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## **Executive Summary**

### **AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)**

#### **1. Introduction**

The Community Development (CD) Department is committed to making the City of Columbia and its neighborhoods a better place to live, work, play, and thrive. Our Mission is to improve the quality of life

for Columbia’s citizens by providing economic, housing, and social opportunities. We are the fuel supporting the local economy by providing resources and opportunities for growth. Community Development administers federal, state, and local funding and ensures compliance. Community Development programs increase home-ownership and build neighborhood capacity while offering excellent customer service. Partnerships with banks, neighborhoods, and organizations allow us to promote diversity, inclusion, and equal access through engagement, education, empowerment, and enhancement of housing and economic opportunities.

## **2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan**

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Consolidated Plan sets goals and strategies for achievement over the FY 2020-2024 period and identifies a list of funding priorities. The FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan is in the fourth year of its five-year Consolidated Plan outlining the City’s vision for housing and community development and addresses the City’s response to identified needs and priority areas over the next year. Community Development administers federal, state, and local funds and ensures compliance; increases home ownership; and builds neighborhood capacity through excellent customer service. The Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) represents the fourth year of the City of Columbia Consolidated Plan for the Fiscal Years 2020-2024 (Con Plan) as ratified by the City Council and approved by HUD. The Action Plan is the City of Columbia’s application for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants and identifies the proposed programs and projects funded during the City’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

The Action Plan consolidates three (3) HUD entitlement grants: 1) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), 2) HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and 3) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). As the result of the 2015 Flood Disaster, the City received Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to address the unmet needs of recovery and Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds for resiliency against future disasters. Additionally, The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law in 2020 to provide additional aid to communities in their efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to

HUD’s CPD programs, including CDBG-CV & HOPWA-CV to the City of Columbia. Subsequently, the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan revision by substantial amendment reflects CDBG-CV and HOPWA-CV needs and associated priorities. In addition, HUD approved the City’s HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan on April 14, 2022.

## **3. Evaluation of past performance**

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City of Columbia recognizes the importance of maintaining appropriate performance measurements of its CDBG and HOME projects and programs. CD staff provides management for the CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA programs and monitors activities and projects with developed guidelines that include performance measures to ensure regulatory compliance. Using the HUD Community Planning and Development Grant Monitoring Handbook (4591.1) found at [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/hsg/4591.1](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/hsg/4591.1) a guide, the City periodically evaluates staff performance and program performance against the current Consolidated Plan.

The City's Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs) have provided many details about the innovations, projects, and programs completed by the City. Documents are reviewable and/or downloaded from the City's website at [www.Columbiasc.gov](http://www.Columbiasc.gov).

The City recognizes that the evaluation of past performance is critical to ensuring the City and its sub-recipients are implementing activities effectively and that those activities align with the City's overall strategies and goals. During FY2023, the City remains compliant with the HUD CDBG Timeliness Ratio test assessed on May 2 annually. The performance of programs and systems is evaluated on a regular basis and the City continues to improve the CDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and HOPWA Sponsor Request for Applications (RFA) processes in order to ease the administrative burden on applicants and volunteer community reviewers. Where progress stalled toward specific goals in homeownership rehabilitation assistance, Quality Assurance, and Quality Control (QAQC) measures are in place for continuous improvement. The proposed numbers were high with the expectation that the CDBG-DR program would assist a larger number of rehabs. However, the length of time between disaster and recovery lead to increased construction costs due to supply chain deficiencies and a decrease in the number of rehabbed housing units. Reconstruction costs remained significantly higher across the construction industry.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

City staff continues to work with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), established in 1975 to provide advice and recommendations on all policy issues relating to the federal entitlement grant programs discussed in the City's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The CAC meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All the meetings are open to the public and the schedule is posted on the City website.

The Annual Action Plan public comment period was April 4, 2023, through May 11, 2023. The AAP Public Notice was posted in the State Newspaper and on the City's Community Development website at <https://communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/public-notices/>. The FY2032 Annual Action Plan

Executive Summary was available on the Community Development website at <https://communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/annual-action-plan/>. All comments received were submitted with the Annual Action Plan to HUD no later than May 15, 2023. HUD Statutory deadline. The Annual Action Plan remains under draft until submitted to HUD for final approval. All public comments regarding the Annual Action Plan were mailed to, Community Development Department, 1401 Main St., 4th Floor Columbia, SC 29201, e-mailed to [CommunityDevelopment@columbiasc.gov](mailto:CommunityDevelopment@columbiasc.gov), or faxed to (803) 255-8912. The City held two virtual Public hearings and one in-person Public Hearing:

**Thursday, April 13, 2023, @ 3:00 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87860213028>

Meeting ID: 878 6021 3028

Passcode: 169936

Dial In

+1 301 715 8592

**Thursday, May 4, 2023, @ 5:30 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88591709278>

Meeting ID: 885 9170 9278

Passcode: 407776

Dial In

+1 301 715 8592

**Thursday, May 11, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**

1401 Main St. 4th Floor

Main Conference Room

Columbia, SC 29201

**5. Summary of public comments**

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Citizens had the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Annual Action Plan during the public hearings and the minimum 30-day public comment period, April 4, 2023 - May 11, 2023. A summary of citizen comments from both public hearings, online or mailed to the Community Development offices, will be included in the FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan submitted to HUD. For more information, contact the Community Development Compliance Division at (803)545-3373 or by email at [CoCCommDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov](mailto:CoCCommDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov). The summary of the comments is attached to the AAP.

## **6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them**

A summary of citizen comments is included in the FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan that is submitted to HUD. No comments will be excluded from the submission of the Annual Action Plan.

## **7. Summary**

The City of Columbia used a wide variety of outreach techniques using different venues in order to get input for our Action Plan. Virtual meetings along with at least one in-person public hearing were utilized in addition to other media platforms. Social Media, the City website, and email blasts were all a part of the outreach strategy designed to provide and receive information and comments for the Annual Action Plan. Two (2) virtual and one (1) in-person public hearings were held on April 13, May 4, and May 11, 2023, respectively. All comments received from neighborhood organizations, citizens, community stakeholders, service agencies, faith-based organizations, city staff, and elected officials were included to ensure inclusive representation.

**PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)**

**1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan**

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	COLUMBIA	Community Development Department
HOPWA Administrator	COLUMBIA	Community Development Department
HOME Administrator	COLUMBIA	Community Development Department

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The Community Development Department (CDD) administers the CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA programs for the City of Columbia. CDD is the Public Contact that produces and distributes the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance & Evaluation Report (CAPER) Reports. Plans and reports are located on the city’s website at <https://communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/>.

**Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

The Community Development Department (CDD) has the responsibility of developing the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The fiscal year 2023-2024 is the fourth (4th) year of the most recent plan (2020-2024), which can be found on the City's website at <https://communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/>.



## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

The City of Columbia is engaged in ongoing efforts to increase coordination amongst the complex network of public, private, and non-profit organizations that deliver housing and social services to the community. As the administrator of HUD's CDBG, CDBG-DR, CDBG-CV, HOME, HOME-ARP, HOPWA, and HOPWA-CV programs, the City's Community Development Department (CDD) acts as the connector and fuel for community and economic development in the area. The City maintains open lines of communication between the area's many non-profit, for-profit, social service agencies, and community stakeholders.

### **Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))**

Besides keeping an open door policy and maintaining ongoing daily communication with the area's many agencies and service providers, the City of Columbia's Community Development Department (CDD) is engaged in a number of efforts and initiatives to enhance coordination among the community's governmental and service frameworks. The CDD maintains membership with the Midlands Areas Consortium on Homelessness (MACH), as well as works closely with the United Way of the Midlands. The Housing Authority for the City of Columbia is a valued public housing partner. The City coordinates with the State agencies such as the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Department of Social Services to gather data and information concerning lead-based paint hazards in homes.

The City's Community Development Committee reviews matters related to community and neighborhood development. The Economic Development Committee reviews and makes recommendations for continued economic growth within the City. The Environment & Infrastructure Committee reviews matters related to green space, water quality, roads, and buildings. The Public Safety Committee reviews matters related to public safety, including animal services, code inspection, Municipal Court, and other matters related thereto.

### **Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.**

The City of Columbia partners with the United Way of the Midlands (UWM), which serves as the lead HUD agency for the Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH), and is the HUD, designated Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC). UWM also administers the CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and is the clearinghouse for the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program.

This group of service providers implements housing services for the homeless, as well as other organizations with an interest in preventing homelessness. Along with UWM, those involved are local non-profit agencies, local government entities, public schools, housing authorities, law enforcement, health care providers, faith communities, and financial supporters.

The partnership was created to maximize the resources available to homeless persons through the development and coordination of an effective and comprehensive continuum of care system addressing services from homelessness prevention services outreach services, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and permanent affordable housing. Additionally, the City of Columbia implemented the Columbia Rapid Shelter focusing on temporary housing for the most

**Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS**

The City of Columbia partners with the United Way of the Midlands (UWM), which serves as the lead HUD agency for the Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH), and is the HUD, designated Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC). UWM also administers the CoC's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The SC Office of Equal Opportunity grants and administers ESG funding. Agencies seeking funding apply through MACH, which provides certification for each applicant to the City for verification that the homelessness housing and services align with the City's Consolidated Plan.

**2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Lexington County Community Development
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Fair Housing
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Community Development Department (CDD) coordinates access to Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for the current and future residential, commercial, and industrial interests of Lexington County. The CDD also promotes community development through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and CDBG-Disaster Recovery Programs and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), which are funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). They continue to collaborate on relevant Fair Housing, volunteering opportunities, and regional activities through intentional coordination for National Community Development Week, National Fair Housing Month, and National Financial Literacy Month events.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Richland County Community Development Department
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy Fair Housing

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Columbia is within Richland County with a diverse population of more than 390,000 residents in the Metro region. A series of ongoing consultation meetings and special monthly meetings were held on Fair Housing. They continue to collaborate on relevant Fair Housing, volunteering opportunities, and regional activities through intentional coordination for National Community Development Week, National Fair Housing Month, and National Financial Literacy Month events. Fire and Safety, as well as Zoning and Land Use, were areas of improved coordination.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH) represents 14 Counties across the Midlands of South Carolina, advocating for issues and initiatives that will help end homelessness. It seeks to not only connect others as a collaborative network of individuals and organizations but most importantly, to empower clients to advocate for themselves and facilitate positive change. MACH, a non-profit organization and HUD-registered Continuum of Care (CoC), is designed to provide a community solution to homelessness. It works collaboratively to reduce the time that people spend in a homeless situation while promoting self-sufficiency and independence for its clients. Since 1994, MACH has existed to serve individuals and families currently experiencing homelessness and to aid those who are at risk of becoming homeless. MACH seeks to increase collaboration between all citizens of the region to help those who are most in need.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Provided information on the City HOPWA Program, Guidelines, Sponsors, and activities to promote awareness and cohesiveness among HOPWA providers in the City of Columbia EMSA and statewide. A HOPWA 1-day Conference was sponsored by DHEC to exchange and gather information.

5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	United Way of the Midlands
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	United Way of the Midlands works to determine and respond to the critical human service needs of the community. Community volunteers in three councils focused on education, financial stability, and health, develop and review a community-wide needs assessment to determine key issues in the community. Based on priorities, opportunities, and resources, the councils offer competitive grants to partner agencies that best address the needs. United Way of the Midlands develops partnerships with non-profit partners, businesses, community leaders, and individuals to understand the conditions in each area it serves. It works to provide programs and resources through certified partner agencies to improve the quality of life in Calhoun, Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, and Richland counties.

6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Fast Forward Community Technology Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Employment Services - Victims Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Non Profit
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Columbia provides funds to assist with access to technology and computer skills for employment for the homeless, veterans, elderly and youth that are underserved.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Homeless No More, Inc.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Non Profit

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City of Columbia provided funds to assist homeless families/individuals with emergency hotel/motel assistance. Also, provided funds to help develop affordable housing.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Housing Authority for the City of Columbia, SC
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy



<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>The Columbia Housing Authority (Columbia Housing) serves as the area's Public Housing Authority. Columbia Housing evaluates the needs for housing in the local area annually and uses the information to develop this strategic plan to address shortfalls, and demand, and develop strategic transformation and acquisition plans to upgrade the current portfolio to better equality and more economically sustainable housing and add additional affordable housing to its inventory.</p>
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**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

The City of Columbia includes all agency types for consultation.

**Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan**

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Midlands Area Consortium of the Homeless	MACH is our CoC and the Blueprint on Homelessness is the plan that set the goals for our region.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

MACH, a nonprofit organization and HUD registered Continuum of Care (CoC), is designed to provide a community solution to homelessness. We work collaboratively to reduce the time that people spend in a homeless situation while promoting self-sufficiency and independence for the people we serve. Since 1994, MACH has existed to serve individuals and families currently experiencing homelessness and to aid those who are at risk of becoming homeless. MACH seeks to increase collaboration between all citizens of our region to help those who are most in need.

## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

### **1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia wish to provide for maximum citizen participation in the development and implementation of the Annual Action Plan in accordance with the objectives of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The public notice was posted in the “State Newspaper” on April 4, 2023; the comment period began on April 4, 2023, and ended on May 11, 2023. In addition, the Executive Summary of the Annual Action Plan draft was available on the City’s website at <https://communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/public-notices/> and can be requested via email at [CoCComDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov](mailto:CoCComDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov).

The City of Columbia Citizen Participation Plan encourages the participation of all residents, especially the low and moderate-income population. Formal and informal approaches are used each year in the assessment process to provide adequate opportunities for citizens to participate in the development of the Annual Action Plan. In 2023, the City continued to utilize virtual methods for public engagement. These actions include placing advertisements in the local newspapers, social media, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings, and public hearings.

The CAC consists of seven (7) members, with at least one member from each of the four (4) City Council Districts, and was established through the adoption of a resolution on August 6, 1975, which outlined the Committee’s responsibilities. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and their responsibilities include an annual review of the performance of federal programs, CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA. Meetings are advertised to the public via postings at City buildings with high traffic and on the City’s webpage. All meetings are virtual and accessible to all citizens including those with hearing and visual impairments. The grassroots organization, Columbia Council of Neighborhoods (CCN) has grown into a large umbrella organization with over one hundred and twenty-two (122) neighborhoods. The Community Development Department assigns a staff member as Community Liaison to assist with the dissemination of information regarding city services, capacity, and leadership development; and addressing neighborhood and community priorities needs within the four (4) City Council Districts. Notice of these meetings is published in The State newspaper, distributed by email to the Columbia Council of Neighborhood Executive Board and the entire membership, and posted on the City website <https://communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/annual-action-plan/>. In addition, Community Development comments are accepted via email at [CoCComDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov](mailto:CoCComDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov) to invite citizens to comment on needs in their community on an ongoing basis. The results are listed below. All public comments received are submitted to HUD as a part of the Annual Action Plan. See the Citizens Participation attachment.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	The posting in the State News Paper is chosen to reach wide variety of the citizens, respond the to the newspaper response.	Based on Executive Summary recommdations Chronic Homeless outreach worker is greatly needed.	All comments were accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>April 13, 2023 - 6 participants were on virtual Zoom Meeting platform. May 2, 2023 Public meeting presented AAP to City's CD Committee as information prior to submission to HUD.</p> <p>May 4, 2023 - 12 participants were on virtual Zoom Meeting Platform.</p> <p>May 11, 2023 in-person meeting - No persons attended as public hearing was not held in conjunction with City Council.</p>	Good information provided, CD always provides thorough information.	All comments were accepted	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Provided information at City Council Community Development Committee meeting/15 in person and meeting is live streamed	Committeed accepted the recommendations for funding presented; HOPWA services six Counties; Councilwomen Tina Herbert as about 10+% in HOPWA Funding-Due to the Modernization Formula,	All comments were accepted	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

The City of Columbia estimates \$5,628,662 in total revenue from CDBG, HOME and HOPWA funding sources to be available for activities and programs. Community Development anticipates having \$2,309,653 in CDBG revenue available for FY 2023-2024 programs from the bulleted sources listed below.

#### CDBG

- \$1,025,943 - New Entitlement (FY2023) Increased by 3.6%
- \$169,656 – Prior Year Entitlement Remaining (FY2022)
- \$1,114,054 – Revolving Loan Fund (FY2021, FY2022 & Est. FY2023)
- OME, FY2020, 2021

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#### HOME & HOPWA

The total estimated revenue for the HOME Program is \$1,426,972 to include \$776,972 in 2023 entitlement funds (.04% Increase) and \$650,000 in estimated program income (PI). The total estimated HOPWA revenue for 2023 is \$1,892,037 (10.51% increase). The chart below indicates the percentage of total entitlement revenue by funding source.

In January 2017, HUD-approved (Public Law 114-113) the \$19,989,000 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery allocation as the

result of the 2015 Flood Disaster that hit Columbia in October of 2015. On August 7, 2017, HUD Federal Register (Public Law 115-31) allocated an additional \$6,166,000 to the City of Columbia for disaster recovery assistance. The total amount available for disaster recovery is \$26,155,000. These funds will be utilized for Administration, Planning, Economic Development, Housing, and Infrastructure activities over a six (6) year period. Information regarding the CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant is located at <https://dr.columbiasc.gov/action-plan/> in both English and Spanish.

In February 2018, Congress, recognizing that it was not sufficient to fund the only repair of damage caused by the disasters, passed historic legislation that enabled storm impacted jurisdictions to become more proactive in addressing the impacts of these disasters on their communities. The City of Columbia received \$18,585,000 in The Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (P.L. 115-123) to enable communities to carry out strategic, high-impact activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life and property, and the suffering it causes by lessening the impact of future disasters. Information regarding the CDBG Mitigation Grant is located at <https://mit.columbiasc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Revised-Action-Plan.pdf>

On March 27, 2020, the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to assist communities in their efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to HUD’s CPD programs, including CDBG-CV & HOPWA-CV for the City of Columbia. The additional CARES Act funds allocated to Columbia were \$611,921 for CDBG-CV and \$220,838 for HOPWA-CV, with related provisions to citizen participation and provisions specific for each grant allocation and allowing HUD to waive further program requirements if necessary. Information regarding the CDBG-CV and HOPWA-CV grants is in the revised 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan at <https://communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/consolidated-plans/>

**Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		

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			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,025,943	1,114,054	169,656	2,309,653	2,651,594	This is the 4th-Yr of the Con Plan period. Admins is funding at less than 20% and applications were selected for focused areas of high priority/community needs.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	776,972	650,000	0	1,426,972	1,057,677	This is the 4th-Yr of ConPlan period. Admin budgeted at 10% and CHDO set aside 15%.



Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	1,892,037	0	0	1,892,037	29,030,136	This is the 4th-Yr funding for ConPlan period. Admin is budgeted at 3%. Tracking prior year funding for expenditures.
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Homeowner rehab Housing Multifamily rental rehab Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	

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			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Public Services Other	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - federal	Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA Other	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The City of Columbia has a total percent of 12.5% (\$97,122) of the FY2023 allocation in required private matching dollars for HOME-assisted activities. The HOME match is been satisfied through private lenders' contributions to the City's affordable housing loan program for homebuyers. The City collaborates with eight (8) local lenders that provide mortgage financing to eligible borrowers at reduced interest rates.

(South State Bank, First Citizens Bank, BB&T Home Mortgage, Synovus Home Mortgage, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Security Federal Bank, First Community Bank, Palmetto Citizen Federal Credit Union, Assurance Lending).

The match calculation uses the difference between the interest rate the borrower is receiving through obtaining the City's financing and the interest rate that they would have normally received if they had received financing solely through the partner lender. The difference in payment over the life of the loan is what the City uses as a match requirement.

The homebuyer assistance program and other affordable housing projects are projected to leverage over \$2.5 million in private community dollars. The city also anticipates over \$3 million in leveraged dollars for the HOPWA program. The City of Columbia also provides in-kind services, general funds for operating costs, furnishings and equipment, and real property to carry out the activities identified in the Consolidated Plan and this Plan. City funds were used to establish a General Fund Revolving Loan Funds separate from federal dollars, and have leveraged over \$8 million in private bank funds over the last 5 years. City general funds are used for a variety of housing and development needs. Additionally, Community Development solicits sponsorship revenue to support the many community programs and training events that are held during the program year.

**If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

The City of Columbia does not have publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in this Annual Action Plan.

**Discussion**

The City also uses Revolving Loan funds that help carry out the priority needs and activities identified in the Consolidated Plan and this Annual Action Plan. Revolving loan funds are separate funds (independent of other CDBG program accounts) set up for the purpose of carrying out specific activities.

The City of Columbia also provides in-kind services, general funds for operating costs, furnishings and equipment, and real property to carry out the activities identified in the Consolidated Plan and this Plan. City funds have been used to establish General Fund Revolving Loan Funds separate from federal dollars that have leveraged over \$8 million in private bank funds over the last five years. City general funds are used for a variety of city projects in which CDBG funds are proposed. Projects include street repaving, park improvements, and economic development. Additionally, the Office of Community Development will solicit sponsorship revenue to support the many community programs and training that are held during the program year.

Utilizing CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funding, the City of Columbia leverages over \$8 million annually from various sources including Housing Loans, Homeless Services for the Inclement Weather Center, Façade Improvement Projects, and Commercial Revolving Loan Fund (CRLF), HOPWA Sponsors and other community investment projects and initiatives. Additionally, Community Development Housing Division has received over \$8 million in bank commitments from various sources for its housing initiative over a five-year period. These resources include private lenders such as South State Bank, First Citizens Bank, BB&T Home Mortgage, Synovus Home Mortgage, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Security Federal Bank, First Community Bank, Palmetto Citizen Federal Credit Union, and Assurance Lending.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	1C Improve Access to Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$252,073	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4461 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$814,054	Homeowner Housing Added: 10 Household Housing Unit
3	2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$300,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
4	5A. Provide Support to New & Expanding Businesses	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area	Provide for Increased Economic Opportunities	CDBG: \$250,000	Businesses assisted: 20 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing	HOME: \$1,232,730	Rental units constructed: 10 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS	HOPWA: \$1,892,037	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 89 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 145 Persons Assisted



Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	3B Provide Vital Services for LMI Households	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$250,827	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1039 Persons Assisted

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

**Goal Descriptions**

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	1C Improve Access to Public Facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	During the program year, Randall Avenue Park will be developed to provide access to public facilities in the Eau Claire Redevelopment Area, Booker-Washington Heights and King-Lyon Service areas.

2	<b>Goal Name</b>	2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	During the program year, the City Lender I and Affordable Housing programs will continue to increase homeownership opportunities for LMI households.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The CDBG-DR Housing Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Rebuild program will be completed during this program year and the Community Development Department has launched the Single-Family Improvement for Neighborhood Enhancement (SHINE) Program that will assist homeowners with needed repairs from weatherization to reconstruction.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	5A. Provide Support to New & Expanding Businesses
	<b>Goal Description</b>	CoC Office of Business Opportunitis Commercial Retention & Redevelopment Program (CRRP) - Facade Forgivable (Exterior) & Commercial Forgivable (Interior)Loan Programs.
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	During this program, the City will release a HOME NOFA to increase affordable rental opportunities in the City. In addition, HOME funds have been set aside for CHDO participation for affordable rental access.
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Goal Description</b>	During the program year, the City will continue to provide Housing opportunities for persons with HIV/AIDS through the HOPWA Program which assists the most vulnerable population to access stable housing. In addition, supportive services and permanent housing assistance increase access to permanent housing options.
7	<b>Goal Name</b>	3B Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
	<b>Goal Description</b>	During the program year, various public services will be funded to provide vital services for LMI households. This includes supportive services to enhance the city's priority for the chronically homeless such as mental illness, job skills, training, and education for job certifications, removal of financial barriers that keep individuals from exiting homelessness, and outreach ambassadors trained to reach the most chronic homeless during the night and unconventional hours when crises occur.



# Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

The City of Columbia’s CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA programs provide funding for projects within the City limits. During the 2023 program year, the City will continue to focus its CDBG funding efforts of redevelopment to streamline the funding impact. Additionally, City Council limited access to the FY 2022 CDBG entitlement funding to City Departments. Funding is available for two (2) categories of eligible programs/activities: Public Service (Homeless Services & Outreach, and Job Skills & Readiness, Mental Illness/Homeless and Health Services) and Non-Public Services (Public Facilities Improvement, Economic Development and Housing).

To ensure CDBG expenditure meets timeliness, all funded activities/projects must be shovel-ready to spend CDBG funding within a 1-year grant period and should be the gap funding needed to complete projects. The City will focus HOME funding on affordable housing through homeowner and rental acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction. HOME activities include rental housing development for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), and homeownership through the City Lender Housing Loan Program. HOPWA funds will continue to address the priority needs for permanent housing and to increase housing stability for special needs populations, and persons with HIV/AIDs. Activities include Supportive Services, Permanent Housing Placement, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Short-term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance, and Operations Support.

As the result of the 2015 Flood Disaster, the City received Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to address the unmet needs of recovery and Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds for resiliency against future disasters. For more details, see the CDBG-DR Action Plan at <https://dr.columbiasc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/CDBG-DR-SAPA-6-FINAL-with-HUD-approved-date.pdf> and for CDBG-MIT at <https://mit.columbiasc.gov/cdbg-mit-action-plan/>. The City of Columbia allocated CARES Act funds (CV Rounds 1 and 3) to create projects to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The CV-funded projects added were CDBG-CV Administration, CDBG-CV Public Services, CDBG-CV Economic Development, HOPWA-CV Administration, and HOPWA-CV projects by sponsors. Additionally, the HOME American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) will provide needed resources for the homeless and other vulnerable populations facing affordable crises.

### Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	CDBG Public Services

#	Project Name
3	CDBG Public Facilities
4	CDBG Economic Development
5	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Administration
6	HOME Administration
7	HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set Aside
8	HOME Residential Affordable Housing Loans/Development
9	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - CoC Administration
10	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - CoC Resource ID
11	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Columbia Housing (CHA-1)
12	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Columbia Housing (CHA-2)
13	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Columbia Housing (CHA-3)
14	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Columbia Housing (CHA-4)
15	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Midlands Housing Alliance-Transitions (MHA)
16	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS)
17	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - The Cooperative Ministry (TCM)
18	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - University of South Carolina Dept. of Medicine (USC-DOM)
19	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Upper Savannah Care Services (USCS)
20	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 Permanent Housing Opportunities/Affordable Housing

**Table 7 - Project Information**

**Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

All CDBG and HOPWA funding awards are made through the City's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process and recommendations are made by the Citizens Advisory Community. There are no obstacles to addressing underserved needs.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	1C Improve Access to Public Facilities 2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab 3B Provide Vital Services for LMI Households 5A. Provide Support to New & Expanding Businesses
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS Provide for Increased Economic Opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$247,737
	<b>Description</b>	CDBG Administration
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Admin and operations will benefit all families and households within the City of Columbia. Total population 137,000.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration and Operations - Staff salaries, oversight, monitoring, planning, and general administration. \$ 196,145 (PA 20% from Allocation only)  Citizen Participation - Community outreach and support for community programs. \$2000 (PA 20% from Allocation only)  Community Liaison - Salary for Liaison, neighborhood capacity building, and support to 122 organized neighborhoods. \$ 49,592 (PA 20% from Allocation and 8% PI)
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Public Services

