



City of Columbia Community Development Department 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP)



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Executive Summary

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

I. 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 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan is the fifth 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 2024 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) represents the priorities for the City of Columbia Consolidated Plan (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) 2024.

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). The City of Columbia experienced the 2015 Flood Disaster resulting in an award of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to address the unmet needs of recovery. Additionally, Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds were awarded to address resiliency against future disasters. The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act 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 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.

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 FY2024, the City remained compliant with the HUD CDBG Timeliness Ratio test assessed on May 2 annually. The performance of programs and systems is evaluated regularly and the City continues to improve the CDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and HOPWA Sponsor Request for Applications (RFA) processes 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 led 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 is scheduled to meet 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 May 23, 2024 through June 24, 2024. 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 FY2024 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 June 30, 2024. 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, or faxed to (803) 255-8912. The City held two in-person Public Hearings:

Thursday, May 23, 2024, @ 6:00 p.m. - Busby Community Center, 1735 Busby St. Columbia, SC 29203

Tuesday, June 4, 2024, @ 11:00 a.m. - Community Development Committee Standing Council Meeting, Busby Community Center, 1735 Busby St. Columbia, SC 29203

Community Development provided the draft 2024 Annual Action Plan to City Council for approval to submit to HUD via the eCon Planning Suite Integrated Data and Information System (IDIS) on or prior to June 30, 2024. For more information, contact the Community Development Compliance Division at (803) 545-3373 or by email CoCCComdDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov.

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, May 23, 2024 - June 24, 2024. A summary of citizen comments from both public hearings, online or mailed to the Community Development offices, is included in the FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan submitted to HUD. For more information, contact the Community Development Compliance Division at (803)545-3373 or by email at CoCCCommDevCompliance@columbiasc.gov. The summary of the comments and the public hearing notice affidavit are attached to the AAP.

Public Hearing Summary of Comments

The Annual Action Plan public comment period was May 23, 2024 – June 24, 2024. Information regarding the Plan was posted at www.communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/public-notices/ and the following comments were received at COCCComDevCompliance@Columbiasc.gov are summarized and submitted with the City's Annual Action Plan.

1st Public Hearing – May 30th, 2024

- Alton Cobb, Program Manager, PALSS asked if CDBG funds include purchasing land. Response: Acquisition is eligible and eligible CDBG activity.
- Chanda Richardson, Program Manager – TN Development Corporation asked if there was a NOFA Process for the CDBG Housing Allocation. Response: Since it is a housing development

activity and subject to the City's revolving loan fund, the process would be modeled after the HOME program NOFA. Qualifications and vetting would go through the City's Housing Loan Committee.

- Wanda Pearson, Chief Program Officer – The Cooperative Ministry made note of an extra digit in the HOPWA funding for USC. Response: The typo was corrected.

2nd Public Hearing – June 4th, 2024 – City Council Community Development Committee Meeting No comments.

May 23rd, 2024 – June 24th, 2024 Comment Period
No comments.

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 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan submitted to HUD. No comments were excluded from the submission of the Annual Action Plan.

7. *Summary*

The City of Columbia used a variety of outreach techniques using different venues to gather input for the Action Plan. In-person public hearings 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) in-person public hearings were held on May 23 and June 4, 2024. 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.

All comments are attached to this document.

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 2024-2025 is the fifth (5th) 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(l)

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(l))

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

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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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Lexington County Community Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Richland County Community Development Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy Fair Housing

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of the Midlands
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Fast Forward Community Technology Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Employment Services - Victims Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Non Profit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Homeless No More, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority for the City of Columbia, SC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy

Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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.
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Table 2 Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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. MACH as a collaborative body serves both the homeless population and the community through education, planning, advocacy, and services.

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 May 23, 2024; the comment period began on May 23, 2024, and ended on June 24, 2024. 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. 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 2024, the City continued to utilize virtual methods for public engagement. These actions include placing advertisements in the local newspapers, social media, and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. The Public Hearings were held in person this year with an option of live streaming.

