

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-488	Meeting:	November 6, 2023
	Agenda Item:	49	Roll Call:	23-1577
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Public hearing for approval of the proposed 2024 Action Plan as part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

**SYNOPSIS:**

As a recipient of federal grant funding from HUD, the City of Des Moines is required to submit an Annual Action Plan as an update to its five-year Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan details how the City of Des Moines intends to use its federal funds. The HUD funding includes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This Council action is for the City of Des Moines regular federal funding allocation; it does not include any additional funds or special programming in response to COVID-19.

One (1) requirement before submitting the Annual Action Plan is to obtain public input about the plan. This public hearing is the final opportunity for the public to submit comments.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$3,700,000 in CDBG; \$1,100,000 in HOME; and \$336,000 in ESG

Funding Source: This funding will come from HUD.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The estimated funding breakdown for proposed projects is below. It includes reallocated funds and program income from previous years.

2023 Projects	CDBG Funding	HOME Funding	ESG Funding	Total
Affordable Housing	\$2,880,000			\$2,880,000
Neighborhood-Based Service Delivery (NBSD)	\$1,816,189			\$1,816,189
Administration	\$ 740,000	\$ 110,000		\$ 850,000
HOME Activities		\$ 680,000		\$ 680,000
Public Services	\$ 555,000			\$ 555,000
Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 500,000			\$ 500,000
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Activities		\$ 489,996		\$ 489,996
ESG Program & Administration			\$336,000	\$ 336,000
Total	\$6,491,189	\$1,279,996	\$336,000	\$8,107,185

- Affordable Housing includes funding towards rental and owner-occupied rehab for low-moderate income households. Some of the projects expected include 12 single-unit rental rehabs, four (4) multi-unit apartment rental rehabs, and 25 single-unit owner occupied rehabs.
- NBSD includes funding for code enforcement and Improving Our Neighborhood (ION) activity delivery costs. NBSD is a community outreach effort that coordinates multiple City departments to focus efforts in distressed neighborhoods. Code enforcement officers address land use issues and ION supports the exterior rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes.
- Public services include multiple activities. Funding will be allocated to homebuyer education and counseling programs for tenants moving into homeownership. Funding will also be allocated to homelessness operations to assist low- and moderate-income clients with a range of services such as the Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), food assistance, and other housing assistance.
- HOME Activities include \$378,000 allocated to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity to construct at least 12 homeownership units for low-income homebuyers and provide buying assistance to 12 homebuyers. The remaining \$302,000 will be allocated to rental development projects with site preparation.
- Public facilities and infrastructure improvements in 2024 will include upgrades to Jordan Park which are anticipated to include a new playground, sprayground, and accessibility improvements.
- CHDO Activities is the allocation to HOME, Inc. to develop six (6) homeownership units for low-income homebuyers. Some of the CHDO activities are the completion of homes from previous years' allocations.
- The ESG Program and Administration will include activities to address homelessness, including rapid rehousing and emergency shelter. Funds are allocated to service providers by a local competitive grant process, facilitated by City staff and Homeward, formerly known as Polk County Continuum of Care.
- Each program mentioned in the Consolidated Plan (CDBG, HOME, and ESG) has a different focus. CDBG funding is the most diverse funding stream. It provides decent housing and suitable living environments and expands economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The HOME program funds housing projects, often in partnership with local nonprofit groups, which includes building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people. ESG is intended to assist people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 2, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-1330](#)

Action: [On](#) proposed 2024 Action Plan for the HUD Consolidated Plan, (11-6-23). Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 6-0.

Date: November 4, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1792](#)

Action: [On](#) the proposed 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, which includes the 2020 Action Plan, for the HUD Consolidated Plan. ([Council Communication No. 19-476](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

- The federal funding amounts for each program above are estimates. Once Congress determines next year's budget, HUD will announce the City of Des Moines allocation, and City staff will return to Council to reaffirm proposed plans with final allocations. In the past, this often occurs in early spring.
- City staff will also return to Council to approve grant agreements with HUD. This usually occurs in early summer.

For more information on this and other agenda items, please call the City Clerk's Office at 515-283-4209 or visit the Clerk's Office on the first floor of City Hall, 400 Robert D Ray Drive. Council agendas are available to the public at the City Clerk's Office on Thursday afternoon preceding Monday's Council meeting. Citizens can also request to receive meeting notices and agendas by email by calling the Clerk's Office or sending their request via email to [cityclerk@dmgov.org](mailto:cityclerk@dmgov.org).