<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
<b>Goals Supported</b>	1C Improve Access to Public Facilities
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$250,827
<b>Description</b>	Provide access to services to LMI individuals and households through various non-profit and community-based agencies. Not to exceed 15% of the Annual CDBG Allocation and 15% of the prior year's program income. (Only 7.2% of PI used)
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City estimates to serve over 1039 eligible LMI individuals/families that will benefit from the proposed public service activities.
<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. will expand outreach and clinical services to youth, adults, and families. \$75,000</p> <p>Fast Forward will assist LMI, Homeless, and veteran clients with employment skills and certification training for job preparation in partnership with Rapid Shelter Columbia (RSC) and provide access to technology both onsite and/or virtual.</p> <p>Main Street District/City Center Partnership will provide a Homeless Outreach Ambassador dedicated to after-hours mental health and clinical services to the homeless population. - \$56,445.</p> <p>Rainy Day Fund - Provide assistance to eliminate financial barriers that prevent individuals from existing homelessness. \$50,000</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b> CDBG Public Facilities



	<b>Target Area</b>	Eau Claire Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	1C Improve Access to Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$252,073
	<b>Description</b>	Public Facilities Improvements
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	4,461 with 32.6% of those citizens living below the poverty line.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Address: 5103 RANDALL AVE, COLUMBIA, SC, 29203 MSA: 17900 - COLUMBIA, SC State: 45 - SOUTH CAROLINA County: 079 - RICHLAND COUNTY Tract Code: 0106.00
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Randall Avenue Pocket Park Scope of Work- \$252,073.35
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Economic Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	5A. Provide Support to New & Expanding Businesses
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Provide for Increased Economic Opportunities
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$250,000
	<b>Description</b>	Economic Development for Columbia small business
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	20 Businesses are estimated to benefit from the proposed activities.

	<b>Location Description</b>	The business corridor that includes Portions of Harden Street/Millwood Avenue/Taylor Street/Gervais Street which are included in the King/Lyon Street Redevelopment Area and the City's Neighborhood Redevelopment Strategy Area (NRSA). In 2023/24, the CRR will continue to cover all of the 5 Points Overlay Design District  Census Tracts: 10, 31, 13, 30 and 21
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CoC Office of Business Opportunites Commercial Retention & Redevelopment Program (CRRP) - Facade Forgivable (Exterior) & Commercial Forgivable (Interior) Loan Programs.
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation and Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$1,309,016
	<b>Description</b>	Housing Rehab and Administration
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City estimates that 20 households/families will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<p>Housing Rehab Administration &amp; Operations - Staff salaries to manage housing loan portfolio, housing inspection, and construction estimation; oversight and compliance - \$152,860</p> <p>Housing Counseling Contract/Certified HUD Counseling &amp; Housing Services - \$50,000</p> <p>City Lender 1/Uplift Down payment Assist. Loan Program - Provide funding up to \$20,000 for 5 housing loans for LMI homeowners - \$111,194</p> <p>Affordable Housing Programs - Providing funding for 2-3 LMI Homeowner to purchase a home - \$500,000</p> <p>Single-Family Housing Improvement for Neighborhood Enhancement (SHINE) Rehab Program - \$300,000</p>
6	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	<p>Edisto Court Target Area</p> <p>Eau Claire Target Area</p> <p>King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area</p> <p>Pinehurst Community Council</p> <p>Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace</p> <p>Belvedere Redevelopment Area</p> <p>Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area</p>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	<p>2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities</p> <p>2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab</p>
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$77,697
	<b>Description</b>	HOME Administration for HOME Investment program
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City estimates that HOME administration will benefits families throughout the entire City services area.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide and designated target areas.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	HOME Administration (10%) Operations and salary for staff to administer, plan, oversight, and monitoring of the HOME Program - \$77,331 (No PI will be used for Admin)	

7	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set Aside
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities 2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$116,545
	<b>Description</b>	CHDO Set aside (15%) for affordable housing activities.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City estimates that HOME rental rehab will benefit up to 5 LMI households/families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide including the Target areas.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	HOME CHDO Set-Aside (15%) for Affordable Housing for local CHDO to rehab up to 5 units of LMI rental housing - \$116,545	
8	<b>Project Name</b>	HOME Residential Affordable Housing Loans/Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities 2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$1,232,730

	<b>Description</b>	Residential affordable housing activities (Loans/Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction)
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The city estimates that 10 LMI households will benefit from the proposed HOME activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	City-Wide and Local Target Areas
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	HOME Residential Affordable Housing Loans for LMI Homeownership or Acquisition/Rehab/New Construction for Rental - The concentration will be on providing up to 10 units of Affordable LMI rental housing. \$1,232,730.
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - CoC Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	3B Provide Vital Services for LMI Households 4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$56,761
	<b>Description</b>	Administration for City staff not to exceed 3%.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The City estimates 1086 HOPWA-eligible individuals/families will benefit from the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide and six (6) EMSA Counties: Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, and Saluda.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	HOPWA Administration (3%) to include salaries and operation for oversight and monitoring of the program - \$56,761

<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - CoC Resource ID
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	3B Provide Vital Services for LMI Households 4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$5,000
	<b>Description</b>	Funding for training and outreach to establish, coordinate and develop housing assistance resources for eligible HOPWA persons.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	281 LMI families are estimated to benefit as a result of the proposed activities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Six county EMSA (Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, and Saluda)
<b>Planned Activities</b>	HOPWA Resource ID - Training and outreach to establish coordinate and develop housing assistance resources for eligible persons. Development of housing resources, System coordination and Housing needs assessments and associated research - \$5,000	
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Columbia Housing (CHA-1)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS

	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$450,568
	<b>Description</b>	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) provides a subsidy to HOPWA-eligible households in a unit of their choice. Permanent and stable housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The estimate of LMI beneficiaries is 89 individuals that will benefit.
	<b>Location Description</b>	CH-1 will serve the City of Columbia, Richland, and Lexington Counties.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CH-1 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) provides a subsidy to HOPWA-eligible households in a unit of their choice - \$419,028 7% Project Sponsored for Administration of HOPWA Grant - Accounting and Reimbursement preparation - \$31,540
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Columbia Housing (CHA-2)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$23,868
	<b>Description</b>	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) provides a subsidy to HOPWA-eligible households in a unit of their choice. Permanent and stable housing. Staff salary for .5FTE
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The estimate of LMI beneficiaries is 89 individuals that will benefit.

	<b>Location Description</b>	CH-1 will serve the City of Columbia, Richland, and Lexington Counties.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CHA-2 Salary for .5FTE TBRA Staff person for HOPWA Choice Voucher Program - \$23,868 (not to exceed 7% Admin -\$1,697)
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Columbia Housing (CHA-3)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$157,547
	<b>Description</b>	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) provides a subsidy to HOPWA-eligible households in a unit of their choice. Housing First - Chronically Homeless
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	15 households will benefit from the TBRA services offered through the Columbia Housing Authority.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The City of Columbia, Richland, and Lexington Counties within the Columbia EMSA.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CH-3 TBRA/HCV Subsidy Program for Housing First Chronically Homeless eligible clients - \$146,519  7% Project Sponsored Administration for HOPWA TBRA HCV; Accounting, reimbursement preparation, and oversight - \$11,028
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Columbia Housing (CHA-4)



	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$20,373
	<b>Description</b>	Provides utility assistance and operational maintenance support to (9) CHA-owned properties for HOPWA-eligible households. Permanent and stable housing.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	9 LMI families will benefit from the proposed HOPWA activities for properties owned by CHA.
	<b>Location Description</b>	The City of Columbia, Richland, and Lexington Counties.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CH-4 Operations/Utility Assistance for HOPWA-owned Units to include maintenance - \$18,947  7% Project Sponsored Administration for accounting, reimbursement preparation, and oversight \$1,426
15	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Midlands Housing Alliance-Transitions (MHA)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS

	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$25,894
	<b>Description</b>	Midlands Housing Alliance services the Homeless population at Transitions providing homeless night shelter and day services. Provides Supportive Services to HOPWA-eligible persons identified during the intake process.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	50 individual homeless persons will benefit from the proposed activity.
	<b>Location Description</b>	2025 Main St, Columbia, SC 29201
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Midlands Housing Alliance - Transitions Homeless Center to provide .28FTW counselors salary for supportive services and counseling to HOPWA-eligible clients identified during - \$24,085  7% Project Sponsored Administration reimbursement preparation, reporting, and oversight (\$1,809)
16	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$373,636
	<b>Description</b>	PALSS provides Supportive Services and Case Management, Resource ID for outreach and research, and Administration of grants for HOPWA-eligible clients.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Provides supportive services to implement the provision of emergency housing assistance and housing development for up to 737 individuals/HH
	<b>Location Description</b>	Jurisdiction-wide Columbia EMSA for HOPWA supportive services.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services - Supportive Services include case managers' salaries, case management, and service referrals; Housing Information includes outreach, travel, printing, and supplies; Resource ID includes establishing, coordinating, and developing housing assistance resources in a community and to conduct research or carry out activities to determine the feasibility of specific housing-related initiatives. (\$347,481)  7% Project Sponsored Administration for Accounting, Reimbursement preparation, office space, contracts, and insurance (\$26,155)
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - The Cooperative Ministry (TCM)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$210,000
	<b>Description</b>	TCM provides financial assistance, STRMU, supportive services and resource identification of housing services for HOPWA-eligible participants
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 145 low to moderate-income persons will benefit from the short term emergency solutions services.
	<b>Location Description</b>	ESMA Jurisdiction housing-related services for persons with HIV/AIDS.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	TCM - Short Term Rent/Mortgage/Utility Financial Assistance to prevent homelessness for HOPWA-eligible individuals and families; Supportive Services include salaries for case management and referrals for services; Resource ID includes developing and enhancing community housing resources for persons living with HIV/AIDS - \$195,300  7% for Administration for Accounting, Reimbursement preparation, and oversight - \$14,700
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - University of South Carolina Dept. of Medicine (USC-DOM)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$478,637
	<b>Description</b>	USC-Department of Medicine provide Supportive Services, STRMU, Permanent Housing Placement and Housing Information Services to HOPWA-eligible clients.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 450 low to moderate-income persons will benefit from these supportive services.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Jurisdiction for Columbia EMSA supportive services for persons with HIV/AIDS.

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	University of South Carolina School of Medicine - (Supportive Services includes Case Manager salaries and operational supplies; Short Term Rent/Mortgage/Utility payment assistance for HOPWA-eligible individuals and households; Permanent Housing Placement to help establish permanent residence when continued occupancy is expected - (\$445,132)  Up to 7% Project Sponsored Administration - USC has an established indirect cost rate. (\$33,505)
<b>19</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Upper Savannah Care Services (USCS)
	<b>Target Area</b>	Eau Claire Target Area
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$25,000
	<b>Description</b>	USCS provides supportive, STRMU, and Housing Info services to Saluda County.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	An estimated 50 low to moderate-income persons will benefit from these services.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Columbia EMSA (Saluda County) supportive services and STRMU for persons with HIV/AIDS
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Upper Savannah Care Services Supportive Services for Case Manager's salaries; Short Term Rent/Mortgage/Utility payment assistance to prevent homelessness; Housing Information to enable special-needs households to establish or maintain stable housing, reduce their risks of homelessness, and improve their access to healthcare and other support - \$23,250  7% Project Sponsored Administration for accounting and monthly reimbursement preparation (\$1,750)	
<b>20</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	2023-2026 HOPWA SCH23F0001 Permanent Housing Opportunities/Affordable Housing

<b>Target Area</b>	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
<b>Goals Supported</b>	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
<b>Funding</b>	HOPWA: \$64,753
<b>Description</b>	Opportunity for the development of permanent affordable housing for HOPWA eligible individuals. NOFA process used for applications for Housing Development.
<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2024
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	City estimates 4 units of housing for HOPWA eligible individuals and families.
<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide and HOPWA EMSA Counties: Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland and Saluda.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Permanent Affordable Housing development within the HOPWA EMSA. \$64,753

**AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

**Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

CDBG funds allocated to projects are projected to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons and/or areas as not less than a 70% public benefit. In FY 2023, Mayor and City Council began to assess the areas of redevelopment through the Economic and Community Development Committee. The existing eight- (8) redevelopment areas are listed below. However, only the Eau Claire Redevelopment Area has CDBG funding for two park improvement projects located within the geographic location. The Office of Business Opportunities will utilize CDBG funds to operate the City’s Commercial Rehabilitation and Retention program for small and minority-owned eligible businesses in the King/Lyon Street Redevelopment Area. All other funding allocated was for Public Services and Housing activities that serve LMI individuals and households Citywide. Demographics in the City of Columbia have changed. A re-evaluation of the redevelopment areas will occur during the development of 2025-2029. Consolidated Plan.

**Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Edisto Court Target Area	10
Eau Claire Target Area	35
King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area	30
Pinehurst Community Council	5
Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace	5
Belvedere Redevelopment Area	5
Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area	10

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

## **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Allocating funding to complete projects funded in phases is the rationale priority. In addition, until a reassessment of the redevelopment areas is completed, public service and housing projects will continue to benefit Citywide. The focus is on LMI individuals and the geographic distribution of all entitlement funds for CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA is projected as follows: Eau Claire Redevelopment Area -35%, King/Lyon Redevelopment Area - 30%, Booker Washington Heights - 10%, Edisto Court 10%, and Belvedere, Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace, and Pinehurst Community Council are all 5% each. The Housing Loan Programs are citywide and the HOPWA program transcends the city limits into six counties- Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, and Saluda.

## **Discussion**

This designation is done through local discussion with the neighborhood communities that desire to have federal funds make a positive impact in their communities. In addition, neighborhoods must be within a low- to moderate-income (at least 51%) census tract area as defined by HUD. Additionally, we are seeking direction from City Council to revise the City's NRSA which is outdated since demographics have changed since the 2000 census and will affect how entitlement funds are geographically distributed.



# Affordable Housing

## AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

### Introduction

CDBG funds are used to provide Affordable Housing loans at low-interest rates for eligible homebuyers that are 80% and below the area median income level. HOME funds are also used for affordable homebuyers’ loans and rental housing development, which is used to calculate the appropriate amount of match dollars leveraged. The City Housing Department concentrates on housing development for affordability and livability and is committed to leveraging future funding and identifying alternative funding sources. The City’s Revolving Loan Fund has provided a consistent revenue stream to provide loans to LMI homebuyers for nearly 50 years. The City’s General Fund Revolving Loan fund and other federal and non-federal sources are used for new affordable public-private housing developments.

New developments such as Lorick Place (87 affordable units) and the Pointe at Elmwood (58 units) are both complete adding 145 units of affordable housing under the CDBG-Disaster Recovery Multi-Family Housing Development activity. Both developments were completed in 2021 and have a 98% occupancy rate. Additionally, public-private affordable housing partnerships are in the planning stages to allow long-term strategies for similar projects to address unmet needs. Amending HOME Guidelines to encourage HOME-eligible program activities for competitive rental and homeownership housing opportunities is underway. A HOME Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is planned for the fall of 2023 for potential affordable housing partnership projects.

Additionally, in partnership with the Columbia Housing Authority and the University Of South Carolina Office Of Housing & Supportive Services, the city provides affordable housing opportunities for the chronic homeless through the Housing First program and with HOPWA funds for special-needs households.

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	25
Non-Homeless	139
Special-Needs	15
Total	179

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	154
The Production of New Units	10
Rehab of Existing Units	15
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	179

## Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

### Discussion

Below is a breakdown of goals for the number of special needs and LMI households supported by affordable housing programs:

- Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 15 LMI Households (10 City Lender I/Uplift and 5 City Lender II/Employee Loans)
- Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 LMI Households (10 SHINE)
- Rental Units Rehabilitated: 5 LMI Households CHDO
- TBRA: 65 Households Assisted (Persons living with HIV/AIDS)
- TBRA: 15 Households Assisted – Housing First Homeless (Persons living with HIV/AIDS)
- TBRA: 9 Households Assisted
- Rental and Mortgage Assistance: 80 LMI Households
- New Construction Rental Units: 10

The City of Columbia's Office of Community Development continues to prioritize the creation of quality, affordable housing as an integral component of its development programs. Over the last five years, the City created partnerships with several local banks South State Bank, First Citizens Bank, BB&T Home Mortgage, Synovus Home Mortgage, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Security Federal Bank, First Community Bank, Palmetto Citizen Federal Credit Union, and Assurance Lending, to produce over \$70 million in financing. The City will continue this initiative and seek to develop new partnerships with local lenders for leveraged private dollars.

The City's City Lender I program continues to assist citizens by offering lower down payments (\$1,000) with a maximum loan of \$150,000. The Uplift program for down payment assistance to be utilized in conjunction with City Lender I. The Employee Lender program provides up to 25% financing for a home loan. The City of Columbia will also continue the Maintenance Assistance Program (M.A.P) for qualified LMI homeowners with up to \$25,000 for a forgivable loan over 5 years for energy efficiency repairs. Homeowners must reside in the designated focused redevelopment areas in the City.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

Columbia Housing (CHA), the local housing authority serving the City of Columbia is an autonomous agency, designated by Internal Revenue Service as a 509(a) tax-exempt public charity. Its mission is to meet the emerging affordable housing needs of low to moderate-income individuals and families in Columbia and Richland County while promoting self-reliance and improving their quality of life. Recently the housing authority also began administering operations for the Cayce Housing Authority.

The City of Columbia will continue to collaborate with Columbia Housing to provide safe, affordable housing. The City supports CHA's plan for homeownership education and counseling and the use of Section 8 vouchers for homeownership.

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

The City will work with CHA to expand collaborative partnerships with county and citywide efforts to reduce the number of families who are at risk of experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of losing housing. The City will also assist with the CHA goals #3 (Homeless Programs), #4 (Homeownership), and #9 (Communication & Community Engagement) established in the CHA FY2021-2022 Annual Action Plan.

### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

Columbia Housing has an eleven (11) member Resident Advisory Board (RAB). One (1) RAB member is on the CHA Board of Commissioners. Additionally, CHA has a homeowner program that provides education, counseling, and resources that connect residents to the home-buying process. The Housing Choice Voucher Program provides provisions for Section 8 tenants to purchase a home with the use of their voucher. The CHA was one of the first PHAs in the state to begin this program and it continues to be very successful.

### **If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

The CHA undesignated as troubled. Per review of HUD's Inventory Management System (IMS)/ PIH Information Center (PIC) public housing profile site at [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/systems/pic/haprofiles](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/systems/pic/haprofiles), the CHA is identified as a "Standard Performer".

### **Discussion**

The City of Columbia is in partnership with CHA and continues to support its mutual effort of creating

affordable housing and opportunities for homeownership with financial and other assistance.

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

The City of Columbia plans to participate in the local Continuum of Care, Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH) by attending monthly planning meetings and engaging in community discussions of addressing the needs and gaps in services for the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness. The City will use General funds to provide financial assistance and case management to persons at risk of homelessness to maintain their housing stability or person who is currently experiencing homelessness to secure housing stability.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

#### **Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

In the program year 2023, the City projects to spend General Fund dollars for Homeless Services. The City established a full-time Homeless Services Director position to oversee Rapid Shelter Columbia (RSC), which focuses on providing temporary shelter and supportive services to the chronically homeless population. The RSC project launched in September 2022 and plays a key role in coordinating public service funding with services needed for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The concept for Rapid Shelter Columbia is the first transitional housing project of its kind to be launched in the southeast. The new temporary housing units will be built at 191 Calhoun Street. This is the site of the former Inclement Weather Center, which will now be identified as Rapid Shelter Columbia. The site will include approximately 50 Pallet sleeping cabins, which will be a part of a new construction plan. The congregate sleeping quarters which already exist on the property will continue to be utilized for overflow purposes during inclement weather nights.

The 50 individuals, who will be identified and designated to utilize the individual cabins, will also receive a full array of wrap-around services from local professionals who will concentrate on assisting these persons with case management, life skills, and arrangements for permanent housing. Local subject matter experts and homeless services providers will play a vital role in helping to screen and identify the individuals who will be housed in the Rapid Shelter Columbia cabins. The ultimate goal is to utilize the cabins for temporary transitional housing and then repeat the cycle for additional persons who are chronically unsheltered.

#### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The City of Columbia operates Rapid Shelter Columbia, which provides temporary housing and services year-round. Other supportive service agencies collaborate with the City Homeless Services Division to

operate the Inclement Weather Center (IWC) from November 1 through the end of March of each year. The IWC opens each day when the temperature reaches 40 degrees or below, or when other inclement weather factors affect the health and safety of the homeless. The facility was prepared to serve 180 adult men and women with additional costs available to supplement the beds to the 240-person maximum occupancy. Additionally, the city collaborates with Midlands Housing Alliance/Transitions, and the Housing First Program through the University of South Carolina using General Fund dollars, to provide a year-round facility that is a shelter for the homeless at all stages. Support services and case management connect to resources that lead to permanent housing. This facility has a day center that meets the needs of mail, showers, computer, and job search assistance.

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

Over the last eight years, the City has funded a Housing First Pilot Program model of permanent housing in cooperation with the University Of South Carolina School Of Medicine and the Columbia Housing Authority. These funds have provided 25 units per year or more of permanent housing and intensive supportive services to chronically homeless persons. These services reduce the need for emergency room care at local hospitals, improve the income potential of the clients served, and assist in the maintenance of housing stability.

Housing First outreach workers have provided services to over 590 homeless persons in the last 24 months. There is a continued need to provide ongoing supportive services for the chronically homeless as well as the homeless experiencing homelessness due to economic or life-changing circumstances.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

United Way of the Midlands and Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH) offers homeless prevention services to help families stay in their current housing. MACH also helps individuals who are exiting institutions of care. MACH's mission has been to collaborate with local organizations and stakeholders to address homelessness in central South Carolina.

Since August 2017, the agencies in the MACH district have served over 1,300 in emergency shelters and

1,000 in transitional housing. As a district, there are obstacles that hinder agencies from helping more individuals experiencing homelessness.

## **Discussion**

The City of Columbia through the RSC is eligible to apply for Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) Funding. Annually, the City t funds, it does certify that the service agencies that apply for the funds are consistent with the City's Consolidated Plan. The following agencies have applied for 2023 ESG funding through the Governor's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO), which administers the grant to help extremely low to low-income individuals, and families avoid becoming homeless and provide supportive services to help address social needs:

**Homeless No More/The Family Shelter:** Agency is requesting \$90,000 for its Shelter component. The agency plans to serve 300 individuals/families at the Shelter where they receive assistance with basic needs, housing search, and other services. A case manager ensures homeless families are connected to support services as part of their successful transition to independent living.

**Sistercare, Inc.:** Agency is requesting the following: \$83,510 for Emergency Shelter and \$16,490 for HMIS. The total amount requested is \$100,000. The agency plans to serve 250 unduplicated, battered women and their children with the ESG funds.

**The Women's Shelter:** Agency is requesting \$50,000. ESG monies will be spent on Emergency Shelter Operational Expenses. The agency expects to serve 60 clients with the funding.

**Transitions:** The agency is requesting \$21,780 for Street Outreach, \$96,205 for Rapid Rehousing, \$8,470 for HMIS, and \$117,200.00 for Emergency Shelter. The agency plans to serve 3,145 individuals with the funding.

**Palmetto Place:** Agency is requesting \$50,000 for Emergency Shelter services and \$15,000 for Rapid Rehousing. The Agency plans on serving 70 unaccompanied youth experiencing homeless ages 17-21 within the program year.

**AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)**

<b>One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:</b>	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	225
Tenant-based rental assistance	89
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>314</b>



## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

With the rising pressure to create fair housing choices, which include, Protected Choice, Actual Choice, and Quality Choice, the City of Columbia faces barriers and impediments such as unlawful discrimination or systematic bias in the effort to realize fair housing for all residents seeking housing. In addition, the country's economy continues to become a barrier to Affordable Housing. An extreme increase in the housing market unbalances the Fair Market Value equation. Inflation affects interest rates, gas, food, and eventually job loss. Ensuring that all residents in the city are protected under state and local law, and adhere to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations on fair housing as required by HUD entitlement grants. The City of Columbia has taken steps to promote fair housing and to educate its leadership, staff, and residents on what HUD defines as fair housing and discrimination in housing. Further, the city has identified what steps it must take to overcome the barriers identified and what the consequences are for those who do not adhere to a policy of fair housing and non-discrimination. The AI has identified five current barriers to fair housing choice. For each impediment, recommendations and outcome measures have been identified for activities that can help to alleviate these impediments moving forward. The current impediments to fair housing choices are

1. The Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Regulations Constrain Housing Diversity.
2. The Aging Housing Stock Requires Increased Investment and Maintenance.
3. There is a Shortage of All Types of Residential Products.
4. A Majority of Renters are Cost Burdened.
5. There has been a decline in the availability of Non-Student Housing

**Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment**

Staff plans to re-create the “Speak Out” Forum for neighborhoods to gather valuable information; quarterly conversations around Fair Housing, which address each of the Impediments to Fair Housing and provide a platform for citizens and professionals to collaborate. The City will create a “Fair Housing and Equal Access” Task Force, comprised of at least one member representing each of the Fair Housing Act-protected classes. The Task Force will follow through on ideas generated during the Speak Out conversations and work towards eradicating each impediment to Fair Housing and Equal Access. The City will take more steps in our planning and program development in order to establish incentives to

encourage developers to construct affordable housing units, leverage public land, and funding to develop affordable housing, and incentivize the public-private partnership development of multi-unit housing. We will also further evaluate ways to revise the zoning ordinance and land development regulations, promote infill and new residential redevelopment, and strengthen the rental housing regulations ordinance. Additionally, ensure that our Community Development staff is training and receives adequate Fair Housing education is a priority for the 2023-2024 program year.

**Discussion:**

The City of Columbia has relaunched the Affordable Housing Task Force to address the unmet needs of the housing market and reshape and define what "Affordable Housing" looks like in Columbia, SC. In addition, the City Council - Columbia Community Development Committee continues to aggressively approach affordable housing development.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

Through the housing and special outreach programs of the Community Development Department, the City of Columbia seeks to meet the needs of the underserved. Specific actions and programs are described in the following queries.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

By participating in the Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless (MACH), City staff is engaged in setting priorities and planning for the needs of the homeless in Columbia. Through the City's Housing First program, chronically homeless persons continue to obtain permanent housing and supportive services to maintain housing stability. The City's Affordable Housing Loan Program provides low-down payment, no PMI and low interest rate loans to qualified applicants for a home loan. The Individual Development Account (IDA) Program (currently inactive) was established to meet the needs of low-moderate income persons that struggle with personal asset building. The Customer Assistance Program (CAP) is a City of Columbia program that provides utility assistance to LMI households. The program will pay for up to 75% of a water or sewer bill up to \$1,000. This can include any past-due balance or fees. Customers can receive assistance up to 2 times every 36 months (3 years), but no more than one time every 12 months. Community Development staff verifies eligibility, review budgets and provides recommendation for budget management.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The City of Columbia will continue to target households whose incomes are at 80% or below the area median income. The housing market analysis and needs assessment identified housing needs and problems for persons with extremely low incomes, very low incomes, and low incomes. The City has prioritized the use of available funds relying on the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Task Force. The City continues to fund the City Lender I/Uplift and City Employee Loan programs that provide low-interest loans to homebuyers. City Housing staff are certified Homeownership and Credit Counselors, as well as HUD Certified Counselors. Enhancing services for the community, CD Housing staff implemented a new automated underwriting system for loan applications. The Columbia Community Development and Housing Programs are designed to implement various housing assistance strategies that include rehabilitation and down payment assistance. During FY 2023, the City will launch the SHINE" [Single-family Housing Improvements for Neighborhood Enhancement] Program to aid qualified homeowners with financial assistance for use in the preservation of aging housing stock in Columbia Neighborhoods. The program is a tiered program divided into six different categories to cover the various stages of disrepair that are unique to each home. The City's community and neighborhood development activities are designed to:

- Assist with neighborhood improvement projects

- Assist homeowners, including the elderly and disabled
- Provide housing rehabilitation
- Help low to moderate-income residents acquire needed information, knowledge, and skills
- Provision of public services

The City's community and neighborhood development activities are designed to assist with neighborhood improvement projects, provide public services, help low- to moderate-income residents acquire needed information, knowledge, and skills to build their capacity and enhance the provision of public services.

