CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT
PROGRAM YEAR 2014 (YEAR 5)

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 CAPER covers the 12-month program year July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 (Year 5). The Yakima County HOME Consortium has selected July 1 as the program year start date.

This CAPER serves as the fifth of five annual reports on the Yakima County 2010-14 Consolidated Plan Five Year Plan for Affordable Housing (Consolidated Plan). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would like to see that communities provide citizens with a comprehensive report on Consolidated Plan activities in a format that is understandable and demonstrates strategies undertaken. The CAPER is the Consortium's effort to do this. This report summarizes the variety of activities, both funded and unfunded by HUD, which assist residents of Consortium areas, especially its low- and moderate-income residents, in furthering and achieving economic opportunities.

In the Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plan for Year 5 submitted in May 2014, the Consortium presented one goal:

- Revitalize neighborhoods through stabilization and the expansion of home ownership.

During Year 5, the Consortium advanced the above goal through expenditure of administrative, program, and local dollars to accomplish housing rehabilitation activities. Near the end of the FY 2012 (Year 3) program year, the HOME Consortium lead agency was transferred from the Yakima County Department of Human Services to the Yakima County Department of Public Services to capitalize on Public Service’s greater capacity for monitoring, inspections, rehabilitation, and administration. The reorganization increased efficiency and will result in long-term cost savings. In the short term, it required reorganization, including the hiring and training of a full-time HOME Administrator. After the hiring process was complete in December 2013, the HOME Consortium revisited, revised, and adopted housing rehabilitation loan structures, policies, and forms. Contractors were identified, and outreach for housing rehabilitation loan application submittals began.

II. INTRODUCTION

In fall 2009, a consortium of six cities in the Yakima Valley and Yakima County – representing the unincorporated areas – joined together to develop a Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan provides a framework for action to expand affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households living in the cities of Grandview, Mabton, Sunnyside, Toppenish, Union Gap, Wapato, and unincorporated Yakima County.

HOME is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year, HUD allocates approximately $2 billion among the states and hundreds of localities nationwide. The program was designed to reinforce several important values and principles of community development:

- HOME’s flexibility empowers people and communities to design and implement strategies tailored to local needs and priorities.
• HOME's emphasis on consolidated planning expands and strengthens partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector in the development of affordable housing.
• HOME's technical assistance activities and set-aside for qualified community-based nonprofit housing groups builds the capacity of these partners while improving affordable housing in Yakima County.
• HOME's requirement that Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) match 25 cents of every dollar in program funds mobilizes community resources in support of affordable housing.

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is a consolidated report on activities in the HOME program received by the Yakima County HOME Consortium (Consortium).

III. PERFORMANCE REPORTS

SUMMARY OF RESOURCES AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

In FY 2010 (Year 1), after contacting qualified agencies to act as sub-recipient for the Rehabilitation Program, it was discovered that there was not capacity at that time in Yakima County to pursue a Rehabilitation Program. The Year 1 Annual Action Plan was amended to remove Rehabilitation, add Construction of Single-Family Homeowner Units, and allocate HOME funds for New Construction of Rental Housing and Single-family Affordable Housing Construction in each jurisdiction by a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). In Year 1 through Year 3, funds were used for rental and single-family home construction project delivery costs, contracting, and construction.

By the end of Year 2, the HOME Consortium had allocated 24% of total funds to the CHDO set-aside (15% required). In Year 3, the HOME Consortium allocated 9.9% of funds to production of affordable rental housing. By the end of Year 2, this had resulted in a total of 37.8% being allocated to production of affordable rental housing during Year 1 through Year 3, nearly meeting the 40% goal outlined in the Consolidated Plan. Since these targets had been substantially met, and to address the 60% allocation goal of the rehabilitation program outlined in the Consolidated Plan, the HOME Board voted to move the Year 3 new construction of rental housing program amount of $274,655 into the Rehabilitation program and to revisit the Rehabilitation policy developed in Year 1.

