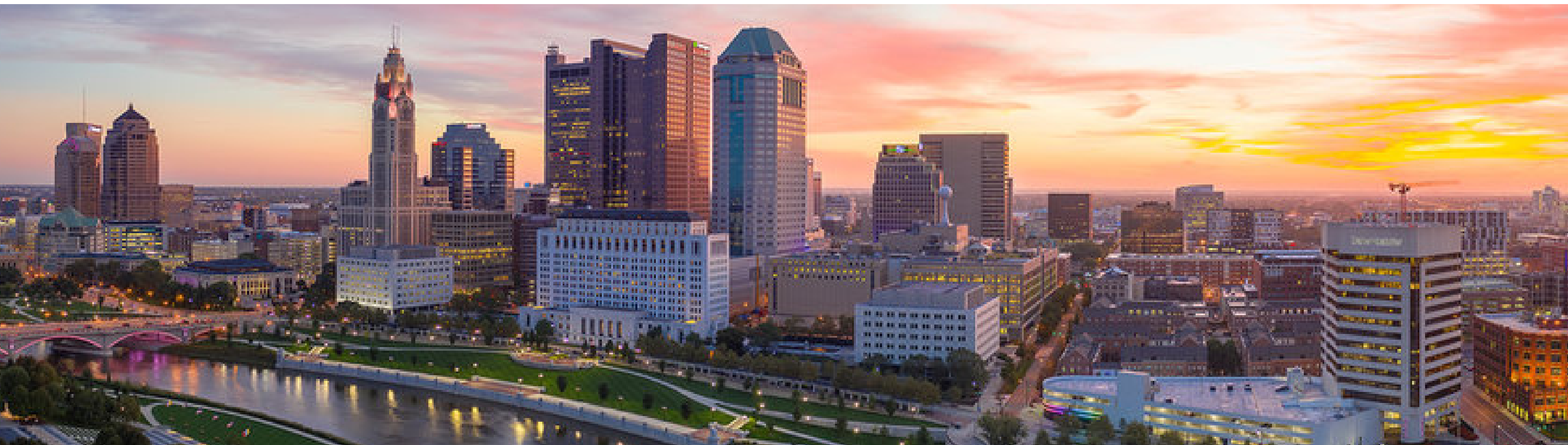


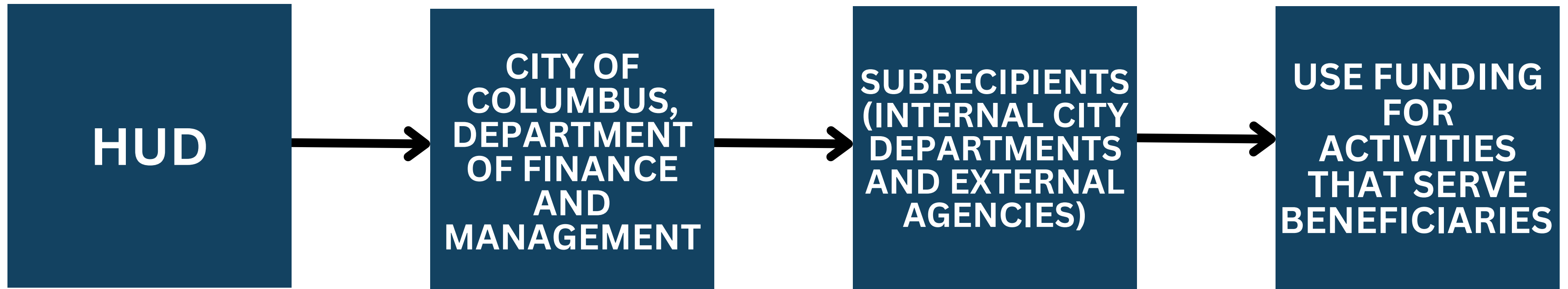
2024 CDBG Application Release Workshop

May 23, 2023



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Background

City of Columbus' 2023 CDBG allocation is **\$7,593,380**



CDBG is intended to be a reimbursement grant

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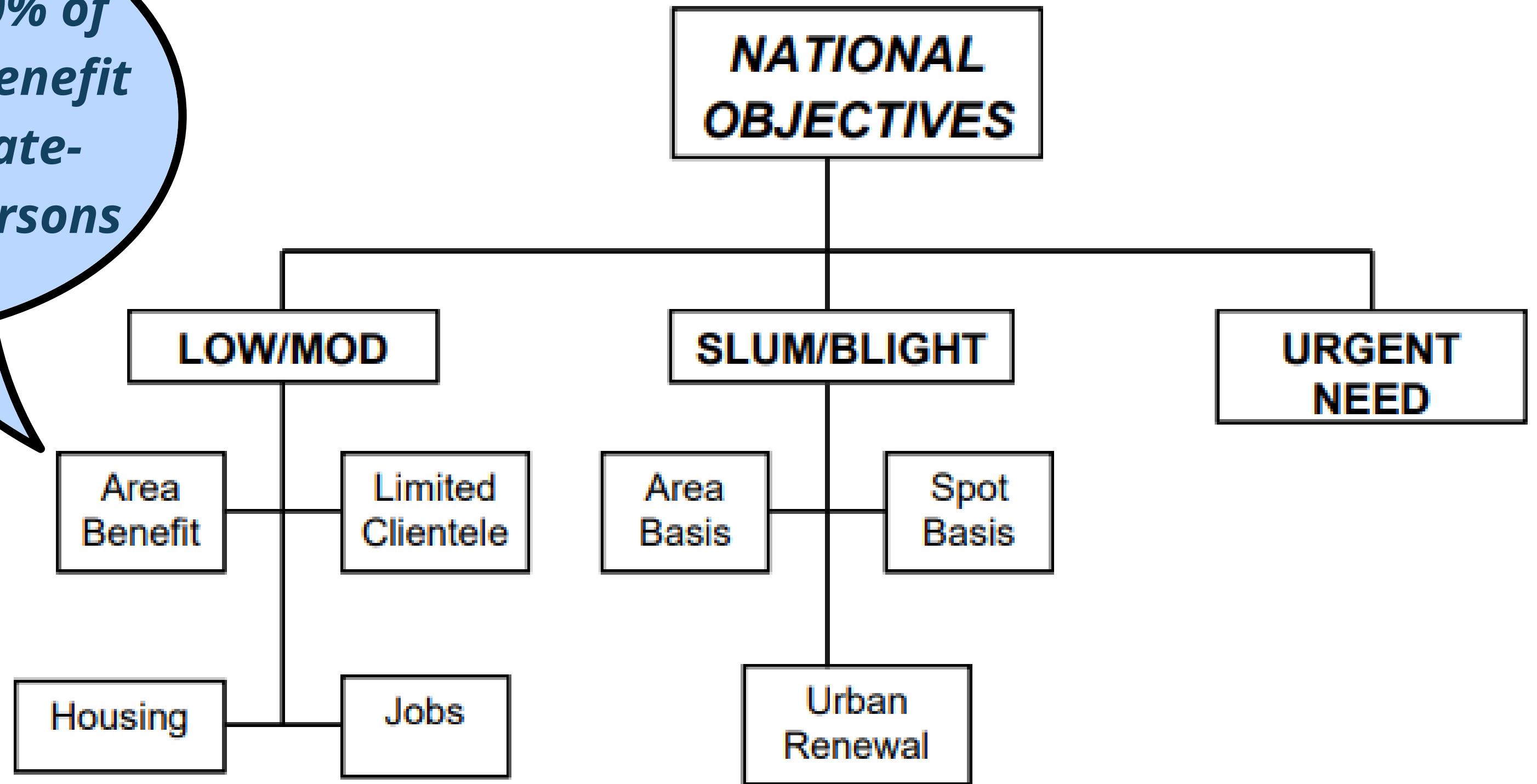
We are currently working off goals set in a 2020-2024
Consolidated Plan (Con Plan)

The Con Plan is carried out through
Annual Action Plans (AAPs)

The City reports on annual outcomes in the **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report** (CAPER)

CDBG National Objectives

Must expend 70% of CDBG funds to benefit low- to moderate-income (LMI) persons



CDBG National Objectives: Low Mod Area Benefit

- Benefits all residents in a particular service area, where at least 51% of residents are LMI persons
- Service area must be primarily residential and the activity must meet the identified needs of LMI persons

