

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
City of Bloomington
2022 Action Plan Summary

Introduction

The City of Bloomington will utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to achieve many goals that best serve the citizens of Bloomington. The City will use its entitlement funds to achieve the goals/outcomes that are identified within the proposed 2022 Action Plan and the overall goals of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, which was approved in 2019. The city has incorporated performance measures into the 2022 Action Plan to ensure that the Plan is results orientated and that it meets it's and the City's one- and five-year goals. The planned activities serve many low/moderate income households. Overall, at least 80 percent of the grant will be expended on activities for low/moderate income households in Bloomington.

Approval Process

The CDBG program requires a new Action Plan every year and a Five-Year Consolidated Plan every five years. The city is a member of a consortium with other entitlement cities (Eden Prairie and Plymouth) and Hennepin County for the CDBG program. The Action Plan will be available for public comment at public hearings before the City Council and the County Board of Commissioners in April. There will also be a 30-day period for written comment. The approved Action Plan will then be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plans

The City of Bloomington will carry out activities that will provide for the preservation of the City's housing stock, provide affordable housing options, provide essential services to seniors, families and individuals and support Fair Housing activities.

The city's CDBG allocation will be used for housing rehabilitation, energy improvements, accessibility improvements and emergency repairs for the purpose of maintaining decent affordable housing. The activity to receive the largest amount of funding is the single-family rehabilitation program which serves low/moderate income homeowners with low interest loans to repair/update their homes. The rehabilitation loan program is coupled with the lead-based paint activity to assist in the abatement of lead hazards in pre-1978 homes utilizing CDBG funds. In this way, the city is ensuring that no threats remain to the health of occupants from lead paint. This activity serves low/moderate income households at or below 80% median.

- The goal for this activity is to provide homeowner rehabilitation, energy, accessibility, and emergency assistance as well as lead-based paint abatement during the 2022-2023 Program Year. The activity will be funded with approximately \$1,193,378 this year. The final amount will be dependent on carry-over funds from the current year and the amount of loan re-payments of received during the Program Year.

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The City will provide CDBG funds for outside maintenance and home making services to low/moderate income seniors. This is an important service that allows seniors to continue to reside in their homes.

- The goal for this activity is to serve 100 seniors through the programming for each of the five years of the Consolidated Plan. Programming, administered through non-profits, will be funded with \$20,000 for this year of the Action Plan.

The City will also fund activities for new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and re-sell of single-family property to income qualified homebuyers.

- The goal for this activity is to provide an affordable home-ownership opportunity to two low/moderate income households in Bloomington during the 2022-2023 Program Year for a total of \$150,000 in CDBG funds.

Lastly, the city contributes to the Fair Housing implementation Council (FHIC) for Fair Housing Services. The City will allocate funds for the continuation of Fair Housing Services in suburban the metro (including Bloomington). These funds may be used for education and research, housing discrimination testing and enforcement and Fair Housing counseling and clearinghouse activities.

- The goal for this activity is to provide funding of \$5,000 to fair housing activities during the 2022-2023 Program Year.