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 disseminating 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 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.	No comments were received. Needs centering	No comments were received.	

2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	May 30, 2024 - 5 participants were in attendance at Busby Community Center.	<p>A participant asked if funds include purchasing as well? The City responded with "Acquisition is eligible for CDBG.". Another question asked by a participant was if there was NOFA Process for the CDBG housing allocation. The City responded "Since it is a development and related to revolving loan fund, it will be shadowed after the HOME program. Qualifications and a NOFA will come with that funding amount". Lastly, it was noted that there was an extra digit in the PowerPoint under USC HOPWA allocations and was fixed for the next Public Hearing.</p>	All comments were accepted.	
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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	June 4, 2024 - Provided information at City Council Community Development Committee meeting/in person and meeting is live streamed.	No comments were received. Needs centering	No comments were received.	
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	City of Columbia's Public Relations posted on Facebook to inform the citizens about the two Public Hearings and encourage them to attend.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	https://www.facebook.com/share/p/rvnSCw32hDUtS8A9/?mibextid=oFDknk
5	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	City of Columbia's Public Relations posted on Facebook to inform the citizens about the two Public Hearings and encourage them to attend.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	https://www.instagram.com/p/C7XElu8NCIL/?igsh=MWlmazBvZXltMHA3bw==

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Columbia estimates \$6,558,451 in total revenue from CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funding sources to be available for activities and programs. Community Development anticipates having \$3,349,201 in CDBG revenue available for FY 2024-2025 programs from the bulleted sources listed below.

CDBG

- \$1,106,616 – New Entitlement (FY2024)
- \$69,845 – Prior Year Entitlement Remaining (FY2023)
- \$2,172,740 – Revolving Loan Fund/Program Income (FY2022, FY2023 & Est. FY2024)

HOME & HOPWA

The total estimated revenue for the HOME Program is \$1,310,287 including \$710,287 in 2024 entitlement funds and \$650,000 in estimated program income (PI). The total estimated HOPWA revenue for 2024 is \$1,898,963. 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 plus a 1-year waiver extension due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City received an 18-month waiver extension to expend the remaining \$1.3 million ending July 2025. 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 Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,106,616 needs to brought up and in line with the other columns	2,172,740	69,845	3,349,201	1,106,616	This is the 5th-Yr of the Con Plan period. Admin funding at less than 20% and applications were selected for focused areas. Public Improvements and Affordable Housing Activities and development are priority/community needs.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
0	1,310,287	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	710,287 needs to be in line with the other columns	600,000			710,287	This is the 5th-Yr of Con Plan period. Admin budgeted at 10% and CHDO set aside 15%. Affordable Housing development is the priority/community need.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	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	1,898,963	0	0	1,898,963	18,989,637	This is the 5th-Yr funding for Con Plan 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	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			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% (\$88,876) of the FY2024 allocation in required private matching dollars for HOME-assisted activities. The HOME match is 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, Synovus 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 receives through obtaining the City financing and the interest rate they would have normally received if they had received private funds 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 \$2.8 million in private community dollars. The city also anticipates over \$3.5 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 \$7 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 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 to carry 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 many 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 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. Community Development Housing Division has received over \$8 million in bank commitments from various sources for its housing initiative over five years. These resources include private lenders such as South State Bank, First Citizens Bank, Synovus Home Mortgage, Security Federal Bank, First Community Bank, Palmetto Citizen Federal Credit Union, and Assurance Lending.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	1C Improve Access to Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$269,620 CDBG-CV: \$715,000 needs centering	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12205 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	2A Increase Homeownership 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 Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$2,420,477 HOME: \$532,715 aligning	Rental units constructed: 20 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 15 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Spell out Housing 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	CDBG: \$308,939 HOME: \$706,543	Rental units constructed: 20 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	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: \$457,359	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
10	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: \$245,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1039 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
11	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: 79 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 50 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 268 Persons Assisted
12	1A Expand Public Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Edisto Court Target Area	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities	CDBG: \$105,165	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2500 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary
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Goal Descriptions

3	Goal Name	1C Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Goal Description	During the program year, proposed improvements to the James E Clyburn Golf Center will provide access to public facilities in the Booker-Washington Heights Redevelopment Area and surrounding LMI areas. The City plans to upgrade several City park bathrooms using CDBG-CV and CDBG funds for the Recreation Center Restroom Hands-Free Project to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in designated LMI areas throughout the City.
4	Goal Name	2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities
	Goal Description	During the program year, the City Lender I and Affordable Housing programs will continue to increase homeownership opportunities for LMI households.
5	Goal Name	2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities
	Goal Description	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. CDBG affordable housing development support will occur to support rental housing development.
8	Goal Name	2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	Goal Description	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.
10	Goal Name	3B Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
	Goal Description	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, and nutritional programs to encourage health & wellness education.

11	Goal Name	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Goal Description	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.
12	Goal Name	1A Expand Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Add street lighting to the Homes for Hope Affordable Housing Development in the Edisto Court neighborhood for safety and security.

Table 7- Goals Description

Projects

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Introduction

The City of Columbia’s CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA programs provide funding for projects within the City limits. During the 2024 program year, the City will continue to focus its CDBG funding efforts for redevelopment to streamline the funding impact. Additionally, City Council limited access to the FY 2024 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 & Nutritional Services) and Non-Public Services (Public Facilities Improvement, Infrastructure Upgrades and Housing Loans/Rehab/Development).

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 a 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. The HOME American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) will also provide needed resources for the homeless and other vulnerable populations facing affordable crises.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG: Admin & Planning
2	CDBG: Public Services
3	CDBG Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvement
4	CDBG: Admin & Operations, Housing Loans, Rehabilitation & Development
5	HOME: Administration
6	HOME: Residential Affordable Loans/Acquisition/Rehab/New Construction

#	Project Name
7	HOME Residential Affordable Housing Loans/New Construction Development
8	HOME: Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside
9	HOPWA: Administration
10	HOPWA: Columbia Housing Authority (CHA1) - TBRA
11	HOPWA: Resource ID
12	HOPWA: Columbia Housing (CHA2)
13	HOPWA: Columbia Housing (CHA3) - TBRA
14	HOPWA: Columbia Housing (CHA4) - TBRA
15	HOPWA: Midlands Housing Alliance (MHA)
16	HOPWA: Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS)
17	HOPWA: The Cooperative Ministry (TCM)
18	HOPWA: University of South Carolina-Dept. of Medicine (USC-DOM)
19	2023-2025 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Upper Savannah Care Services (USCS)

Table 8 - Project Information

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

All CDBG and HOPWA are awarded through the City's annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. Recommendations for funding are vetted through the Citizens Advisory Community. The HOME Activities are awarded through a separate NOFA Process and are vetted through the City's Loan Committee. There are no obstacles to addressing underserved needs.

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Project Summary Information (see Following Page)

1	Project Name	CDBG: Admin & Planning
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	1A Expand Public Infrastructure 1C Improve Access to Public Facilities 2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities 2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab 3B Provide Vital Services for LMI Households 4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	CDBG: \$247,737
	Description	CDBG Administration & Planning includes Salaries, Operations, Monitoring and Oversight of the CDBG Program and Activities. Not to exceed 20% of Allocation.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	CDBG Administration & Planning including Salaries, Monitoring, Compliance & Oversight. Not to exceed 20% of CDBG Allocation + up to 20% of projected 2024 PI/RLF. - \$247,737
2	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	3B Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
	Needs Addressed	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$245,000
	Description	Public Services include Mental Health supportive services, Food & Nutrition Wellness, Job Skills, and Training for Job Readiness. Not to exceed 15% of CDBG Allocation plus 15% of previous year PI/RLF.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	CDBG Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvement
	Target Area	Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	Goals Supported	1C Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Expand/Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$374,385
	Description	Use of funding to improve public facilities to include the James E. Clyburn Golf Center, Parks & Recs Bathroom Facilities and the Edisto Court Community Lighting Project.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families	

	that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	2091 Slighs Avenue, Columbia, SC. MSA: 17900 - COLUMBIA, SC State: 45 - SOUTH CAROLINA County: 079 - RICHLAND COUNTY Tract Code: 0106.00
	Planned Activities	James E. Clyburn Golf Center Renovation Project - \$269,620 Edisto Court Community Lighting Project - \$105,165 Parks & Recs Bathroom Facilities Operation Hands-Free - No CDBG funding allocated at this time
4	Project Name	CDBG: Admin & Operations, Housing Loans, Rehabilitation & Development
	Target Area	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	Goals Supported	2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities 2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,482,079
	Description	Housing Admin & Operations, Loan and Rehabilitation for LMI Households.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	
5	Project Name	HOME: Administration
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	HOME: \$71,029
	Description	HOME Program Administration & operations for loan and housing development portfolio. Include salaries, monitoring, and compliance activities. Not to exceed 10% of the HOME allocation.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated to serve 137,000 families
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
6	Project Name	HOME: Residential Affordable Loans/Acquisition/Rehab/New Construction
	Target Area	Eau Claire Target Area Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	Goals Supported	2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing

	Funding	HOME: \$532,715
	Description	HOME Projects to be identified through a NOFA process for residential affordable loans, acquisition & rehabilitation, new construction, and development of affordable housing for LMI eligible citizens.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Residential Affordable Loans/Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Development Activities to be determined - \$532,715
7	Project Name	HOME Residential Affordable Housing Loans/New Construction Development
	Target Area	Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	Goals Supported	2A Increase Homeownership Opportunities 2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities 2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$600,000
	Description	HOME funds for residential affordable housing to include loans/new construction and development for LMI-eligible citizens.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
8	Project Name	HOME: Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside

	Target Area	Edisto Court Target Area Eau Claire Target Area King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area Pinehurst Community Council Belvedere Redevelopment Area Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area
	Goals Supported	2B Increase Affordable Rental Hsg. Opportunities 2E Provide for Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$106,543
	Description	CHDO Set Aside - Minimum of 15% for development of Affordable Housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside (15% of Entitlement) for Affordable Housing - \$106,543
9	Project Name	HOPWA: Administration
	Target Area	Eau Claire Target Area Belvedere Redevelopment Area
	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$56,969
	Description	Salaries & Operations to Administer the CoC HOPWA Program. Not to exceed 3% of HOPWA allocation.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families	We estimate to serve over 5,575 individuals and families benefitting from the proposed activities.

	that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	HOPWA: Columbia Housing Authority (CHA1) - TBRA
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$492,120
	Description	CHA1 will provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to HOPWA eligible LMI individuals and families
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
11	Project Name	HOPWA: Resource ID
	Target Area	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

	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$11,719
	Description	HOPWA Resource ID will support training, education, and development for HOPWA Sponsors and training for CD HOPWA program staff.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	HOPWA Resource ID - Training and outreach to coordinate and develop housing assistance resources for eligible persons. Development of housing resources, System Coordination, and Housing needs assessments and associated research - \$11,719.
12	Project Name	HOPWA: Columbia Housing (CHA2)
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$23,868
	Description	Salary .50 FTE for Program Manager to support TBRA
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families	

	that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	CH-2 serves the City of Columbia, Richland, and Lexington Counties.
	Planned Activities	
13	Project Name	HOPWA: Columbia Housing (CHA3) - TBRA
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$157,540
	Description	Tenant-based Rental Assistance to support chronically homeless HOPWA-eligible individuals.
	Target Date	6/29/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 households will benefit from the TBRA services offered through the Columbia Housing Authority.
	Location Description	The City of Columbia, Richland, and Lexington Counties within the Columbia EMSA.
	Planned Activities	
14	Project Name	HOPWA: Columbia Housing (CHA4) - TBRA
	Target Area	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

