

Notice of Public Review and Comment
City of Columbus
HUD Consolidated Plan
Proposed 2018 Action Plan

September 27, 2017

The City of Columbus invites public review and comment on its proposed 2018 Action Plan that will implement the needs identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The 2018 Action Plan describes the proposed budgets for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs.

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The full proposed 2018 Action Plan Budget can be accessed on the City of Columbus Website at: <http://www.columbus.gov/Templates/Detail.aspx?id=544>. The deadline for comment is October 30, 2017 by 4pm.

Community Development Block Grant

Expected resources: \$7,789,445

2018 Pregnancy Support Program - \$54,914

The Pregnancy Support Program will provide monthly in-home family-centered care coordination and education services to low-income pregnant women and their infants who reside within the Columbus city limits

2018 Sexual Awareness - \$128,194

Funding shall support the Sexual Health Awareness Program, which seeks to prevent sexually transmitted infections and unplanned pregnancies

2018 City Recreation Facilities Program Staffing - \$238,637

Funding will be used for recreation center programming at Blackburn, Barnett, Dodge, Thompson, Howard, Marion Franklin, and Brentnell Rec Centers

2018 Capital Kids Program - \$356,942

Funding to support the Capital Kids program which incorporates state of the art technology, high expectations and high performance standards designed to gauge student's academic achievement and to also provide participants with a safe place to learn and play when school is out

2018 School's Out - \$118,929

Funding to support the School's Out program, which offers a day long program that allows children to take part in a variety of recreational, educational, cultural and physical fitness activities in a safe environment

2018 Economic Development Loans - \$533,165

Funding will be used to contract with ECDI, Finance Fund, CCDC, and Increase CDC to provide training and small business loans for businesses located within the City of Columbus

2018 Neighborhood Commercial Development - \$243,914

Funding will be used to support business associations in commercial districts of the Linden, Franklinton, Hilltop, Near East, and Southside neighborhoods as well as for design services for businesses located in those neighborhoods who wish to make improvements

2018 Code Enforcement - \$849,366

Funding will be used to support code enforcement activities the South, South East, and Near East areas of Columbus

2018 Neighborhoods and Agency Programs - \$319,234

Funding will be used to support the Neighborhood Liaisons who respond to service request and issues addressing housing, economic needs and opportunities for local businesses, recreational youth programs, healthy food and health care access, zoning and civic and area commissions

2018 Neighborhood Crisis Response Program - \$1,755,900

Funding will be used to rapidly address systemic neighborhood challenges in response to spikes in violent crime with public facilities improvements such as installing streetlights and addressing nuisance properties

2018 Homeownership Assistance - \$766,345

Funding will be used for project delivery costs related to implementing the Homeownership Assistance Program, Home Modification Program, Emergency Repair and Chores Programs

2018 Homebuyer Counseling - \$60,234

Funding for contracts with HUD approved Housing Counseling Agencies to provide housing counseling services

2018 Housing Development and Financing - \$352,426

Funding will be used for project delivery costs related to Homeownership Development Program, the Residential Tax Incentive Program and to manage loan assets

2018 CDBG Affordable Housing Opportunity Program - \$997,155

Funding will be used for home repair and rehabilitation activities to address code violations, including accessibility modifications, emergency repairs, and the prevention of vacant property

2018 Relocation Services - \$99,496

Funding will be used to ensure the City complies with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Act and to aid displaced persons with short term assistance

2018 CDBG Housing Administration - \$45,915

Funds will be used to administer, plan, and carry out CDBG-assisted housing related programs and activities including general housing program oversight responsibilities and for time spent assisting with the Consolidated Plan/Action Plan and CAPER

2018 Community Development Collaborative - \$45,000

Funding to support the Community Development Collaborative which is a nonprofit organization that provides leadership, financial support, training and direct technical assistance to community development corporations

2018 Fair Housing - \$225,000

Funds will be used to contract with a sub-recipient to implement the 2018 Fair Housing Action Plan and also to complete the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing tool in preparation for the 2020-2024 Conplan cycle

2018 Continuum of Care - \$10,000

Funding will be used to support Community Shelter Board for the preparation the 2018 Consolidated Application for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs

2018 Grants Management - \$564,679

Funding for the staff of the Grants Management Office which administers the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, HOME, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS federal grant programs

2018 HOME Grant

Expected resources: \$3,145,990

2018 HOME Affordable Housing Opportunity Program - \$2,292,193

Funding will be used for the Rental Housing Production and Preservation Program to provide gap financing to developers and owner/investors to acquire and/or construct new or rehabilitate existing rental housing, the Homeownership Development program to provide gap financing for the development of new infill housing or acquisition/rehabilitation of existing single family homes for sale, and the Down payment Assistance to provide forgivable loans to allow first-time homebuyers to acquire a home

2018 CHDO Set Aside - \$404,399

15% of the City's award of HOME funds is provided to City certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for housing development activities including homeownership development and rental development

2018 CHDO Operating Support - \$134,799

5% of the City's HOME allocation is provided in the form of operating funds for City qualified CHDOs.

2018 HOME Administration - \$314,599

Funding will be used to administrative expenses to implement the HOME Program.

2018 Emergency Solutions Grant

Expected Resources: \$583,303

The City will utilize the ESG grant to provide funding for the Community Shelter Board to improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; help operate these shelters; provide essential services to shelter residents; rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless

2018 HOPWA Grant

Expected resources: \$950,019

The City will utilize the HOPWA grant to provide funding for Equitas Health and The Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency for Tenant Based Rental Assistance for low-to-moderate income individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS