

2024-2025 City of Lowell

Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Public Hearing: Tuesday, September 16, 2025

BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW, TODAY



What is CAPER?

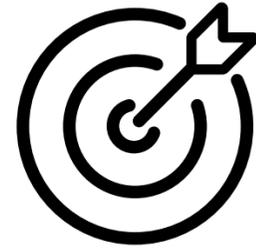
- The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is a document that evaluates the progress made in achieving the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan
- It is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



Purpose

- To evaluate the performance of housing and community development programs
- Ensures accountability, transparency, and effective use of federal funds

Goals and Objectives



Annual Goals:

- Enhance the quality of life for residents through community development and housing initiatives
- Promote economic development and job creation
- Address homelessness and support vulnerable populations

Objectives



- Increase affordable housing options
- Improve public facilities and infrastructure
- Provide essential public services to low-and-moderate income residents



Funding Sources:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Supports community development activities such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development

HOME Investment Partnerships Program:

Provides grants to fund building, buying, and rehabilitating affordable housing for rent and homeownership

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Assists individuals and families in quickly regaining stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness

Leveraged funding sources

Local and state funds, private donations, and other federal grants

CDBG Fund Utilization and Outcomes:

Funded Programs



Lowell Youth Leadership Program



Boy's & Girl's Club



Merrimack Valley Food Bank



Catholic Charities



YWCA



Alternative House



St. Paul's Food Kitchen



Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership



Catie's Closet



City of Lowell Economic Development, Housing Rehab, & Parks Projects



Dwelling House of Hope



Mill City Grows



Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association



Lowell Housing Authority



Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust



House of Hope



RARA



Thrive

CDBG Fund Utilization and Outcomes

Public Services:

Funded Services addressing youth programs, food insecurity, homelessness, and homebuyer assistance
Approximately \$300,000 reached 15,203 residents

Public Facilities:

Approximately *\$3 million* spent on public facility projects, including but not limited to -
South Common Park, tree planting, and Boy's & Girl's Club
239,349 people served (includes duplicate data)

Economic Development

\$175,000 supported 23 businesses to create 23 jobs

CDBG Public Service in Action



From left to right:

CMAA, RARA, Lowell Youth Leadership Program (LYLP), Catie's Closet, Dwelling House of Hope, and House of Hope



CDBG Economic Development Enhances Economic Opportunities

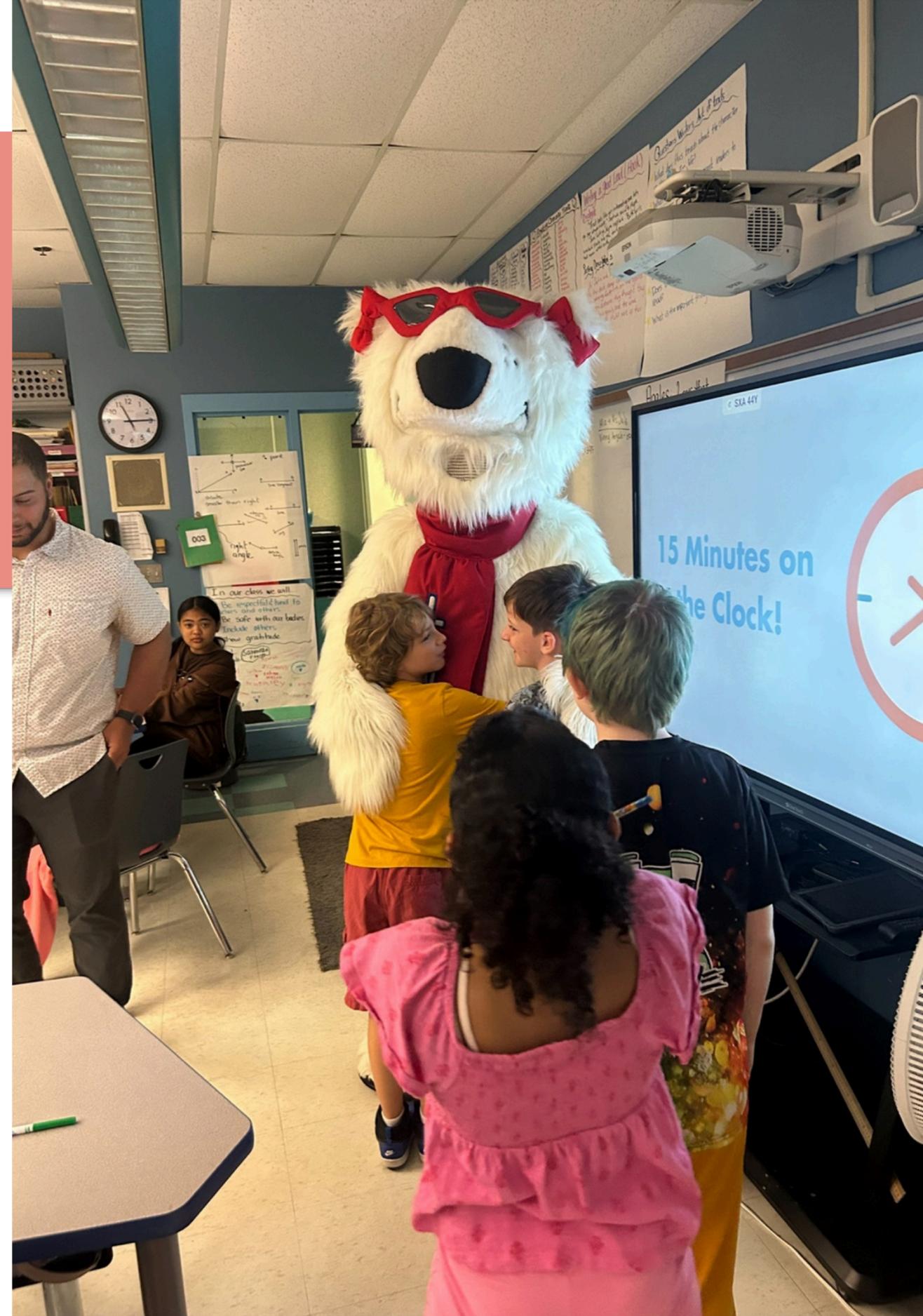


Shown to the left:
Pizzelle Bakery
Small Business Expansion Grant Program

Acre Family Day Care Technical Assistance to
Home Based Child Care Facilities

CDBG Improving Public Facilities on Project at a Time

From left to right:
Student Engagement Event for McPherson
Traffic Garden Playground
Roberto Clemente Park Reconstruction
Boys and Girls Club Expansion



ESG Fund Utilization and Outcomes

Emergency Shelters/Street Outreach:

Eliot Church

Riverbend

577 individuals served

Homeless Prevention:

Lowell Housing Authority

Alternative House

80 individuals served, including 22 children

Total Spent:

\$234,735.16



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Of individuals served:

110 experienced domestic violence

22 elderly

106 chronically homeless

356 with a disability, 59% served

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ESG Funded Projects



To the right:
Eliot Church Day Center
Alternative House Homeless Prevention
Lowell Transitional Living Center
Street Outreach

HOME

**The HOME Program in Lowell, MA,
funded by HUD, supports:**



First time homebuyers

Home rehabilitation

Construction of new units



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\$946.374 expended

\$5,238,992 available

**** Majority is committed and
to be reimbursed**

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HOME Funded Projects



To the left:
MVHP
First Time Homebuyers

East End Club
733 Broadway St.

THANK YOU!



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