	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$20,373
	Description	TBRA serves 9 HOPWA households as a utility allowance to participants with no income and to assist with HOPWA units with routine and emergency expenses
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	9 LMI families will benefit from the proposed HOPWA activities for properties owned by CHA.
	Location Description	The City of Columbia, Richland, and Lexington Counties.
	Planned Activities	
15	Project Name	HOPWA: Midlands Housing Alliance (MHA)
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$25,894
	Description	Provides Supportive services - Case Management for up to 50 homeless individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
16	Project Name	HOPWA: Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS)
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$335,000
	Description	Provides supportive services to implement provision of emergency of housing assistance and housing development for up to 4,623 clients
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
17	Project Name	HOPWA: The Cooperative Ministry (TCM)
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS

	Funding	HOPWA: \$220,000
	Description	Provides short-term rent, mortgage, and emergency utility assistance(STRMU) and related support services for up to 228 individuals/HH
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 228 low to moderate-income persons will benefit from the short-term emergency solutions services.
	Location Description	ESMA Jurisdiction housing-related services for persons with HIV/AIDS. (Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland and Saluda Counties)
	Planned Activities	
18	Project Name	HOPWA: University of South Carolina-Dept. of Medicine (USC-DOM)
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$530,480
	Description	Provides housing information, permanent housing placement, STRMU emergency housing assistance and supportive services for up to 545 individuals/HH
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 545 low to moderate-income persons will benefit from these supportive services.

	Location Description	Jurisdiction for Columbia EMSA supportive services for persons with HIV/AIDS. (Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, and Saluda Counties)
	Planned Activities	
19	Project Name	2023-2025 HOPWA SCH23F0001 - Upper Savannah Care Services (USCS)
	Target Area	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
	Goals Supported	4A Provide Housing Opportunities Persons HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	Housing & Supportive Services for Persons HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$25,000
	Description	USCS provides supportive, STRMU, and Housing Info services to Saluda County.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provides Short-Term Housing assistance for 5 and supportive services for up to 40 individuals/HH
	Location Description	Upper Savannah Care Services serves Saluda County as a part of the Columbia EMSA.
	Planned Activities	

Table 9- Project summaries

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 benefit low primarily- and moderate-income persons and areas with not less than a 70% public benefit. In FY 2024, the Mayor and City Council intend to assess and reduce the number of redevelopment areas. The City Council Community Development Committee will lead the effort for a focused approach and great impact of federal dollars. The existing eight- (8) redevelopment areas are listed below. However, the Eau Claire Redevelopment Area and the Booker Washington Heights Redevelopment areas have CDBG funding for park improvement projects located within their geographic locations. Edisto Court has a Lighting Improvement Project and all other financing is allocated to the 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

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Edisto Court Target Area	15
Eau Claire Target Area	35
King - Lyon Street Redevelopment Area	10
Pinehurst Community Council	10
Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace	10
Belvedere Redevelopment Area	10
Booker Washington Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Area	10

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Allocating funding to complete projects funded in phases is the priority. In addition, until a reassessment of the redevelopment areas is completed for the 5-year update, public service, and housing projects will continue to benefit the 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 - 10%, Booker Washington Heights - 10%, Edisto Court 10%, and Belvedere -10%, Brandon Acres/Cedar Terrace - 10%, and Pinehurst Community Council 10#. 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 federal funds for a greater 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 the City Council to revise the City's NRSA which is outdated and demographics have shifted since the 2000 census. This shift will affect how entitlement funds are geographically distributed.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

CDBG funds provide Affordable Housing loans at low interest rates for eligible homebuyers who 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 over 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.

More developments like Lorick Place (87 affordable units) and the Pointe at Elmwood (58 units) are on the horizon for the City. Both developments were completed in 2021, added 145 units, 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) was released in the fall of 2023 for potential affordable housing partnership projects. Several projects are proposed to begin during the 2024 fiscal year.

