

City of La Crosse 2024 CAPER

Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report Executive Summary

Overview

The 2024–2025 Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) describes the accomplishments from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. The report provides information about all activities that were undertaken with Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds during the program year. These projects leverage a variety of funding sources and community resources including the TID affordable housing extension, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars and government borrowing.

One key component of the City Replacement Housing program is the collaboration with Western Technical College and the School District of La Crosse's ACE program. In the 2024 program year, approximately 37 total students worked 10,285 hours on at least three different homes.



Goals and Outcomes Summary

Replacement Housing – The Acquisition & Demolition of property ensures lots are available for new construction. In 2024, 6 homes were demolished and 2 new owner-occupied affordable single family homes were added.

Housing Rehab – 18 low-to-moderate income homeowners were provided 1% interest deferred loans to make necessary repairs.

Economic Development – Funds provided Couleecap to create two two new low-to-moderate income jobs and assist 16 businesses.

Public Services – Essential funding was provided to the following organizations: Couleecap, Cia Siab, New Horizons, Family & Children's Center and La Crosse County Schuh-Mullen Project.

Multi-Family Affordable Housing – Driftless Apartments construction completed in this program year. These are 120 new affordable rental units and at time of year end, 59 of the units were filled.

State of Future Funding*

The CDBG and HOME programs are securely funded for 2025. The President's proposed 2026 budget eliminates the CDBG and HOME programs. This cut was also proposed in 2016, and the programs were re-introduced to the budget by Congress. In general, the mindset is that will likely happen again, though there is much uncertainty in the future and reductions in force & funding are anticipated.

*updated June 2025