

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Anoka County's Annual Action Plan provides a framework for identifying housing, homeless, community and economic development needs, as well as available resources, and to tailor a strategic plan for meeting those needs. This Action Plan covers the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. For Anoka County, submitting the plan is a statutory requirement in order to receive annual funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD sets forth the basic format and content for the Annual Plan. There are three basic statutory goals that entitlement programs must meet: 1) Provide decent housing 2) Provide a suitable living environment and, 3) Expand economic opportunities. This plan details how those three goals will be met by Anoka County.

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.

Anoka County's Action Plan offers citizens an opportunity to provide input regarding how their local governments prioritizes addressing the aforementioned needs and resources. The plan also serves as a guide to community stakeholders including: residents, municipalities, non-profit partners and affordable housing developers. The Anoka County 2022 Action Plan has identified the following proposed outcomes:

Affordability of Decent Housing: Anoka County is proposing to use funds to support construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of housing units to create affordable, safe, decent housing.

Availability/Accessibility/Sustainability of Suitable Living Environment: Anoka County intends to use CDBG and HOME funds for a broad range of housing, programs and services aimed at creating a suitable living environment. Anoka County has set aside \$236,882 for Public Service activities to meet this objective.

Availability/Accessibility of Economic Opportunity: In the 2017 Action Plan, Anoka County included the implementation and promotion of a county-wide business revolving loan program to provide gap financing to assist with businesses moving into or expanding in Anoka County. Businesses are required to hire 1 FTE per \$35,000 they receive in CDBG assistance. The county-wide business revolving loan program did not launch yet, and will be carried forward to the 2022 Action Plan.

Complete planning and administration projects that support Anoka County objectives: Anoka County is recommending funding for one CDBG planning grant. The grant will assist the Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC) in preparing an update of the Analysis of Impediments of Fair Housing and other Fair Housing activities.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Anoka County selected projects that met the needs and goals identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Those goals were later categorized as eligible objectives and outcomes. Unmet needs were addressed with available funds to the fullest extent possible. All applicants recommended for funding have had satisfactory funding performance in previous years. Anoka County uses available resources to improve and maintain existing housing stock, to expand development of affordable housing units, and to better the community as a whole by creating jobs and encouraging redevelopment activities through economic development programs. Projects over the past five years have included activities that address health, safety, code, and lead-based paint hazards.

For program year 2021, Anoka County committed \$570,241 in HOME and \$1,579,211 in CDBG project funds to improve or maintain affordable housing and offer projects to benefit low- and moderate income households in the County. CDBG accomplishments for Anoka County included: allocating \$236,882 to nine public service activities directed at low-income residents for services such as, but not limited to, assistance to homeless youth, funding food shelves, disability services, meals for seniors, medical / mental health services and providing funds to programs and transportation for organizations serving battered / abused spouses.

Projects have addressed rehabilitation needs for existing single-family and multi-family housing options. The county has also partnered with the State of Minnesota and its Department of Agriculture to access funding for additional rehab programs and for repair of well/septic systems. Several funded projects included improvements at facilities and shelters serving homeless persons including families, youth, and victims of domestic violence. Funds were often committed in coordination with other State and Federal funds to develop new single and multifamily housing units, rehabilitate existing housing units and to make housing more affordable. Accomplishments for CDBG in Anoka County also address various social service needs of low-income residents including activities that provide health and mental health services, disability services and senior programs that reduce isolation by providing group transportation and meal programs. Public service funding has assisted agencies that target the health and well-being of children, youth and families with programs serving homeless persons and battered spouses. Anoka County, through public service agencies, assisted over 10,000 low-income households with basic needs and services.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Citizen Participation Plan is the framework that sets forth the policies and procedures the Dakota County Consortium will follow to provide for and encourage public participation in the development of the jurisdictions' Consolidated Plan and Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). The goal is to involve and partner with all local citizens, neighborhoods and areas impacted in the implementation of the housing and community development programs provided by the Consortium members. The Citizen Participation Plan also applies to any substantial amendments to the Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, to the preparation of the Annual Action Plan, to the performance report which evaluates the progress in meeting the Consolidated Plan objectives and to the AFH.

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.

See attached 2022 Summary of Public Hearings & Comments as legally Noticed in Affidavits of Publication. At the Public Hearing held on February 22, 2022, three oral comments were received: Sarah Cafilisch, The Lee Carlson Center, thanked for support. Tessa Wetjen, Neighborhood Health Source - thanked for consideration. Mary Larkin, Apple Tree Dental - thanked trustees for considering their PY22 CDBG funding request. One written public comment received and read at Public Hearing: Devin Vander Schaff, Accessible Spaces Inc (ASI) thanked trustees for considering their project. During the 30-day public comment period held from February 25, 2022 - March 28, 2022, no new public comments were received. The Anoka County Housing Redevelopment Authority (ACHRA) Board of Trustees took the four comments into account. Funding recommendations were not changed.

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

All oral and written comments were accepted.