To ensure that HOME funds were not recaptured by HUD and that there was an equitable distribution of HOME resources among the jurisdictions, the following recommended changes to the Year 3 Annual Action Plan were approved by the HOME Board:

1. The Year 3 Annual Action Plan was amended to remove Construction of New Single-family Housing.
2. Rehabilitation of existing single-family housing was added.
3. $274,655.00 was removed from Construction of New Single-family Housing and programmed in Rehabilitation.

In June 2013, the HOME Board voted to adopt a Rehabilitation loan structure that included a $20,000 cap on loans and 0% interest loan. Near the end of Year 3, the HOME Consortium lead agency was transferred...
from the Yakima County Department of Human Services to the Yakima County Department of Public Services.

In December of 2013, Year 4, a full-time HOME Administrator was hired, and the HOME Consortium revisited the previously adopted rehabilitation loan structure. The Consortium determined that a $20,000 loan cap was not viable, revised the cap to $75,000, and developed and adopted Rehabilitation policies and forms. The HOME Consortium then identified contractors, began outreach, and began receiving Rehabilitation loan applications. Approximately 13 application intakes were completed. After determinations of qualification, completion of scopes and cost estimates, and post-rehab market value assessments were completed, four viable rehabilitation projects remained. Environmental reviews commenced on those four projects and homeowner agreements were signed by the end of Year 4.

The Year 5 Annual Action Plan called for rehabilitation activities for 16 single-family homes to benefit low-and moderate-income households. At the end of Year 5, homeowner agreements had been signed on seven rehabilitation projects. Some activities that will benefit future output is the coordination efforts that transpired in Year 5 of 2015. The HOME program is in process of developing Memorandums of Understanding with Yakima Valley OIC and Northwest Action Center, who are grantees of Washington State Department of Commerce Weatherization Program funds to subsidize costs of rehabilitation for homes that also meet their program requirements to assist in projects being viable. There is ongoing coordination with Yakima County Department of Public Services to access water filtration systems through a grant made possible by the Washington State Department of Health. This would assist certain eligible household who have unsafe levels of nitrates in the water to have access to safe drinking water. Coordination efforts with the Yakima County Fire Marshal’s Office has resulted in the Yakima County Fire Marshall, in conjunction with the Yakima County Fire Corps, to empower homeowners and home renters to recognize fire hazards by conducting home fire safety inspections and will help design a fire escape plan at no cost to the home occupants or the Yakima County HOME Consortium.

**PROGRAM INCOME**
There was $13,891.24 in program income from the Habitat for Humanity houses built with Year 1 and 2 funds and from the HOME Rehabilitation Loan Program.

**COMMITTED FUNDS**
For Year 5, administrative funds in the amount of $41,780 were committed to support the implementation of the Year 5 Annual Action Plan. Local 2060 funds were also used to complete monitoring and inspections for single-family home construction, multi-family units, and inspections for the Rehabilitation Loan Program.

**EXPENDED FUNDS**
The following table illustrates how HOME funds were spent in Year 5 as they have been reported in the HUD IDIS system.

**Table 1 - Financial Summary for Program Year 2014**

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<td>Amount Available to Commit to Rehabilitation Loan Activities in 2015</td>
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**GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION**

Table 2 illustrates how funds were distributed throughout the region during Year 5.

**Table 2 – Geographic Distribution**

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**AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING**

This section provides a summary of impediments to fair housing choice and describes actions taken to overcome the effects of those impediments.
SUMMARY OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

HUD requires recipients of Consolidated Plan funding to conduct an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing for each five-year Consolidated Plan strategic plan. In the fall and winter of 2014, the assessment was updated with the most recent data, and a survey was conducted which verified that impediments identified in 2010 were unchanged. The survey was distributed to various affordable housing professionals and service providers in Yakima County.