- Housing and neighborhood improvement needs and activities are described within the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Strategic Plan section.
- Provide HOME and CHDO funding to a non-profit organization designated as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) to undertake an eligible HOME activity.
- Housing assistance for AIDS victims in Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, and Saluda Counties in support of the HOPWA Program.
- Assistance to the homeless is provided through the ESG Program and various federally funded SHP Programs through the Continuum of Care.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City of Columbia's Community Development Department has procured a certified Lead-Based Paint Consultant to ensure that the Housing Division maintains full compliance with Title X of the 1992 Housing and Community Development Act (24 CFR Part 35) on all housing units assisted with CDBG, HOME or HOPWA funding. The intent of the Federal regulation is to identify and address lead-based paint hazards before children are exposed. The City requires evaluation for lead-based paint hazards of all housing units constructed before 1978 that are slated for repairs that may disturb any painted surfaces. If lead paint hazards are found during an evaluation, they are addressed through HUD-approved interim control or abatement protocol. In particular, the City will comply with EPA regulations regarding the use of certified firms for the painting and/or rehabilitation of housing. Prior to any project receiving funds, City staff will conduct an environmental review and determine if a lead-based paint hazard exists. The City also distributes and maintains documentation of all required information for homes built before 1978, including the EPA Lead-based Pamphlet, Notification of Lead Hazard Evaluation, and notification of Lead Hazard Reduction.

Additionally, the City will explore the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction grant program opportunity

that is designed to help communities with other health and safety hazards in homes where lead-based paint hazards are being treated.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

According to the most recent Census data source for 2020, there are 24 of 40 (60%) census tracts in the City of Columbia that have more than 20% of the population living in poverty. The average household income in Columbia is \$76,118 with a poverty rate of 20.79%.[1] The Community Development Department addresses the problem of poverty through its strategic goals. Through a holistic approach, that combines safe, decent affordable housing for low to moderate-income families with social services, education, access to health, and employment, the City strives to reduce the poverty rate. The City, as the lead agency in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan, will coordinate with local organizations to ensure that goals are met. The City has collaborated with the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs in the statewide collaboration to produce a strategic plan of action that reflects a political, social, and economic climate that will ensure access and equity for members of the State's minority population. This process will ensure access and equity in education, healthcare, employment, business, wealth creation, etc. as a means to forge new pathways to fight poverty in the City of Columbia and across the State of South Carolina.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City of Columbia operates under a city manager-council form of government. The City Council consists of seven members, four elected from single-member districts and three at-large members (including the Mayor), for four-year terms. In January 2022, the City swore in a new Mayor and three new Councilmembers. Under this structure, the City Council employs a city manager who is responsible for administrative oversight of all city departments over which the Council has authority. The Community Development Department focuses on Grant Administration and Compliance, and Neighborhood Services and Community Programs, and Residential Housing Development. The Department's offices are located at 1401 Main St., 4th Floor in downtown Columbia. Columbia City Council has developed five goals and seven focus areas of a vision that will lead us to become the city we want to be, not just today but for the next 20 years. Envision Columbia is a concept planned to guide the City of Columbia to become the World Class City intentionally. The Vision Statement and goals are:

- GOAL 1 - Grow opportunities for entrepreneurship, business development, and a skilled workforce to achieve a healthy economy
- GOAL 2 – Connect the City's neighborhoods and business districts through cohesive land use, infrastructure development, and transportation planning
- GOAL 3 – Foster a healthy quality of life focusing on safety, culture, and recreation
- GOAL 4 – Collaborate and partner with entities within the Midlands region to become the state's

prime destination for residents, visitors, and businesses

- GOAL 5 – Provide high-quality municipal services, efficiently, effectively, and responsively Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social

### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

The City of Columbia has strong intergovernmental cooperation with agencies. The City coordinates with Richland and Lexington Counties, Columbia Housing (PHA), local municipalities, and neighboring jurisdictions on matters related to housing, economic, and community development. Collaboration is ongoing with community stakeholders and partners including neighborhood associations, non-profit agencies and service providers, state and federal agencies, the Faith-based community, Universities and Colleges, Richland 1 School District, and Health Institutions.

The city will engage a professional consultant to provide technical assistance services and programs related to community and economic development projects. The consultant will exercise a multidiscipline approach to economic and community development projects through their expertise in real estate, industrial financing, bonding, syndications, federal and state funding mechanisms, and private sector placement. The focus of this partnership will be to assist the City of Columbia with matching economic development financing needs with the best and most feasible capital resources. The consultant will work with the City to obtain private funding for projects by arranging meetings with private financial institutions similar to the functions performed by an investment banker or a mortgage broker. The sole purpose of this partnership is to link public and private sectors to create economic and housing development projects. In its catalyst role, the consultant's primary objectives are job creation, business development, and construction and/or rehabilitation of housing units. These are common objectives shared with City, State and Federal programs. Relationships are key to the success of housing, economic, and community development efforts within the City of Columbia. Community Development staff meets quarterly with staff from Richland County, Lexington County, Columbia Housing Authority, and United Way of the Midlands to discuss development opportunities and regional cooperation.

### **Discussion:**

The City of Columbia continues to be open to new and innovative ways to address the needs of its citizens using federal, state, and local resources. The Mayor and City Council lead the way to ensure all individuals, households, businesses, neighborhoods, and communities are valued, heard, and have access through transparency.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction:

The following items provide responses for additional regulatory requirements for the CDBG, HOME & HOPWA programs.

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	1,114,054
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>1,114,054</b>

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	70.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)**  
**Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City has no other forms of investment.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City of Columbia homebuyer program specifies a written agreement with the homebuyer will stipulate the recapture provision. In the event the home funded with HOME dollars is sold prior to the end of the affordability period, all of the HOME dollars available for recapture, i.e. net proceeds, are returned to the City of Columbia by the homeowner. Specifically, the City of Columbia will utilize the recapture provision specified in 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1) to Recapture the entire amount. Guidelines for the homebuyer program are provided to potential homebuyers during homebuyer counseling sessions and in the City's program marketing materials. These guidelines include the execution of a written agreement between the City of Columbia and the homebuyer that specifies the length of the affordability period associated with the HOME assistance and the conditions that trigger the recapture provision. The City of Columbia specifies the start and end dates of the affordability period. The affordability period begins after all title transfer requirements have been performed, the project complies with HOME requirements (including property standards), and project completion information has been entered into HUD's IDIS. The City adopted the HOME Rule Affordability Period requirements for program requirements. The term of the affordability period for the project is based on the amount of total HOME funds assistance that the homebuyer receives to purchase the home. This assistance could be direct, in the form of down-payment assistance, a first or second mortgage, or indirectly, such as through the sale of the home to the buyer at less than fair market value. The City intends to use HOME funds for homebuyer assistance and/or rehabilitation in the 2023 program year and follow the HOME Affordable Homeownership limits for our area.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The City of Columbia places a 30-year deed restriction on rental developments (acquisition and new construction) when HOME funds are invested in the project. Typically, only HOME funds are utilized for rental projects; CDBG or other funds are rarely used. The City of Columbia specifies that in its homebuyer program, a written agreement with the homebuyer will stipulate the recapture provision, which is that in the event the home funded with HOME dollars is sold prior to the end of the affordability period, all of the HOME dollars available for recapture, i.e. net proceeds, are returned to the City of Columbia by the homeowner. Specifically, the City of Columbia will utilize the recapture provision specified in 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1) Recapture the entire amount. Guidelines for



the homebuyer program will be communicated to potential homebuyers during homebuyer counseling sessions and in the City's program marketing materials. These guidelines include the execution of a written agreement between the City of Columbia and the homebuyer that, among other things, specifies the length of the affordability period associated with the HOME assistance and the conditions under which the recapture provision would be triggered. The City of Columbia will specify the start and end dates of the affordability period. The affordability period begins after all title transfer requirements have been performed, the project complies with HOME requirements (including property standards), and project completion information has been entered into HUD's IDIS. The City will adopt the HOME rule affordability period requirements as its program requirement. The term of the affordability period for the project is based on the amount of total HOME funds assistance that the homebuyer receives to purchase the home. This assistance could be direct, in the form of down-payment assistance, a first or second mortgage, or indirectly, such as through the sale of the home to the buyer at less than fair market value. • If the homebuyer receives less than \$15,000, the period of affordability is 5 years; • If the homebuyer receives \$15,000 to \$40,000, the period of affordability is 10 years; • If the homebuyer receives more than \$40,000 in assistance, the period of affordability is 15 years. The recapture provision will be triggered if, during the affordability period, the homebuyer no longer occupies the HOME-assisted home as his/her principal residence, either voluntarily (through a sale) or involuntarily (through foreclosure).