7. Summary

Comments received were considered by the Anoka County HRA Board of Trustees and factored into the final funding recommendation made to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	ANOKA COUNTY	Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Anoka County is the lead administrator for CDBG. For HOME, Anoka County is a member of the Dakota County Consortium. Other consortium members include: Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties, and the City of Woodbury. Dakota County is designated as the lead agency for the Consortium, assumes the role of monitoring and oversight of the HOME funds. Funds are allocated on a formula basis which Anoka County is responsible for administering in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s national objectives

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Anoka County is an active member of the Twin Cities Area Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC). The FHIC is a partnership of local governments, housing professionals and advocates working to affirmatively further fair housing in the Twin Cities. The FHIC completed a major update to its Regional Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice in 2020. The AI focuses on identifying the causes of housing disparities, factors that reduce fair housing choice, the distribution of affordable housing, displacement that disproportionately affects protected classes, the effects of gentrification on protected classes, integration and segregation along with disparities in access to opportunity as defined by HUD.

The largest current displacement threat facing Twin Cities area lower income renters is the rapid erosion in affordability of naturally occurring housing (NOAH) due to the sale and upscaling of apartment units along with widespread rent increases. Anoka County has committed to working with developers to invest in and preserve affordable units throughout the county. Each April during “Fair Housing Month,” Anoka County provides several public education opportunities for our community to learn about the Fair Housing Act and how to navigate the process when problems arise.

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)).

There is no public housing operating in Anoka County. The CoC continues to enhance the coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies by improving utilization of all available resources to end homelessness. This is especially important as the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan have provided significant new resources to help end homelessness. HUD encourages CoCs to maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources when serving persons experiencing homelessness and will: a) Work closely with public and private healthcare organizations and assist program participants to obtain medical insurance to address healthcare needs; b) Partner closely with PHAs and state and local housing organizations to utilize coordinated entry, develop housing units, and provide housing subsidies to people experiencing homelessness. These partnerships can also help COC Program participants exit permanent supportive housing through Housing Choice Vouchers and other available housing options. CoCs and PHAs will work closely together to implement targeted programs such as Emergency Housing Vouchers, HUD-VASH, Mainstream Vouchers, Family Unification Program Vouchers, and other housing voucher programs targeted at people experiencing homelessness. CoCs will coordinate with their state and local housing agencies on the utilization of new HOME program resources provided through the Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services Program that was created through the American Rescue Plan; c) Partner with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities; and d) Work with tribal organizations to ensure that tribal members can access CoC-funded assistance when a CoC’s geographic area borders a tribal area.

Anoka County has set the following goals and actions for the upcoming year:

- Increase Coordinated Entry System utilization to streamline access to resources by ensuring those with highest barriers are matched to housing providers quickly.

- Increase opportunities for households to gain access to employment services.
- Increase access to support services and mainstream benefits.
- Encourage providers to enroll in Housing Stabilization Services to meet the housing needs of homeless individuals and to provide transition and sustaining services to those wanting to move and/or currently housed.

Actions:

- Anoka County will provide short-term financial assistance and supportive services through FHPAP to households (individuals, families, and youth) who meet eligibility requirements. If ineligible, households will be referred to other mainstream resources for diversion.
- Anoka County will connect households with workforce centers and employment services to increase income.
- Anoka County will provide rental assistance and supportive services for families and youth who qualify and will refer to other service agencies when appropriate.
- Anoka County will expand Housing Stabilization Services, a MA billable service, to enhance overall service delivery.

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.

Anoka County is an active member of the Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care (SMAC). To ensure successful coordination and addressing the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness, staff attend multiple meetings to ensure local buy-in for regional planning.

- 211 application for Rapid Resolution/Prevention

-Increased knowledge and awareness of how Anoka County and its providers serve the greater COC by facilitating monthly meetings and bringing to the community the information posed at a SMAC level.

Anoka Emergency Hotel Shelter Program: Anoka County created a limited emergency hotel shelter program to fund hotel rooms for households experiencing homelessness or at risk of imminent homelessness, impacted by COVID-19. Expanded partnerships with existing shelter programs, school districts, and social service agencies to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Housing Resource Specialists, agency staff and navigators work together to locate housing, identify gaps in services and access financial supports while providing light touch case management to ensure stability.

Cross county collaboration to brainstorm the best use of PSH, RRH and outreach services. Anoka County has specifically called out the following goals, and subsequent actions for the next year:

Goals:

- Increase outreach to homeless persons by providing access to resources and housing.
- Maintain participation with homeless response system.
- Decrease time spent in emergency shelter.
- Increase connection to appropriate and mainstream resources to prevent episodes of homelessness.

Actions:

- Expand utilization of state PATH funds to conduct outreach to homeless households with mental health symptoms on the street and in shelters.
- Anoka County will continue to participate in weekly case consultation of those who are experiencing homelessness to explore housing options.
- Stepping Stone Emergency Shelter is expanding the usable square footage to ensure health and safety to minimize

overcrowding. This will reduce time spent in shelter by offering case management services and connections to housing resources through referrals from CE.

