

Fiscal Year 2022
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
City of Columbus Annual Action Plan Summary
For the
Community Development Block Grant
Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS
HOME Investment Partnership
Emergency Solutions Grant

Introduction

The City of Columbus Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management section, solicited project proposals for the use of Federal Fiscal Year 2022 funding which will be allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City will submit the 2022 Annual Action Plan to HUD upon completion of a Citizen Participation Plan process, receipt of notice of funding awards, and approval by City Council.

The City will receive allocations from the HUD for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which has a 15% public service cap¹ and a 20% administration cap², the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program, the HOME Partnership (HOME) program which funds affordable housing opportunities and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program which provides homelessness prevention and shelter assistance.

This Annual Action Plan Summary outlines projects proposed for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan. The projects are for expansion of existing programming and new programming to serve low-to-moderate income Columbus residents. Expenditures must be consistent with community needs, priorities and strategies stated in the City's HUD 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Projects are listed in the grant sections below under a City of Columbus Strategic Plan Goal which is identified in the City's HUD 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The Strategic Plan Goals are:

- 1.) Preserve and expand affordable housing
- 2.) Program Management, capacity building and/or admin
- 3.) Ensure safe and sanitary property conditions
- 4.) Provide housing for special needs populations
- 5.) Provide homebuyer education and other counseling
- 6.) Ensure equal access to housing

¹ Public Service is defined in 24 CFR Part 570.201 (e) as services including but not limited to those concerned with employment, crime prevention, child care, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, welfare, homebuyer downpayment assistance, or recreational needs.

² Administrative cost is defined in 24 CFR Part 570.206 and is related to the planning and execution of community development activities.



- 7.) Foster business expansions in areas of need
- 8.) Foster development of skills for residents in need
- 9.) Provide educational/recreational youth programs
- 10.) Improve health outcomes
- 11.) Provide housing and services for persons with HIV
- 12.) Increase access to housing and emergency shelter
- 13.) Public facilities/Infrastructure improvements

Estimated Budgets

The City is estimating the FY 22 budgets for HUD programing based on historical entitlement awards from HUD, program income, and funds recaptured from previous years projects and a Revolving Loan Fund.

Funding Resource	Estimate Budget
2022 CDBG Entitlement Budget	\$7,500,000
2022 CDBG Fund Carryover ³	\$1,653,794
2022 CDBG Program Income	\$356,867
2022 HOPWA Budget	\$2,500,000
2022 HOME Budget	\$4,450,000
2022 ESG Budget	\$636,000

Citizen Participation Process for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan

During each year of the City’s HUD Annual Action Plan development process, the City follows its Citizen Participation Plan which is approved within the City’s HUD 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The section below outlines the efforts being made by the City to engage with the public throughout the City’s FY 2022 Annual Action Plan development.

First Public Comment Period

The City of Columbus started a thirty (30) day public comment period on August 18, 2021 when a notice was published in the Columbus Dispatch and a HUD Annual Action Plan Project Proposals Summary was made available on the City’s Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management webpage. The document provides an overview of every project proposed for FY 22 CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG project. The Grants Management section accepted comments through September 17, 2022, 5:00 PM.

First Public Meeting

The Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management section hosted a public meeting on August 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM. Each project proposed for inclusion in the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan was discussed. The meeting was held at 141 N. Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, in the conference room

³ Carryover Funding includes unobligated prior years entitlement funding, unobligated revolving loan fund, and anticipated prior year encumbrance cancellations.

located on the bottom level of the City of Columbus' parking garage. The meeting was advertised through social media, email, and a legal advertisement in the Columbus Dispatch newspaper.

Second Public Comment Period

The City of Columbus started a thirty (30) day public comment period on November 5, 2021 when a notice was published in the Columbus Dispatch and this Annual Action Plan Summary along with a draft Annual Action Plan were made available on the City's Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management webpage. The Grants Management section will accept comments regarding the draft Annual Action Plan through December 6, 2021, 5:00 PM.

Second Public Meeting

A second public meeting with Columbus City Council will be held on November 9, 2021 to discuss a proposed draft FY 2022 Annual Action Plan. The draft FY 2022 Annual Action Plan will provide preliminary budgets and funding amounts for projects proposed for the FY 2022 HUD programs. The meeting will be publicly advertised similarly to the first.

Third Public Comment Period

The City plans to hold a third public comment period for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan upon the receipt of a notice of funding awards from HUD. The City will submit the Annual Action Plan to HUD once the public comment period has lapsed and any comments received have been considered.