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 chronically homeless through the Housing First program and with HOPWA funds for special-needs households.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	15
Non-Homeless	240
Special-Needs	80
Total	335

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	308
The Production of New Units	10
Rehab of Existing Units	15
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	335

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

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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: 58 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. The housing authority administers 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 FY2022-2023 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, 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 2024, 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 (ICW), 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 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 nine 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 822 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 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.

In 2023, the agencies in the MACH district served 10,721 individuals experiencing homelessness or who were in imminent risk of being homeless. There were 4,457 individuals served in an between emergency shelters, transitional housing, or safe havens.

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 certifies that the service agencies that apply for the ESG funds are consistent with the City's Consolidated Plan. The following agencies have applied for 2024 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 \$65,000 for its Shelter component. The agency plans to serve 595 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 300 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 \$18,392 for Street Outreach, \$86,748 for Rapid Rehousing, \$9,680 for HMIS, and \$135,000 for Emergency Shelter. The agency plans to serve 3,486 individuals with the funding.

Palmetto Place: Agency is requesting \$35,000 for Emergency Shelter services, \$5,000 for Homeless Prevention and \$15,000 for Rapid Rehousing. The Agency plans on serving 65 unaccompanied youth experiencing homeless ages 17-21 within the program year.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (l)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	160
Tenant-based rental assistance	80
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
Total	240

Table 13

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 2024-2025 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 homeownership. During FY 2023, the City launched 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(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The following items respond to additional regulatory requirements for the CDBG, HOME & HOPWA programs.

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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	1,345,162
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
Total Program Income:	1,345,162

Table 14

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.	85.00%

Table 15

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(1)(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. If the home funded with HOME dollars is sold before the end of the affordability period, then 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 executed 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 total amount of 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 2024 program year and follow 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 before 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 total amount of 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'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 intend 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 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(1)(2)(vii)).

The City does not use HOME funds for TBRA.

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(1)(2)(vii)).

The City does not use HOME funds for TBRA.

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(1)(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 has no preferences or limitations for any persons eligible to use HOME funds.

Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l) (5)

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 services 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.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

City of Columbia

Community Development Department

2024 Annual Action Plan – Citizen Participation

Public Comment Summary

Public Hearing Attendance/Comments

The Annual Action Plan public comment period was May 23, 2024 – June 24, 2024. Information regarding Plan was posted at www.communitydevelopment.columbiasc.gov/public-notices/ and the following comments were received at COCCComDevCompliance@Columbiasc.gov are summarized and submitted with the City’s Annual Action Plan.

1st Public Hearing – May 30th, 2024

Alton Cobb, Program Manager – PALSS

- He asked if CDBG funds include purchasing land?

Response: Acquisition is eligible with CDBG

Chanda Richardson, Program Manager – TN Development Corporation

- She asked if there was a NOFA Process for the CDBG Housing Allocation.

Response: Since it is a development and related to revolving loan fund, it will be shadowed after the HOME program. Qualifications and a NOFA will come with that funding amount.

Wanda Pearson, Chief Program Officer – The Cooperative Ministry

- She made a note that there was an extra digit in the HOPWA funding for USC. It was corrected.

2nd Public Hearing – June 4th, 2024 – City Council Community Development Committee Meeting

No comments.

May 23rd, 2024 – June 24th, 2024 Comment Period

No comments.



CDBG

SF-424

SF-424B

SF-424D

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
*1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	
*2. Type of Application * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation * Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
*3. Date Received:	
4. Applicant Identifier:	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:	
*5b. Federal Award Identifier:	
State Use Only:	
6. Date Received by State	
7. State Application Identifier:	
B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
*a. Legal Name: City of Columbia	
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 57-6006229	
*c. UEI: H4YTFLFBCS53	
*d. Address:	
*Street 1: 1401 Main Street	
Street 2: 4th Floor	
*City: Columbia	
County/Parish: Richland	
*State: SC	
*Province:	
*Country: USA: United States	
*Zip / Postal Code: 29201-5006	
*e. Organizational Unit:	
Department Name: Community Development	
Division Name: Community Development	
*f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:	
Prefix: Mrs. *First Name: Felicia	
Middle Name: C.	
*Last Name: Kilgore	
Suffix:	
Title: Director of Community Development	
Organizational Affiliation:	
*Telephone Number: (803) 545-3766 Fax Number: (803) 255-8912	
*Email: felicia.kilgore@columbiasc.gov	