Several sources of information were used in the course of this study. First, basic information and data on housing and demographic issues in the community was obtained from the U.S. Census, the Washington State Office of Financial Management, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the National Low Income Housing Coalition, and the National Fair Housing Alliance. Every effort has been made to use the best available data in the analysis. In the case of U.S. Census data, American Community Survey (ACS) data is often used because it provides the most recent data and has the best coverage for smaller populations. However, ACS data tends to have higher margins of error than U.S. Decennial Census data. Wherever possible, 5-year ACS data is used because it has the lowest margins of error for ACS data. However, the margins of error consideration should be kept in mind when interpreting the results using ACS data, particularly for very small divisions of data. Secondly, the information and analysis of the Yakima County HOME Consortium 2015-19 Consolidated Plan for Affordable Housing provided a strong basis for understanding local conditions and trends. Third, local laws, policies and practices were reviewed. Fourth, public data and records on housing complaints and issues were reviewed. Finally, interviews with representatives and staff of key private and public sector organizations (see list in Appendix for persons contributing) proved to be extremely valuable in identifying issues, data and recommendations.

Summary of Conclusions

The Analysis of Impediments identified five primary issues that have the effect of impeding fair housing in the County. At the end of the assessment, there is a complete discussion of the impediments with specific recommended actions to alleviate the barriers (see “Impediments to Fair Housing and Recommendations”). They are summarized below:

Identified impediments to housing choice:

1. Hispanics/Latinos are more than twice as likely as other potential borrowers to be denied financing when applying for conventional loans to purchase housing, and are more likely to be denied when applying for refinancing of existing mortgages, thereby limiting their housing choices.
2. Rental housing vacancy rates are extremely low, making it difficult for persons with limited income, poor credit history, large families, disabilities requiring accommodation, no citizen documentation, and/or unverified income sources to complete for limited standard housing meeting the needs of prospective renters. These characteristics are more frequent among minorities, large families and disabled persons.
3. Disadvantaged populations often do not have the necessary English language skills, financial literacy, and/or credit management skills to obtain and maintain affordable housing.
4. The current housing stock does not meet the needs of low-income and minority populations. Many minority families have larger than average family sizes and need larger homes or apartments to prevent overcrowding.
5. There is a lack of affordable and accessible permanent supportive housing choices for persons with disabilities, including chronic homeless persons and persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and chronic substance abuse and among persons in need of adult care.

**Actions Taken to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing**

The Consortium acts through its Consolidated Plan to affirmatively further fair housing in its jurisdiction. These actions include providing fair housing information to the community and educating community groups and businesses on fair housing issues.

**Implemented Housing Needs Assessment Objectives**

- Provided households representing racial and ethnic minorities with affirmative opportunities to participate in HOME Program homeownership activities.
- Continued to use the HOME grant funds for homeowner rehabilitation, homeownership, and multifamily rentals targeted for low to moderate income families and individuals.
- Utilized the HOME Program as a subsidy to support the construction of affordable rental housing in Year 1 and will be implementing a Landlord Rehabilitation Loan Program to maintain already existing rental units in the affordable housing rental market in Year 5 (2019) of the upcoming grant cycle.

Yakima County has continued to aggressively pursue the McKinney-Vento Homeless Program bonus funds to increase permanent supportive housing resources in the county. With Consortium board approval, the Consortium shared information and data with the City of Yakima to support housing project decision-making and increase regional cooperation in addressing housing needs.

Due to changes within Yakima County infrastructure and departments, the Affordable Housing Committee has been discontinued. Grassroots efforts were started once again in early winter 2014 to actively pursue affordable housing objectives as a community. Active participation will continue by the HOME Consortium Administrator.

**Address Obstacles to Meeting Underserved Needs**

In Year 5, the most significant obstacle to meeting underserved needs was slow delivery of program activities. This was addressed by continuing to establish infrastructure for program implementation.