*Utilize HUD Income Limits to
determine LMI status*



CDBG National Objectives: Low Mod Area Benefit

Legal Aid Society of Columbus: Housing Conditions

- Improve the conditions of the low-income housing stock in Columbus by using legal tools to encourage landlords to invest in the maintenance of their rental properties
- Funding personnel costs for attorney's time spent advising and representing tenants, filing motions, etc.
- The program will assist an estimated 250 Columbus tenant households, or about 598 Columbus residents



CDBG National Objectives: Low Mod Limited Clientele

Options for qualifying under Limited Clientele:

- 1) Presumed clientele
- 2) Eligibility requirements limit participation to LMI
- 3) Documentation that 51% of participants are LMI
- 4) Nature and location indicate LMI

- 51% percent of beneficiaries of an activity must be LMI persons
- Activity qualifies based on actual number of LMI persons that benefit from the activity
- Provide benefits to a specific group of persons

CDBG National Objectives: Low Mod Limited Clientele

The Refuge: Building Upgrades

- Residential Addiction Recovery Program
- Project is 'of such a nature and in such a location that it can be concluded that clients are primarily LMI'
- Rehabilitation of residential building for program participants



The Refuge's residential building on Sullivant Avenue

CDBG National Objectives: Low Mod Housing Activities

- Activities undertaken for the purpose of providing or improving permanent residential structures which, upon completion, will be occupied by LMI households
- Rental housing occupancy by LMI households must be at affordable rents

Structures with 1 unit must be occupied by a LMI household

Structures with 2 units must have LMI household occupying at least 1 unit

Structures with 3 or more units must have at least 51% occupied by LMI households

CDBG National Objectives: Low Mod Housing Activities



Ours Brothers Keepers' building on E 5th Avenue

Ours Brothers Keepers: Rental Housing Rehab

- Rehabilitation of building to provide transitional housing for youth aging out of foster care system and single adults
- First floor will house a commercial space and office space for tutoring, counseling, educational, and job skill training services

CDBG National Objectives: Low Mod Job Creation or Retention Activities

- Activities designed to create or retain permanent jobs, at least 51% of which will be made available to or held by LMI persons
- Examples:
 - *Clearance activities on a site slated for a new business*
 - *Rehabilitation activity that will correct code violations and enable a business to survive and retain jobs*
 - *Assistance to expand a small house cleaning service with 4 employees that agrees to hire 3 additional LMI employees*

CDBG Eligible Activities

- **Programming that benefits LMI persons** *(15% cap on public service activities)*
 - New service or quantifiable increase in services is highly encouraged
- **Facilities & Infrastructure**
 - Ex: Acquisition; Improvements; Demolition; Disposition
- **Housing**
 - Ex: Homeowner Rehabilitation; Home Purchase Activities; Rental Housing Activities
- **Economic Development**
 - Ex: Microenterprise assistance; Job Readiness & Job Replacement Program
- **Administration & Planning** *(20% cap)*

CDBG Ineligible Activities

Activities that are *always* ineligible:

- Buildings or portions thereof, used for the general conduct of government
- General government expenses
- Political activities
- Explicitly religious activities

Activities that are *generally* ineligible:

- Purchase of equipment & vehicles
- Operating & maintenance expenses
- New housing construction
- Income payments

Additional Requirements

- Environmental Review
- Federal Labor Standards (Davis Bacon, Prevailing Wage, related acts)
- Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention
- Handicapped Accessibility
- Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
- Grants Management Control Policies
- Financial Management & Recordkeeping
- Vendor Services & UEI Registration



2024 CDBG Application Walkthrough

***Applications are due July 14th, 2023
at 5 PM***

2024 CDBG Grant Timeline

July 14, 2023, 5:00 PM

2024 CDBG Application due on Bonfire

July 14 - August 2023

CDBG project review & scoring

August 2023 - October 2023

Public participation process and selection of 2024 CDBG awards

October - December 2023

Columbus City Council to pass legislation adopting draft 2024 AAP

January 1, 2024

Program year begins

Technical Assistance Workshops

June 6, 3-4 PM at Karl Road Library

June 8, 9:30-10:30 AM at Driving Park Library

June 12, 9-10 AM at Linden Library

June 13, 9:30-10:30 AM at Hilltop Library

June 22, 3-4 PM at South High Library

Please RSVP by completing registration at <https://bit.ly/3Oxn5tH>

**Additional questions due in Bonfire
by June 16th, 2023, 5:00 PM**

<https://columbus.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/95252>