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<p>*10. Name of Federal Agency: Housing and Urban Development</p>
<p>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 14.218</p> <p>CFDA Title: CDBG</p>
<p>*12. Funding Opportunity Number: N/A</p> <p>*Title: N/A</p>
<p>13. Competition Identification Number:</p> <p>Title:</p>
<p>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</p>
<p>*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: The City of Columbia's fifty first year of administering CDBG funding.</p>
<p>Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.</p>

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
17. Proposed Project:	
*a. Start Date: 07/01/2024	*b. End Date: 06/30/2025
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
*a. Federal	\$ 1,106,616
*b. Applicant	\$ 0
*c. State	\$ 0
*d. Local	\$ 0
*e. Other	\$ 89,845
*f. Program Income	\$ 2,172,740
*g. TOTAL	\$ 3,349,201
*19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on _____. <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.	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", explain:	
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: Miss	*First Name: Teresa
Middle Name: E.	
*Last Name: Wilson	
Suffix:	
*Title: City Manager	
*Telephone Number: (803) 545-3026	Fax Number: (803) 545-3051
*Email: teresa.wilson@columbiasc.gov	
*Signature of Authorized Representative: <i>Teresa B. Wilson</i>	*Date Signed: 6/25/2024

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2510-0017
Expiration Date: 10/12/2025

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By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant (insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature):

*Authorized Representative Name:

Teresa Wilson

*Title: City Manager

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

City of Columbia, South Carolina

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 143 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19) as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, marital status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an

applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.106 as applicable.

6. 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) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

7. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

8. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-111, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all bars (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDH established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. **WARNING:** Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802).

* Signature

* Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

6/25/2024

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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 the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and 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 interest in the title of real property in accordance with 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 progress 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. §§4720-4763) relating to proscribed standards for 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 VIII 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.

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HOME

SF-424

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application		<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation * Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		<input type="checkbox"/> Revision
*3. Date Received:		4. Applicant Identifier:
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:		*5b. Federal Award Identifier:
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State:		7. State Application Identifier:
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
*a. Legal Name: City of Columbia		
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 57-8000228		*c. UEI: H4YTFLEB0S53
d. Address:		
*Street 1:	1401 Main Street	
Street 2:	4th Floor	
*City:	Columbia	
County/Parish:	Richland	
*State:	SC	
*Province:		
*Country:	USA; United States	
*Zip / Postal Code:	29201-5806	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Development		Division Name: Community Development
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix:	Mr.	*First Name: Felicia
Middle Name:	C.	
*Last Name:	Kilgore	
Suffix:		
Title: Director of Community Development		
Organizational Affiliation:		
*Telephone Number: (803) 545-3766		Fax Number: (803) 255-8912
*Email: felicia.kilgore@columbiasc.gov		

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<p>*10. Name of Federal Agency: Housing and Urban Development</p>
<p>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 14.239</p> <p>CFDA Title: HOME</p>
<p>*12. Funding Opportunity Number: N/A</p> <p>*Title: N/A</p>
<p>13. Competition Identification Number: </p> <p>Title: </p>
<p>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</p>
<p>*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: City of Columbia's thirty-fourth year of administering HOME funding (2024-2025)</p>
<p>Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.</p>