Community Development Block Grant Project Proposals

Goal: Provide Educational / Recreational Youth Programing

1.) Columbus Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD) Capital Kids
\$630,000

CRPS provides the Capital Kids program for Columbus youths incorporates trained staff, state of the art technology, high expectations and high performance standards designed to gauge students' academic achievement and to also provide participants with a safe place to learn and play when school is out.

2.) Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Fitness Camps
\$90,000

CRPD provides a camp for children ages 6 to 14 years that operates during the summer & winter when school is not in session. The program is designed to especially benefit the children of working parents. As part of the program, the School's Out offers a day long, well supervised camp that allows children to take part in a variety of recreational, educational, cultural and physical fitness activities in a safe and secure environment.

3.) Seven Baskets Community Development Corporation Youth Services
\$18,790

Seven Baskets Community Development Corporation has requested CDBG funding from the Department of Finance and Management for youth services programing which will establish a school partnership between Seven Baskets and an elementary school. The partnership will provide several critical services to young students including in-person tutoring, afterschool activities including homework assistance and meals.

Goal: Public Facilities / Infrastructure Improvements

1.) Construction of Glenwood and Windsor Pools
\$3,000,000

CRPD requests \$3,000,000 of FY 2022 CDBG funding to support the construction phase of the replacement and new build of outdoor aquatics facilities at Glenwood and Windsor Parks. FY 2021 CDBG funding allowed CRPD to complete the community engagement, architectural and engineering phase, and FY 2022 CDBG funding will leverage additional local funds necessary for construction. This CDBG funding will allow CRPD to transform outdated and ill-equipped community pools into safe, modern outdoor aquatics facilities that serve as recreational hubs for the Greater Hilltop and South Linden Columbus Communities. The total construction cost for the pools is \$15,000,000.

2.) Linden Lighting Improvements
\$100,000

The Department of Neighborhoods requests CDBG funds for a street lighting improvements project that will contract the replacement of light luminaires and tree trimming in South Linden.

3.) 2022 Neighborhoods Curb Improvements
\$1,530,237

The Department of Public Service requests funding for the installation of new curb ramps and the replacements of existing curb ramps in order to meet current ADA requirements. As required, the project will include running and cross slopes, horizontal and vertical deflections as well as detectable warnings. The project will improve pedestrian safety in the Hilltop, Near East, Near South, South Linden and Northland neighborhoods.

4.) Wheatland Avenue Street Improvements Phase 1
\$800,000

New development continues on the Hilltop's Wheatland Avenue. CDBG funds are requested to be utilized by the Department of Public Service for tree removal and utilities relocations. This is the first phase of a Wheatland Avenue street improvement project from Broad Street to Glenwood Avenue which will allow for two-way traffic, parking and additional sidewalks.

5.) Neighborhoods Trash and Recycling Litter Receptacles
\$700,000

The Department of Public Service requests CDBG funding to remove and replace sidewalk and litter receptacles on E. Main Street, W. Sullivant Avenue, Broad Street, E. 11th Avenue, Gay Street, High Street and various other locations. Existing sidewalk receptacles are reaching end of life and have become unserviceable leading to increased litter and blight in neighborhoods and commercial corridors. This is especially critical in areas serviced with public transportation and large volumes of pedestrian and multi-modal transportation options.

6.) Maloney and Nelson Playground Improvements
\$400,000

CDBG funding will be utilized by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department to replace a 20+ year old playground and install workout stations at Maloney Park. CDBG funding will also be utilized by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department to replace a 20+ year old playground and improve drainage issues at the playground at Nelson Park.

Goal: Preserve and Expand Affordable Housing

1.) Rebuilding Together Central Ohio D.B.A. Modcon Living Tool Library
\$86,500

Rebuilding Together Central Ohio D.B.A. Modcon Living requests CDBG funding for the expansion of the Tool Library and the Home Ownership Sustainability Program.

Goal: Ensure Equal Access to Housing

1.) Fair Housing Program and Housing Discrimination Testing
\$210,000

The City of Columbus will utilize CDBG funding to procure Fair Housing Program and housing discrimination testing services in order to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Columbus.

Goal: Foster development of skills for residents in need

1.) Community Development for All People South Side Café
\$35,134

Community Development for All People requests CDBG funding to purchase equipment for a new café located on Parsons Avenue.

Goal: Foster business expansions in areas of need

1.) Economic and Community Development Institute, Inc. Capital for Construction
\$200,000

Economic and Community Development Institute, Inc. requires funding for business training and technical assistance for Columbus businesses in the construction industry and construction trades. The program will target minority business enterprises.