The Yakima County HOME Consortium planning process began in the late fall with a meeting on October 24, 2014 with the Northwest Community Action Center’s Weatherization division to discuss affordable housing needs and coordination of efforts. On October 28, 2014, a meeting was also held with Yakima Valley Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) to discuss affordable housing needs, lead hazards in residential homes, and coordination of efforts. A second meeting was held on November 7, 2014. In the early winter of 2014, coordination began between Yakima County Public Services, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments, and the Homeless Network of Yakima County. Between December and February 2015, the HOME Administrator and consultants for the Consortium met with and interviewed representatives of key agencies and organizations representing the needs of low- and moderate-income populations to obtain their views on housing needs and potential solutions. At the same time, they researched a wide range of public documents and data to gather information on housing needs.
On December 2, 2014, the HOME Administrator met with the Senior Manager of Housing and Homeless Programs of the Yakima County Department of Human Services, and the Executive Director of the Yakima Housing Authority. This meeting focused on past and current affordable housing needs. On December 11, 2014, in an independent effort, an affordable housing committee was formed. The committee is comprised of people representing the private rental market, public housing authorities, mental health, developmental disabilities, aging and long-term care, the adult correctional system, mental health, the legal system, farmworkers, homeless issues, and various funding sources of affordable housing. This first meeting involved an open dialogue about the housing needs in our communities among organizations that fund affordable housing, those that provide affordable housing (both private and non-profit), and those who are in need of affordable housing for their clients. Issues and opportunities that impact the expansion of affordable housing were identified at this meeting.

Yakima County HOME Consortium participated in the City of Yakima Office of Neighborhood Development’s Community Development Advisory Board to coordinate affordable housing efforts. There have also been ongoing phone calls and emails with the Washington State Department of Commerce to discuss lead-based paint hazards and strategies. Recent discussions also occurred with the city of Zillah and town of Harrah, which resulted in Zillah and Harrah making formal request to join the Yakima County HOME Consortium.

Leveraging Resources
During Year 5, the HOME Consortium leveraged funds available under House Bill 2060, which authorized a surcharge of $10 per instrument recorded in each county for affordable housing benefiting persons at 50% or less of the median family income. These funds were used during Year 5 to complete monitoring and inspections on single-family home construction and multi-family rental units, and pre-construction inspections for the Rehabilitation Program, as well as certain allowable construction costs.

IV. HOME Specific Reports

Monitoring

Multi-Family Rental Units
- Genesis Housing: Multi-family units – During the month of September 2014, file reviews, staff interviews, and site inspections were completed for a follow-up comprehensive review. Information was compiled into a comprehensive HOME On-Going Monitoring: Rental Housing Project, HOME Monitoring Checklist 6-C. Checklist items were reviewed, Basis for Conclusion/Backup was documented, and correction action plan identified if needed. Yearly monitoring will be conducted by, tentatively, every early fall. This project is completed in IDIS and is 100% full with renters who meet the 40% AMI criteria.

Single Family Homebuyer Project- New Construction
- Habitat for Humanity (H4H) Union Gap 2 – Loan management reviewed on a quarterly basis. Project on track.
- H4H Sunnyside – Loan management reviewed on a quarterly basis. Project on track.
- H4H Sunnyside – Loan management reviewed on a quarterly basis. Project on track.
• H4H Union Gap 1 – Loan management reviewed on a quarterly basis. Project on track.
• H4H Unincorporated – Loan management reviewed on a quarterly basis. Project on track.
• H4H Wapato – Final Construction Inspection completed on 11-05-2014. Loan management reviewed on a quarterly basis. Project on track.
• H4H Grandview – Loan management reviewed on a quarterly basis. Project on track.

Next Scheduled Inspections will be completed utilizing HUD’s 5-C Case File Homebuyer Project and 5-D Monitoring Summary Homebuyer Program in September 2015.

HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION
File reviews are scheduled to be conducted September 2015.

