

Introduction

The City of Gobble-Gobble, GA was established in 1872. Residents are happy to be from the city that hosts the largest Thanksgiving festival in the state. However, residents are not so happy with the current state of the City's infrastructure. Most of the City's infrastructure was installed in the late 1950s and 1960s. Residents have a long list of complaints including sewer backups in their homes, sewer backups in their yards, poor water quality, poor water pressure, and there is a lack of fire protection in a large part of the city. In addition, there are 3 streets that are currently unpaved within the city limits of Gobble-Gobble and residents on these streets frequently experience flooding in their yards.

With so many issues needing to be addressed, it became evident that the City would need to take a phased approach to address all needs. The city held several public hearings to determine what the phase one target area should be. One area had the most citizen complaints, and the city knew, from previous planning efforts, that the area was at least 70% LMI.

The Turkey Hollow subdivision, with two (2) of five (5) unpaved streets, no fire hydrants, and residents with numerous incidences of water and sewer issues became the phase 1 target area. The City voted to apply for CDBG funds for water, sewer, streets, and drainage infrastructure to serve residents of this target area.

Exercise

1.) What documentation can be included in the application to document efforts made by the city to prevent reoccurrence of the problems?

2.) What types of documentation could be used to back up each claim noted below? Remember: Each claim must be documented individually, and documentation should directly document the need claimed. For example: Any photos included to document drainage issues would logically need to be taken after a rain event.

Sewer – backups in homes

Sewer - backups in yards

Water – poor water quality

Water - poor water pressure

Water - no fire protection

Streets – unpaved, narrow streets

Drainage – roads frequently flood when it rains, yards have large pools of water that do not dry for days after rainfall causing mold and damage to homes

3.) What issues should be considered when including the two unpaved streets within the larger target area?

4.) What happens if sufficient documentation cannot be provided for all claims made?