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
*a. Applicant: SC-002, SC-006	*b. Program/Project: SC-002, SC-006
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
17. Proposed Project:	
*a. Start Date: 07/01/2024	*b. End Date: 06/30/2026
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
*a. Federal	\$ 710,287
*b. Applicant	\$ 0
*c. State	\$ 0
*d. Local	\$ 0
*e. Other	\$ 0
*f. Program Income	\$ 600,000
*g. TOTAL	\$ 1,310,287
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: Miss	*First Name: Teresa
Middle Name: B.	
Last Name: Wilson	
Suffix:	
*Title: City Manager	
*Telephone Number: (803) 545-3026	Fax Number: (803) 545-3051
*Email: teresa.wilson@columbiasc.gov	
*Signature of Authorized Representative: <i>Teresa B. Wilson</i>	*Date Signed: 6/25/2024

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

U.S. Department of Housing
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OMB Number: 2510-0017
Expiration Date: 12/31/2025

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As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: [Insert below the Name and Title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature]:

*Authorized Representative Name:

Terese Wilson

*Title: *Executive Director*

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

City of Columbia, South Carolina

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* Signature: *Terese B. Wilson*

* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy):

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SF-424

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	
2. Type of Application * If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation * Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
3. Date Received: _____ 4. Applicant Identifier: _____	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: _____ 5b. Federal Award Identifier: _____	
State Use Only:	
6. Date Received by State: _____ 7. State Application Identifier: _____	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
*a. Legal Name: City of Columbia	
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 57-6000229	
*c. UEI: H4YTFBFBCS53	
*d. Address:	
*Street 1: 1401 Main Street Street 2: 4th Floor *City: Columbia County/Parish: Richland *State: SC *Province: _____ *Country: USA: United States *Zip / Postal Code: 29201-5806	
*e. Organizational Unit:	
Department Name: Community Development Division Name: Community Development	
*f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:	
Prefix: Mrs. *First Name: Felicia Middle Name: C. *Last Name: Kilgore Suffix: _____	
Title: Director of Community Development	
Organizational Affiliation:	
*Telephone Number: (803) 545-3766 Fax Number: (803) 255-8812	
*Email: felicia.kilgore@columbiasc.gov	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424
<p>*9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: C: City or Township Government</p> <p>Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: Pick an applicant type</p> <p>Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: Pick an applicant type</p> <p>*Other (Specify)</p>
<p>*10. Name of Federal Agency: Housing and Urban Development</p>
<p>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 14.241</p> <p>CHDA Title: HOPWA</p>
<p>*12. Funding Opportunity Number: N/A</p> <p>Title: N/A</p>
<p>13. Competition Identification Number: </p> <p>Title: </p>
<p>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</p>
<p>*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: City of Columbia twenty third year of administering HOPWA funding.</p>
<p>Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.</p>

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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
*a. Applicant: SC-002, SC-006	*b. Program/Project: SC-002, SC-008, SC-003, SC-005
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
17. Proposed Project:	
*a. Start Date: 07/01/2024	*b. End Date: 06/30/2025
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
*a. Federal	\$ 1,898,963
*b. Applicant	\$ 0
*c. State	\$ 0
*d. Local	\$ 0
*e. Other	\$ 0
*f. Program Income	\$ 0
*g. TOTAL	\$ 1,898,963
*19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on _____. <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?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", explain:	
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 215, Section 1001) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE ** 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:	
Prefix: Miss	*First Name: Teresa
Middle Name: R.	
*Last Name: Wilson	
Suffix:	
*Title: City Manager	
*Telephone Number: (803) 545-3026	Fax Number: (803) 545-3051
* E-mail: teresa.wilson@columbiasc.gov	
*Signature of Authorized Representative: <i>Teresa A. Wilson</i>	*Date Signed: 6/25/2024

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2510-0047
Expiration Date: 11/31/2026

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.35.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: [insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature]:

*Authorized Representative Name:

Tamesha Wilson

*Title: City Manager

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

City of Columbia, South Carolina

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CERTIFICATIONS

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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;
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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.


Signature of Authorized Official


Date

City Manager
Title

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, I, 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(e):

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.

Chanson B. Whitson
Signature of Authorized Official

6/25/2024
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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;


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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The IOPWA 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.