HOME MATCH REPORT
Yakima County HOME Consortium was determined to have 16.8% families in poverty and $18,903 per capita income. Therefore, the Yakima County HOME Consortium was granted a 100% Match Reduction for Year 5.

HOME MBE AND WBE REPORT
Ongoing monitoring is currently being done for the Genesis Housing Project, the only project with MBE and WBE potential. A report was sent to HUD in August 2014. Outreach posters for contractors state that “Section 3 business are strongly encouraged to apply. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban development Act of 1968 ... providing preference to low- and very low-income residents ...” In addition, all contractors complete and sign a Non-Discrimination, Equal Access and Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements (EEO) form.

The following laws and regulation are outlined in the EEO form:

• Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.)
• Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
• Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968
• Equal Employment Opportunity, Executive Order 11246
• Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101)
• Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131; 47 U.S.C. 155, 201, 218, and 225):

Section II of the EEO report asks the contractor to list the positions their workforce consists of and the percentage classified as minority. In addition, there is a Section III Declaration that states the following:

“I/We hereby state that in good faith I/we will attempt, to the greatest extent feasible, to contract with, utilize and/or employ the following individuals or groups, as opportunities for employment arise. I/We will also notify local community groups and service organizations of employment opportunities in relation to this project; if and/or when said opportunities exist.

A. Lower-income residents from the jurisdictional limits where the project is located.

B. Minority and women-owned businesses within or adjacent to the jurisdictional limits where the project is located.”
**HOME UNITS COMPLETED BY RACIAL/ETHNIC CATEGORIES**

Table 3 - Home Unit Completions by Racial / Ethnic Category: Total Completed in 2014 is 9 units

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**V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

One of the first tasks of the Consortium was to develop a plan for citizen participation. *The Citizen Participation Plan for the Yakima County Consolidated Plan* (Participation Plan) describes the process for obtaining input for the development of the HOME Program and involvement in key decision-making steps, including amendments to the program.

The Participation Plan states that the public will be notified of the availability of the CAPER in The Yakima Herald-Republic and Daily Sun News and is encouraged to review and comment on this document prior to its submission to HUD. The public will be provided at least 20 days to comment on this CAPER.

**NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

August 13, 2015 a notice was placed in the Yakima Herald-Republic and Sunnyside Daily News. The public comment period for the 2014 CAPER closed on September 15, 2015. No public comments were received. Copies of the draft 2014 (Year 5) CAPER were made available at the Department of Public Services at 128 North 2nd Street; Yakima County Courthouse, Yakima, WA 98901 upon request.

**INCLUSION OF PAST PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Year 5 Annual Action Plan was presented for public comment at two public hearings. No public comments were received.

**VI. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**EVALUATION OF PROGRESS ON HOME-SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

The Consolidated Plan presented three strategies with associated outcome measures. Below is a comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the Consolidated Plan and discussion of whether and how progress was made toward meeting these.

In Year 5, the Consortium made significant progress toward the following Consolidated Plan goals and objectives:
Goal I: Revitalize neighborhoods through stabilization and the expansion of home ownership.

Strategy 1. Support local efforts to improve residential neighborhoods.

Objective 1.1: Preserve existing owner-occupied housing. Provide assistance to homeowner households at or below 80% of the area median income to rehabilitate existing family housing, bringing housing up to local health and safety codes and providing energy-efficient improvements.

The Year 5 Annual Action Plan called for rehabilitation activities for 16 single-family homes to benefit low- and moderate-income households. At the end of Year 5, homeowner agreements had been signed on seven rehabilitation projects.

The Annual Action Plan objective was not attained due to a lag created by the transfer of the HOME Consortium lead agency from Yakima County Human Services to Yakima County Public Services to capitalize on Public Service’s greater capacity for monitoring, inspections, rehabilitation, and administration. The reorganization increased efficiency and will result in long-term cost savings. In the short term, it required reorganization and allowed for the hiring and training of a full-time program coordinator. The new HOME Administrator started in the position December 2013. While this reorganization may have hindered achievement of rehabilitation program goals in Year 4 and 5, in the long term, it will increase the capacity and efficiency of the Consortium and its ability to achieve its goals.

