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Program Year 2022
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Annual Action Plan Project Proposals Summary
for
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 Division solicited project proposals for the use of Fiscal Year 2022 funding which will be allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funding will be planned for expansion of existing programming and new programming to serve low-to-moderate income residents of Columbus. Expenditures must be consistent with community needs, priorities and strategies stated in the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City will receive allocations from the Federal Government for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which has a 15% public service cap and a 20% administration cap, 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.

Projects are listed in the grant sections below under a City of Columbus Strategic Plan Goal 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
- 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 budgeting for HUD programming based on past entitlement awards from HUD, program income, and funds recaptured from a Revolving Loan Fund.

2022 CDBG Budget including Revolving Loan Fund and Program Income	\$8,649,305
2022 HOPWA Budget	\$2,500,000
2022 HOME Budget	\$4,500,000
2022 ESG Budget	\$636,000



Public Participation Process

Public Comment Period for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

The City of Columbus will start a thirty (30) day public comment period on August 18, 2021 when this document is made available on the City's Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Division webpage. This document provides an overview of every project proposed for FY 22 CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG project. The Grants Management Division is accepting comments through September 17, 2022, 5:00 PM. Comments can be made by phone by calling Lucie McMahon at (614)645-7492 or by emailing grantsmgmt@columbus.gov. Comments may also be mailed to Lucie McMahon at Columbus City Hall, 90 W. Broad Street, 4TH Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

First Public Meeting for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

The Department of Finance and Management, Grants Management Division will host a public meeting on August 25, 2021 at 5:30 PM. Each project proposed for inclusion in the draft FY 2022 Annual Action Plan will be discussed. The meeting will be held at 141 N. Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, in the conference room located on the bottom level of the City of Columbus' parking garage. Free parking is available in the garage which can be accessed by Ludlow Street. The meeting is being advertised through social media, emails and a legal advertisement in the Columbus Dispatch newspaper.

Second Public Meeting for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

The Grants Management Division will hold a second public meeting with Columbus City Council to discuss a draft FY 2022 Annual Action Plan. The draft FY 2022 Annual Action Plan will provide preliminary budgets and funding amounts for project proposed for the FY 2022 HUD programs. The meeting will be publicly advertised similarly to the first.



Community Development Block Grant Project Proposals

Goal: Provide Educational / Recreational Youth Programing

1.) **Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Capital Kids**

\$630,000

The Capital Kids program incorporates trained staff, 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.

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 School's Out program is designed to especially benefit the children of working parents. School's Out offers a day long, well supervised program that allows children to take part in a variety of recreational, educational, cultural and physical fitness activities in a safe and secure environment.

3.) **Columbus Literacy Council, Inc. Youth Services**

\$505,000

Columbus Literacy Council, Inc. has requested funding for youth services programing and administration from the Department of Finance and Management. Programming will include tutoring, recreation, academic enrichment, ESOL, life skills, financial literacy, career exploration activities, healthy eating and mindfulness for ages 5 – 13. The same topics are also provided in age-appropriate workshops/sessions to youth ages 14-18 and parents/adults.

4.) **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 Cedarwood 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

Columbus Recreation & Parks Department 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. While the current facilities have historically served nearly 25,000 visitors each summer, the ability to expand safe, quality and inclusive programming for all ages is compromised each year due to unforeseen repairs of pool components, capacity restraints, and design barriers that are not conducive for all ages and abilities. FY 2021 CDBG funding allowed the department 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 Columbus Recreation and Parks 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.
- 2.) **Linden Lighting Improvements**
\$100,000
The Department of Neighborhoods requests CDBG funds for a street lighting improvements project that will replace South Linden light luminaires and will include tree trimming.
 - 3.) **2022 Neighborhoods Curb Improvements**
\$2,024,000
The Department of Public Service requests funding for new curb ramps with existing curb ramps to be removed and reconstructed to meet current ADA requirements, including running and cross slopes, horizontal and vertical deflections and 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 total 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**
\$450,000
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.) **Central Community House Facility Upgrades**
\$134,507.66
The Central Community House has requested CDBG funding from the Department of Finance and Management for facility improvements including flooring, a new office space construction, art room and reception space case work as well as acoustic ceiling tile replacements and sighting upgrades throughout the building.