The City of Columbia will calculate net proceeds from the subsequent sale of the home as sales price minus any superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs. If the net proceeds from the sale of the home are insufficient to repay the entire amount of the HOME assistance, the amount recaptured is limited to the amount of the net proceeds. Once the net proceeds have been used to repay the entire amount to the City of Columbia (HOME investment), and the homeowner's investment, any additional funds may remain with the homeowner. A mortgage and note are recorded for each homebuyer, as well as a separate written agreement, to enforce homebuyer compliance with the recapture provision. The servicer of the homebuyer loans notifies the City when there is a request for a change of address or change in the type of insurance to the non-owner.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City of Columbia does not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b)

The City plans to use \$1,114,054 in Program Income for the 2023-2024 program year.

The City's HOME funds are allocated on a first come, first qualified basis to LMI households or a Notice of Funding Availability/Request for Applications (NOFA/RFA) process for developers who serve LMI households using our HOME funds. Information regarding homeownership programs is on our website at <https://www.columbiasc.net/community-development/housing-loan-programs/affordable-housing>. We do not plan to limit beneficiaries nor give preference to any segment of the LMI population. We do not plan to use HOME funds for any special housing activities that would limit tenants or give preference to any segment of the LMI population. We do not give preference to students or to the City of Columbia employees.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

The City of Columbia specified one-year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA activities for short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments to prevent homelessness of the individual or family; tenant-based rental assistance; and units provided in housing facilities that are being developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds. A Request for Application (RFA) process is used to select eligible project sponsors. A notice to solicit applications is posted in the local newspaper with regional circulation, on the City Website, and is emailed to all current and past Sponsors. Additionally, the city sends the RFA to the Midlands Area Consortium for Homelessness (MACH) and the United Way of the Midlands list-serves for distribution. All grassroots, faith-based, and community organizations have access to this information. City HOWA Funds serve the Established Metro Statistical Area (EMSA) counties of Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, and Saluda.

#### **Housing Opportunity for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l) (5)**

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## Attachments

## Citizen Participation Comments

**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – CITIZEN PARTICIPATION  
PUBLIC COMMENT SUMMARY**

### **Public Hearing Attendance/Comments**

The Annual Action Plan public comment period was April 4, 2023 – May 11, 2023. Information regarding Plan was posted at [www.communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/public-notices/](http://www.communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/public-notices/) and the following comments were received at [COCCComDevCompliance@Columbiasc.gov](mailto:COCCComDevCompliance@Columbiasc.gov) are summarized and submitted with the City's Annual Action Plan.

### **April 4, 2023 – May 11, 2023 Comment Period**

#### **Heather Mitchell, Columbia Citizen - 4/15/2023**

- I am writing in support of the proposed award of CDBG funding as follows:  
Main Street District CCP/Homeless Outreach Ambassador (Dedicated Evening/after-hours Homeless Outreach Ambassador with clinical professional experience engaging Homeless population) for \$56,445. As a Main Street condominium owner and a business property owner in the Main Street District, I witness daily the plight of the homeless population and this position will fill a gap in services in the evening hours when other support and services are not available.

#### **Mimi Draft, Hyatt Park Keenan Terrace Neighborhood Association, President - 5/12/2023**

- On behalf of the Hyatt Park Keenan Terrace Neighborhood Association, please accept the attached meeting minutes and list of funding requests below for public comment on the FY2023-2024 Annual Action Plan submission to HUD.
  - The Hyatt Park Keenan Terrace Neighborhood Association requests the next fiscal year of community development grant funding:
  - Complete the renovation of the Leroy Moss Multipurpose Center at Hyatt Park including but not limited to:
    - Adding playground equipment for children ages 5-11 (The lack of equipment for children is a common complaint at neighborhood meetings and reported to the gym staff.)
    - painting and restoring the park's concession stand
    - renovating the park's outdoor bathroom (currently out of order)
    - adding additional cameras and monitors for the safety and security of the park's staff
  - add proper signage to display the building's name, in an effort to preserve North Columbia's history (see our April meeting minutes attached to reflect this)
  - expand programming to support current homeowners with upkeep and maintenance in addition to the current new homeownership programs the City has maintained

### **April 13, 2023 Public Hearing – Comments**

Julie Ann Avin, Executive Director - Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. (MIRCI)

- Commented on the effective planning that Community Development continues to practice./Asked when will planning for 5 year Consolidated Plan begin for 2025-2029?

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5/13/2023

Response: CD continues to plan and assess the progress of the activities and programs, and will begin meeting with stakeholders, neighborhoods and community partners in January 2024.

**May 2, 2023 – City Council Community Development Committee Meeting**

City Council Member - Councilwomen Tina Herbert

Wanted to know about the significant 10% increase in HOPWA Funding and asked if this was a trend. Ms. Herron addressed the HOPWA Modernization formulate revision as the reason HOPWA saw such a larger increase. More individuals living longer with HIV/AIDS causing the need to recalibrate the HOPWA formula.

**May 4, 2023 – Public Hearing – Comments**

- Thank you for providing thorough information on the funding recommendations;
- Great Job!
- No other comments

**May 11, 2023 – Public Hearing - Comments**

No comments.

**Grantee Unique Appendices**



We Are Columbia

May 12, 2023

Mr. Bradley Ewatt, Director  
Community Planning and Development  
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development  
Strom Thurmond Building  
1835-45 Assembly Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Ewatt:

The City of Columbia has submitted the 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP) through HUD's Integrated Data and Information Disbursement System (IDIS).

The required documents listed below were included with the Annual Action Plan submission.

- CDBG, HOME and HOPWA Entitlement Programs:
  1. SF-424 Federal Application
  2. SF-424D Construction Assurances
- HUD Certifications

We look forward to feedback on our Action Plan and to another year in which the use of CDBG, HOME and HOPWA funds will enable the continued development of successful public/private partnerships, neighborhood preservation, and commercial revitalization in our city. If you need additional information or have questions regarding our submission, please contact Missy Gentry, Assistant City Manager at 545-3037.

Sincerely,

Teresa B. Wilson  
City Manager

Enclosure

Cc:

Missy Gentry, Assistant City Manager  
Dollie Herron, Community Development Administrator

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**Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)**

OMB Number: 4640-0044  
Expiration Date: 11/30/2020

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424			
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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="27-009229"/>		* c. UEL: <input type="text" value="H1277LEBGG5J"/>	
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<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>			
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<b>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</b>			
* Prefix:	<input type="text" value="Mrs."/>	* First Name:	<input type="text" value="Stacey"/>
* Middle Name:	<input type="text" value="A."/>		
* Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Century"/>		
* Suffix:	<input type="text"/>		
* Title:	<input type="text" value="Assistant City Manager"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>			
* Telephone Number:	<input type="text" value="803 665 3035"/>	* Fax Number:	<input type="text"/>
* Email:	<input type="text" value="stacey.century@colandarc.com"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
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* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
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* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="1,114,950.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,339,653.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach	
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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)	
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** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
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Middle Name: <input type="text" value=""/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Wilson"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text" value=""/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="City Manager"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="803-545-3026"/>	* Fax Number: <input type="text" value="803-545-3021"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="Carissa.Wilson@horrycountysc.gov"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="5/9/2023"/>

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
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5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
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	City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Columbia	5/9/2023

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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="57-600229"/>	* c. UE: <input type="text" value="E9YIELP9C9C9"/>	
d. Address:		
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Street2:	<input type="text" value="4th Floor"/>	
* City:	<input type="text" value="Columbia"/>	
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* State:	<input type="text" value="SC: South Carolina"/>	
Province:	<input type="text"/>	
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* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="29201-3806"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>	Division Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix:	<input type="text" value="Mrs."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Cecily"/>
Middle Name:	<input type="text" value="R."/>	
* Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Centry"/>	
Suffix:	<input type="text"/>	
Title:	<input type="text" value="Assistant City Manager"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number:	<input type="text" value="803-545-1927"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>
* Email:	<input type="text" value="Cecily.Centry@colonc.gov"/>	

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<b>* Other (specify):</b> <input type="text"/>	
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**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

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\* a. Start Date:  \* b. End Date:

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="796,572.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
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* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="550,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,426,572.00"/>

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I AGREE

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Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title:

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d. Address:		
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* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="29201-5406"/>	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>	Division Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mrs."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Wiley"/>	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="S."/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Centry"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text" value="Assistant City Manager"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="803-555-0000"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="Wiley.Centry@coltechinc.org"/>		

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Authorized Representative:	
First Name:	<input type="text" value="Teresa"/>
Middle Name:	<input type="text" value=""/>
Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Wilson"/>
Suffix:	<input type="text" value=""/>
Title:	<input type="text" value="City Manager"/>
Telephone Number:	<input type="text" value="803-545-3051"/>
Fax Number:	<input type="text" value="803-545-3051"/>
Email:	<input type="text" value="Teresa.Wilson@roanoke.gov"/>
Signature of Authorized Representative:	<input type="text" value="Teresa B. Wilson"/>
Date Signed:	<input type="text" value="5/15/2023"/>

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**NOTE:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4726-4765) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681, 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7329) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 109(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-135, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
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**CERTIFICATIONS**

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

**Anti-Lobbying** --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

  
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## Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) N/A [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35. Subparts A, B, J, K, and R.

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

  
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**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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**Specific HOME Certifications**

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

*Teressa B. Wilson*  
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**Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications**

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

**Activities** -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

**Building** -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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**APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:**

**Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.