Number of Units Completed by Percent of Area Median Income

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Per Table 4 above, 100% of units completed benefited families or individuals who met or were below the 80% median income requirement.

Continuum of Care

The Homeless Network of Yakima County is the primary homeless planning and coordinating body that has been coordinating activities in the Valley since 2004. The current Network includes over 40 local services providers and community members. The Homeless Network of Yakima County is formally established as a Continuum of Care (CoC) by the HUD. The CoC is designed to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of federal, state and local resources to address homelessness; improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness;
improve data when homeless persons are more difficult to find because they are not outdoors. The vast geographical area of the county also makes it difficult to cover all potential locations of homeless persons. Each January, homeless providers, government, and social services agencies conduct a one-day count of the homeless in the County called the Point in Time survey. One advantage of having the count in January is that many communities, including Yakima County, have set up extreme weather shelters and warming centers to house people during the winter months. This makes it easier to find and count the homeless that would have been unsheltered if not for the weather shelters.

The Homeless Network of Yakima County’s 5-year Homeless Housing plan states the following:

Goal: Annually increase the number of homeless households that enter and maintain permanent housing by 20%.

Objectives:
1. Increase access to and supply of stable and affordable permanent housing units to provide permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing.
2. Increase permanent supportive housing placements and housing retention (subsidized or unsubsidized).
3. Expand Housing First/low barrier housing options.
4. Implement housing options for persons leaving systems of care.
5. Enhance Homeless Crisis Response System.
6. Increase income and economic security.
7. Increase employment assistance.

HOMELESS HOUSING RESOURCES
Housing resources available to combat homelessness in the County include:¹

- 326 Emergency Shelter beds which includes seasonal winter shelter beds
- 168 Transitional beds
- 287 Permanent Supportive Housing beds that serve chronic homeless individuals and families

The 2014 estimated unmet need for additional homeless beds as calculated by the Homeless Network of Yakima County include the following:

- 73 Emergency Shelter beds
- 524 Rapid Rehousing beds
- 20 Transitional Housing
- 93 Permanent Supportive beds

¹ Yakima County; 2013 Yakima County HUD CoC Homeless Electronic Housing Inventory Chart (E-HIC). Note: This does not include all resources available in the County, only those who are receiving State or Federal funding.
Calculation methods include comparing the Point in Time (PIT) data with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data and then comparing it with the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to determine estimated unmet need.

**PLANNING TO END HOMELESSNESS IN YAKIMA COUNTY**
The Homeless Network of Yakima County is the primary homeless planning and coordinating body that has been coordinating activities in the Valley since the 2004. The current Network includes over 40 local services providers and community members. The Homeless Network of Yakima County formally established as a Continuum of Care (CoC) by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CoC is designed to promote community-wide planning and strategic use of federal, state and local resources to address homelessness; improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness; improve data collection and performance measurement; and allow the local community to tailor its programs to the particular strengths and challenges in assisting homeless individuals and families.

The mission of the Network is to advocate for the individuals who are homeless in Yakima County to improve quality of life, increase public awareness if the issues of homelessness, impact public policy and prevent and end homelessness. The *Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Yakima County*, adopted by the County Commissioners in 2005, aims to reduce homelessness by 50% by the year 2015. Currently homelessness has been reduced by 42% since 2005.

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

**IDIS REPORTS**
See the attached IDIS Reports

- Summary of Consolidated Plan Projects for Report Year 2013 (PR 06)
- Status of HOME Activities (PR 22)
- Summary of Accomplishments Report (PR 23)
- Status of HOME Grants (PR 27)
- HOME Housing Performance Report (PR 85)