



CITY OF MONROE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 5 YEAR SNAPSHOT 2020-2024



Investing in Our Community

Slum & Blight

\$152,301.84

- Blight Bootcamp- Over 200 attendees to learn about combating blight
- Code Enforcement Educational Resource- Web Based
- The Big Haul to assist individuals with trash pickup in neighborhoods

Public Services

\$178,743.30

- Goodwill Industries of Northeast Louisiana to assist with job placement services
- Ouachita Council on Aging for the Meals on Wheels Program that provides meals to senior residents
- Developed Nonprofit Training Capacity Building Program to assist local nonprofits with applying for funding from grants
- Funded a nonprofit to assist with building a resource center at Madison James Foster Elementary School
- Funded a nonprofit to assist with hosting a job training seminar

Educational Impact Through Partnership

\$45,529.67

- Summer enrichment activities delivered by VISTA AmeriCorps members
- Served over 150 children over the course of 2 summers
- Created a fellowship program for ULM graduate students

COVID 19 Response- CARES ACT

\$753,185.94

- Provided rental assistance to 38 families
- Provided 7 grants to small businesses
- Provided mortgage assistance to 7 families
- Provided 6 bus shelter covers for the Monroe Transit System
- Provided utility payment assistance
- COVID 19 PPE to nonprofit organizations

Public Facilities

\$502,612.65

- Equipment and uniforms for the fire department
- Community centers including an inclusive playground at Benoit Community Center
- Assisted with lighting on the Renwick Pedestrian Bridge
- Upgraded a KidsZone Room at Emily P. Robinson
- Purchased AED devices for community centers

Housing Services

\$3,589,560.29



Rehabilitation & Reconstruction **\$2,012,055.51**

- Completed rehabilitation of 21 homes for low to moderate income families
- Completed reconstruction of 9 homes for low to moderate income families

Safe Housing & Healthy Homes **\$727,092.72**

- \$4.4 Million Dollar Lead Hazard Reduction Grant
- 5 Homes completed under LHC Grant
- 32 properties currently in development
- 11 properties completed
- Developed 2 Million Dollars Healthy Homes Grant

Homeownership Assistance **\$229,817.54**

- The Home in Monroe Program currently serves 178 participants, offering HUD-certified housing counseling and financial coaching in partnership with Homeland Bank, Cadence Bank, and MidCity Redevelopment.
- Hosted 4 Housing Fairs that brought in over 700 residents to learn about homeownership opportunities with Centric Federal Credit Union, Chase, Homeland Bank, First Horizon Bank, Cadence Bank, Regions Bank, Attorneys, Developers, Louisiana Housing Corporation, Southside Economic Development District, Ouachita Workforce, & Monroe Housing Authority
- Awarded \$92,000 in buy-down costs for first time home buyers to purchase their home
- Awarded \$8,000 in down payment assistance and Individual Development Account Savings match
- 15 graduates of the Home in Monroe Program have purchased homes
- Currently 60 participants enrolled in home buyer services

Homelessness Prevention **\$620,594.52**

- Tenant Based Rental Assistance Referral Program with partner organizations Ouachita Multipurpose Community Action Program, Catholic Charities, Ouachita Parish Housing, Christopher Youth Center & Wellspring Alliance for Families for individuals at risk of homelessness, homeless, fleeing domestic violence, sexual assaulting and/or human trafficking and veterans
- 31 families have benefited to date
- Monthly financial skills training provided by NELA United Way's Financial Health Center & Cadence Bank
- Managed Emergency Solutions Grant funds for homelessness prevention programs at The Wellspring Alliance for Families and Christopher Youth Center