5 additional assisted living facilities with capacity for 604 residents.

F. Needs of Public Housing

Because the MBHA does not own or provide administration for public housing within its service area, there are no needs related to public housing at this time.

G. Anti-Poverty Strategy

The projects to be undertaken with CDBG and other federal and State funds in FY 2005-2006 will help to reduce the number of families in poverty by providing decent housing for elderly and disabled persons, shelter and housing for the homeless, assistance to new first-time home-buyers and other renters utilizing Section 8 rental assistance vouchers. MBHA has applied for a federal *Public Housing Residents to Self-Sufficiency* grant to provide job training to assist residents in reducing their dependence on government support and subsidies.

The City of Myrtle Beach and Grand Strand Housing and Community Development Corporation are planning a new jobs development project in the LMI Eligible Area (Booker T. Washington Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area). The project involves the creation of a Public Market Revitalization District in an underutilized area now characterized by blighted properties that include an abandoned warehouse, utility station, a train depot, an empty lumberyard, and smaller vacant lots and commercial structures. The site is bounded by 3 low-income, minority neighborhoods and the 5-Points Downtown district characterized by declining businesses that must compete with newer large-scale commercial developments. The Public Market District will anchor revitalization efforts and offer a farmers market; avenue for cultural, musical and arts events; a mini-park; preservation of the historic train depot and museum; and a public market and artisan's center for regional cuisine and crafts to showcase distinctive Pee Dee, Coastal, Lowcountry and Gullah products. The project will provide employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for local LMI residents, as well as residents and farmers in neighboring rural, predominantly minority counties. A feasibility study has been completed and has determined that the development of a farmers/public market is feasible. A summertime test market was established to experience first-hand the level of interest and popularity of the market with the public. A more detailed plan for development of the permanent market is the next step in the process. CDBG program income funds will be used during this next program year to help fund this project.

H. Lead-Based Paint Hazards

The City of Myrtle Beach will refer applicants of remodeling permits who may have young children to the DHEC/Waccamaw Health District Office for lead paint testing. Information will be provided by the City's Community Development Office and Construction Services Office to builders and citizens concerning lead-based paint hazards.

I. Other Actions

The City of Myrtle Beach staff will work with the Community Coalition of Horry County, United Way, Total Care for the Homeless Coalition, Family Care Alliance and other appropriate organizations to coordinate and encourage the appropriate organizations (identified elsewhere in the Consolidated Plan) to continue and increase their work to meet the unmet needs of all LMI persons and families in need of assistance. The City of Myrtle Beach will undertake the specific projects listed elsewhere in this Annual Action Plan to

provide housing to LMI families, homeless persons, and other special needs groups. The City of Myrtle Beach and the Myrtle Beach Housing Authority and its non-profit organizations are working closely together to provide quality public housing, Section 8 rental assistance housing units, expanded emergency shelter and housing for the homeless, and affordable housing opportunities for LMI persons and families in Myrtle Beach.

J. Monitoring

The monitoring standards and procedures to be used are described in the Consolidated Plan. Monitoring activities will be conducted periodically (depending upon the type of project) to maintain an effective management control of each CDBG funded project. Overall program assessment will be conducted on an annual basis.

K. Specific CDBG Submission Requirements

1. Sources of Funds

- a. There is no new program income anticipated in this program year.
- b. There was \$49,267.30 in program income from land sales plus \$53,216 in real estate sales from the HOME program available from the preceding program years.
- c. There are no proceeds from Section 108 loans.
- d. There are no funds from any Urban Renewal grant settlement.
- e. There are no grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.

2. Float Funded Activities

There are no planned float-funded activities.

3. Project and Activity Locations

CDBG funded projects and activities are located in the LMI Eligible Area of the City of Myrtle Beach. MBHA public housing and Section 8 rental assistance vouchers are located in the City of Myrtle Beach or in the larger MBHA Section 8 jurisdictional area as shown on Map 3-1 in the Consolidated Plan.

4. Contingency

No contingency funds have been allocated for this program year.

L. HOME, ESG, HOPWA Submission Requirements

The City of Myrtle Beach is not eligible for these programs on an entitlement basis from HUD. Local applications for these funds are sent to appropriate State government offices.

M. Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

The City of Myrtle Beach, in partnership with the Myrtle Beach Housing Authority, completed *An Analysis of Impediments To Fair Housing Choice, Myrtle Beach, SC* in August 2003 and found “no direct substantiated impediments to fair housing choice related to actions, omissions or decisions based on race, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin that restricts or has the effect of restricting housing choice or availability of housing choice.” The City of Myrtle Beach plans to continue to implement the specific action plan goals listed in its analysis report: (1) increase citizen awareness of fair housing rights and programs; (2) provide fair housing surveillance and enforcement programs; and (3) increase affordable housing opportunities for LMI households. The City government will continue to maintain and advertise the Housing Hot Line for housing discrimination complaints and the Myrtle Beach Human Rights Commission will receive, investigate, and process complaints of housing discrimination.

N. Identifying Benchmarks

The City of Myrtle Beach, Office of the City Manager evaluates the annual performance reports prepared by the Community Development Office for the CDBG program. The City Manager and City Council continually review the performance of the HUD-funded projects implemented by the Housing Authority and Community Development Office citywide and in the BTWNRS area.

O. Coordination

The City of Myrtle Beach does not qualify for entitlement funding for many of HUD’s housing and supportive services programs because of its relatively small permanent population. City and Housing Authority staff continually search for federal funds for housing projects and programs that can be accessed through State government agencies. The City staff is open to any ideas as to how to increase the public and private financial resources available to the City, Housing Authority, and/or local non-profit corporations for affordable housing, homeless housing facilities, supportive services, and neighborhood revitalization.

The new HMIS computer connection facilitates communication and coordination of the participating homeless service provider agencies and acts as a planning tool for the needs of the homeless, and uninsured. The HMIS also serves as a catalyst for coordination and sharing of ideas and concerns between service providers for the homeless in the TCHC region.

Total Care for the Homeless (TCHC) is another grassroots coordinating organization created to coordinate and plan improved services for the homeless in a 6-county regional area that includes the Myrtle Beach and Sumter MSAs plus 4 adjacent rural counties. TCHC reviews and prioritizes local applications to HUD for funds from the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and other Continuum of Care funding programs designed to fight homelessness. TCHC has received a 3-year SHP grant to fund the establishment of an

HMIS for the 6-county region. TCHC is also working with three adjacent Continuum of Care regions to develop the beginnings of a planned statewide HMIS.

City staff also coordinates with the State Housing Authority and other statewide housing organizations such as the Authority's South Carolina Partners in Homeownership, the SC Coalition for the Homeless, and the Affordable Housing Coalition of South Carolina.

P. Citizen Comments

The detailed description of the citizen participation process is located in Part Two and Appendix C of the Consolidated Plan. There were no substantive citizen comments received about the Annual Action Plan. There is agreement by interested citizens with the proposed projects. The shrinking amount of annual CDBG funds is a continuing concern for Myrtle Beach.