Goal: Ensure Safe and Sanitary Property Conditions

1.) Legal Aid Society of Columbus Housing Conditions Project
\$100,000

The Legal Aid Society requests that the Department of Finance and Management award CDBG funding for a public service project to assist low-to-moderate income renters in Columbus. The objective of the project is to improve conditions of low-income housing stock in Columbus by using legal tools to encourage landlords to invest in the maintenance of their rental properties. The project's goal is to assist 250 tenant families in one year.

2.) Westside Apartment Housing Security Fence Construction
\$250,000

This project removes blighted and deteriorated fencing around the perimeter of Carol Stewart Village and provides a new security and privacy fence around the property.

Goal: Program Management, Capacity Building and / or Administration:

1.) Department of Finance and Management Grants Management Administration
\$680,000

Grants Management Section staffing and contracting in the Department of Finance and Management for administration of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grants.

2.) Urban Tree Canopy Site Assessments
\$500,000

CRPD requests \$500,000 of FY 2022 CDBG funding for the second phase and completion of an inventory assessment of street tree sites in public right-of-ways throughout nine CDBG-eligible block groups

3.) Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Center Managers

\$180,000

Columbus Recreation and Parks proposes the use of CDBG funding for the salaries of managers at eligible recreation centers in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

Goal: Provide Housing and Services for Persons with AIDS

1.) HOPWA Lutheran Social Services, Faith Mission

\$824,738

Funding will be used for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Permanent Housing Placement (PHP), and other supportive services. An estimated 92 households will be assisted.

2.) HOPWA Equitas Health

\$744,108

Funding will be used for TBRA, PHP, and other supportive services. An estimated 86 households will be assisted.

3.) HOPWA Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency

\$490,730

Funding will be used for TBRA, Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility assistance (STRMU), PHP, and other supportive services. An estimated 126 households will be assisted.

4.) HOPWA Licking County Coalition for Housing

\$395,424

Funding will be used for TBRA, STRMU, PHP, and other supportive services. An estimated 89 households will be assisted.

Goal: Program Management, Capacity Building and / or Administration

1.) HOPWA Administration, Columbus Public Health Staff

\$45,000

Staffing for Columbus Public Health for HOPWA administration.

HOME Investment Partnership

Goal: Preserve and Expand Access to Affordable Housing

1.) Community Housing Development Organization Set Aside

\$600,000

Required set aside of 15% of HOME fund allocation for awards to city certified CHDOs.

2.) Rental Housing Development

\$1,730,000

Providing gap financing for new construction and substantial renovation rental projects. An estimated 5 HOME funded rental project will be assisted, including 12 units.

3.) Downpayment Assistance

\$250,000

Up to \$5,000 for downpayment and closing costs for a low or moderate income homebuyers. An estimated 42 households will be assisted.

4.) Homeowner Housing Development

\$900,000

HOME funds will be utilized for the development and affordability assistance for 10 new homeowner housing.

5.) Rebuilding Lives Tenant Based Rental Assistance

\$325,000

Tenant Based Rental Assistance for those who are homeless or in danger of become homeless. An estimated 55 households will be assisted.

6.) Community Housing Development Organization Operating Support

\$200,000

Operating support provided to the Community Development Collaborative to distribute to approved CHDOs.

7.) Community Development Collaborative Operating Support

\$45,000

Administrative funds provided to the Community Development Collaborative which is administered by the Affordable Housing Trust and supports the development of affordable housing.

Goal: Program Management, Capacity Building and / or Administration

1.) Department of Development Housing Division Staff

\$400,000

Housing Division staffing in the Department of Development for administration of HOME Investment Partnership funded programs.

Emergency Solutions Grant

Goal: Increase Access to Housing and Emergency Shelter

1.) Emergency Solutions Grants Programs

\$636,000

Emergency shelters provide access to beds for men and women in Columbus and Franklin County. Beyond providing a secure and clean place to sleep, shelter programs provide access to basic services such as showers, meals, healthcare and material assistance, along with supportive services, referrals to additional supportive services as needed, and crisis assistance. Shelter programs have resource centers that provide internet access, telephones, employment leads, job training resources and other community resources. ESG-funded Direct Housing programs provide services and financial assistance to families exiting emergency shelter programs into their own homes, with the goal of long-term stabilization. The 2022 ESG program will assist an estimated 4,000 persons.