Goal: Preserve and Expand Affordable Housing

- 1.) **Roof Repair Program**
\$845,000



The Department of Development requests funding to manage a roof repair/replacement program for low-to-moderate income Columbus homeowners. The program will benefit an estimated 65 households.

2.) **CHORES Minor Home Repair**

\$500,000

The Department of Development proposes to utilize CDBG funding to manage a program for small home repairs for senior homeowners.

3.) **Rebuilding Together Central Ohio D.B.A. Modcon Living Tool Library**

\$87,500

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.

4.) **Seven Baskets Community Development Corporation Rental Home Acquisition**

\$90,000

Seven Baskets Community Development Corporation requests CDBG funding to acquire a residential property on the east side of Columbus. The non-profit plans to rehabilitate the property in order to rent the home to a low-to-moderate income family.

Goal: Provide Homebuyer Education and Other Counseling

1.) **Housing Counseling**

\$110,000

The Department of Development requests CDBG funding for contracting with HUD approved Housing Counseling Agencies for the provision of homebuyer and homeowner counseling services for City of Columbus residents.

Goal: Ensure Equal Access to Housing

1.) **Fair Housing Program**

\$150,000

The Department of Finance and Management will contract a vendor for the program year 2022 City Fair Housing Program services.

2.) **Somali Community Link Emergency Housing Rental Assistance**

\$710,600

The Somali Community Link requests CDBG funds from the Department of Finance and Management for the administration of emergency rental assistance for approximately 200 households.

Goal: Foster business expansion in areas of need

1.) **Economic and Community Development Institute Capital for Construction**

\$500,000

ECDI requests CDBG funding from the Department of Finance and Management for a Capital for Construction program which will serve Columbus to construction related minority



business enterprises or businesses owned by low-to-moderate income individuals by providing technical assistance and access to capital.

Goal: Improve Health Outcomes

1.) Downtown Public Restrooms

\$620,000

The Capital Crossroads Special Improvements District is a Department of Finance and Management's subrecipient of CDBG-CV (CARES) funding in the amount of \$875,000 for the design, engineering, administration and construction of public restroom facilities in Columbus' downtown. The project requires additional funding in order to complete the construction of the desired 5 units. There is currently limited access to public restrooms in the City's downtown community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is an increased need for free and accessible public restrooms. The addition of free public restroom facilities in the City's downtown will improve hygienic practices of visitors and the City's transient population as we continue to recover from pandemic and mitigate the spread of the virus.

2.) Nonprofits Neighborhood Facilities HVAC Improvements

\$150,000

The Department of Finance and Management's Construction Management Division is managing the CDBG-CV (CARES) Nonprofits Neighborhood Facilities HVAC Improvements project in the amount of \$900,000. The project includes the replacement of HVAC equipment at the Gladden Community House and the J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center. The project requires additional funding in order to complete the desired upgrades. The project will improve air quality at the nonprofits' buildings and will prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Goal: Foster development of skills for residents in need

1.) City of Refugee GoodLife Foundation Skilled Trades Employment Training and Certification Program

\$193,400

The Department of Finance and Management will execute a subrecipient agreement with the City of Refugee GoodLife Foundation for a skilled trade training program. The program's goal is to improve the work status of the unemployed and under-employed by allowing them to earn a living wage. The program will train individuals in construction skilled trades over 13 weeks and will include trainings on financial management and small business start-up and entrepreneurship. Program graduates will receive a National Skilled Trades Training Network Core Curriculum Certification.

2.) Community Development for All People South Side Café

\$75,000

Community Development for All People requests CDBG funding from the Department and Finance and Management café staffing at a new shop located on Parsons Avenue for the business's first year of operation.



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 of assisting 250 tenant families and to investigate the improvement of at least 250 rental units in one year.

Goal: Program Management, Capacity Building and / or Administration

1.) **Department of Finance and Management Grants Management Staff**

\$610,000

Grants Management Division 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

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department requests \$500,000 of FY 2022 CDBG funding for the second phase of completion of an inventory assessment of potential street tree sites in the public right-of-way in nine CDBG-eligible block groups

3.) **Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Center Managers**

\$180,000

CRPD proposes the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for salaries for 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**

\$789,108

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.

