



City of Auburn

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SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) –2022 Annual Action Plan

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The CDBG program develops communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities primarily for low- to moderate-income families and individuals.

Action Plan Overview

The one-year Action Plan (Annual Action Plan) represents a plan for housing and community development activities to address Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) citizens' needs in the grantee's jurisdiction. The Annual Action Plan establishes proposed activities that the grantee will implement to accomplish the five-year Consolidated Plan's goals. The Annual Action Plan describes the distribution of CDBG funds, the basis of allocating funds, and how the grantee will manage activities.

The Community Services Department complied with the City of Auburn (City) 2020-2024 Citizen Participation Plan in determining questions and concerns specific to the proposed amendments, held public hearings, and allowed for a 30-day citizens' comment period. This 2022 Annual Action Plan is a continuation of implementing the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan derived from citizen input and priorities.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not released CDBG Program Year 2022 funding allocations. The City received \$686,092 for CDBG Program Year 2021. Therefore, the City estimates receiving \$686,092 for CDBG Program Year 2022 (June 1, 2022– May 31, 2023) to accomplish the 2022 Annual Action Plan goals. The City's Community Services Department also anticipates generating \$100,000 or more in program income during CDBG Program Year 2022 from the Affordable Housing Program (Managed by the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation, a program subrecipient) and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. Program income accrued from these programs will be recycled to leverage funds to further affordable housing and housing rehabilitation programs. During CDBG Program Year 2022, the Economic Development Department will support Section 108 business loan activities.

Below is the proposed use of the City's 2022 CDBG Program Year funds based on the following assumed allocation:

CDBG Program Year 2022 – \$686,092		
Project Categories	Proposed Allocation	Percent
Housing Construction	\$ 186,000	27.1%
Housing Rehabilitation	\$ 120,000	17.5%
Public Services	\$ 81,000	11.8%
Public Infrastructure	\$ 120,000	17.5%
Economic Development	\$ 62,880	9.1%
Administration, Planning, and Management	\$ 116,212	17.0%
Total	\$ 686,092	100.0%

The City will adjust its CDBG Program Year 2022 allocations, as appropriate, on a pro-rata basis according to the percentages shown in the table above when HUD announces the allocation amount.

2022 Annual Action Plan Funding Recommendations

The City's 2022 Annual Action Plan outlines the proposed use of \$686,092 in CDBG funds. The following activities are recommended for funding beginning June 1, 2022:

Project/Activity	Priority Need	Implementing Agency	Allocation
Housing Construction			\$ 186,000
New Housing Construction	Housing	North Auburn Housing Development Corporation (NAHDC)	\$ 130,000
Homeownership Assistance	Housing	City of Auburn	\$ 6,000
NAHDC Capacity Building	Housing	NAHDC	\$ 50,000
Housing Rehabilitation			\$ 120,000
Housing Services	Housing Rehabilitation	City of Auburn	\$ 70,000
Housing Professional Services	Housing Rehabilitation	City of Auburn	\$ 20,000
Housing Rehabilitation	Housing Rehabilitation	Presbyterian Community Ministry	\$ 15,000
Housing Rehabilitation	Housing Rehabilitation	Alabama Rural Ministry	\$ 15,000
Public Services – Prevention and Housing			\$ 32,000
Utility Assistance	Public Services	City of Auburn	\$ 8,000
Mortgage Assistance	Public Services	City of Auburn	\$ 2,500

Rental Assistance	Public Services	City of Auburn	\$ 8,000
Assistance to Persons Affected by HIV/AIDs	Public Services	Unity Wellness of East Alabama Medical Center	\$ 8,000
Emergency Homeless Assistance	Public Services	City of Auburn	\$ 5,500
Public Services – Youth Supportive Services			\$ 42,000
Sports Voucher	Public Services	City of Auburn	\$ 2,000
Childcare	Public Services	Auburn Day Care Center, Inc.	\$ 10,000
Childcare	Public Services	Joyland Child Development Center	\$ 10,000
Youth Development	Public Services	Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County	\$ 10,000
After School Programming	Public Services	Esperanza House	\$ 10,000
Public Services – Senior Supportive Services			\$ 7,000
Senior Brown Bag	Public Services	Food Bank of East Alabama	\$ 7,000
Public Infrastructure			\$ 120,000
Sidewalk (Byrd Street)	Community Development	City of Auburn	\$ 120,000
Economic Development			\$ 62,880
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Administration, Planning, and Management			\$ 116,212
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Citizen Participation

The Community Services Department followed the City's 2020-2024 Citizen Participation Plan, encouraging citizen input in developing the Annual Action Plan. Public hearings were publicized and held on February 1, 2022, related to the City's CDBG Program Year 2022 funding application, and on March 8, 2022, related to the 2022 Annual Action Plan activities recommended for funding. Notices for all hearings were published in *The Auburn Villager* and on the City's website. The City distributed email notifications and posted notices at the Boykin Community Center, Auburn City Hall, and the Auburn Public Library.

Also, the City offered local community agencies an opportunity to apply for CDBG Program Year 2022 funding to subsidize programs to benefit LMI Auburn residents. Agencies could submit a Request for Funding Application from January 14, 2022, to February 4, 2022. Applications received after February 4, 2022, were not considered for CDBG Program Year 2022 funding. Interested parties were given 30 days from March 9, 2022, until April 10, 2022, to review and comment on the proposed 2022 Annual Action Plan.

Twelve agencies submitted applications. The nine agencies recommended for funding received the highest scores on the City's CDBG Review Criteria, which considered several criteria, including activity need and justification, new or expanded activity, organizational capacity and readiness, etc.

Action Plan Availability

The Annual Action Plan is available for review at the Community Services Department, the City website, Auburn City Hall, and the Auburn Public Library.