- Create opportunities to expand capacity for housing and resource navigators.

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

Anoka County doesn't receive any direct ESG funding. SMAC member, Dakota County CDA, is the only agency receiving a direct allocation. Therefore, the CoC engages ESG recipients including agencies that receive direct allocations (Dakota CDA) and State recipients in developing plans, funding decisions, performance standards & evaluating outcomes. For State ESG recipients CoC members who do not have a conflict, participate in scoring & ranking recommendations.

State ESG performance standards were developed with CoC representatives from around the state, and reflect the purpose of ESG shelter, prevention and rapid re-housing funds to: a) keep people safely sheltered, b) re-house homeless persons, and c) ensure persons have stable housing. Performance reports are sent to the CoC for review of sub-recipient performance. With the development of a new and expanded HMIS CAPER, there will be additional opportunities to work with the CoC to evaluate performance standards and outcomes. The CoC regularly discusses and evaluates the role of ESG-funding within its homeless response system utilizing CE and HMIS data.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

(see charts - next several pages)

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	ANOKA COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County Major Employer

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy</p>
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	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Anoka County engaged and requested input from a range of housing and social service providers including area food shelves and meals on wheels programs, domestic violence caregivers, homeless shelters, general and mental health care providers. Staff looked at agencies that helped seniors and youth, transportation services, area school districts and colleges, faith-based organizations and the local Community Action Program (CAP). Efforts were made to address many social and health service needs. Anoka County as a jurisdiction has services that address basic living, education and health issues for very low and low-income households. Some programs participating in the consolidated plan process provide one specific service while others such as the CAP provide multiple types of services targeting a variety of low-income households and their needs. The Community Action Program (CAP) engaged in the Consolidated Plan process as they were identified as both an affordable housing provider and service provider. Anoka County hosted work sessions to discuss the needs and gaps of existing projects/programs and the process of identifying priorities in Anoka County for the next five years. Each agency was requested to complete a survey with the identified needs of social and community services that residents are using or need. With input from faith-based organizations and established social service agencies, it was identified that many of the services presented as a high priority are similar to the past five years. Since Anoka County participates as a member of a regional fair housing organization, it has continued to further update and develop an Analysis of Impediments and continues to work with local agencies and jurisdictional partners.</p>
2	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Alexandra House</p>

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	NUCLEUS CLINIC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Lee Carlson Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Impact Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	SOUTHERN ANOKA COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

N/A - Identified and included a wide range of local agencies.

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	Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care (CoC)	Goals address all of the homeless services/homeless data in Strategic Plan.
Community Health, Data Book	Anoka County Community Health and Environmental Services	Goals address not only the general health status of Anoka County residents but also all factors that either promote or serve as barriers to achieving the best health status possible. Data includes Anoka County as a place and as people reviewing quality of life standards such as education, housing and physical environment.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative - Efforts were made to consult a wide range of community organizations.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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**

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to provide input into all aspects of the Consortium’s consolidated planning activities – from assessing needs and setting priorities through performance evaluations. The CPP outlines the Consortium’s responsibility for providing opportunities for active participation from citizens of all income levels to contribute information, ideas, and opinions about ways to improve our neighborhoods, promote housing affordability, and enhance the delivery of public services to area residents. In developing its Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Substantial Amendments, CAPER and AFH, the Consortium will take appropriate actions to encourage citizen participation by all residents of the Consortium-member communities, emphasizing the involvement of:

- Low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in areas where federal funds are proposed to be used;
- Residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods;
- Minorities;
- Persons with Limited English Proficiency;
- Persons with Disabilities;
- Residents of public and assisted housing developments; and
- Local and regional institutions, the regional Continuum of Care (known as SMAC) and other organizations including businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and community and faith-based organizations.
- Several opportunities for comment were offered to county residents, agencies and municipalities. Anoka County held a public hearing on February 22, 2022, and offered any interested party the opportunity to comment on the draft 2022 Action Plan and the proposed 2022 CDBG/HOME funding applications. A Notice of Public Comment period was published and ran from February 25, 2022 through March 28, 2022.

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	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Anoka County residents, general public</p>	<p>At the February 22, 2022, Public Hearing: three oral and one written public comments received.</p>	<p>At the Public Hearing held on February 22, 2022, three oral comments were received: Sarah Cafilisch, The Lee Carlson Center, thanked for support. Tessa Wetjen, Neighborhood Health Source - thanked for consideration. Mary Larkin, Apple Tree Dental - thanked trustees for considering their PY22 CDBG funding request. One written public comment was received and read at Public Hearing: Devin Vander Schaff, Accessible Spaces Inc (ASI) thanked trustees for considering their project.</p>	<p>All comments were accepted.</p>	
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2	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Anoka County residents, general public</p>	No comments received.	No comments received.	No comments received.	
3	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Anoka County residents, general public</p>	No comments received.	No comments received.	No comments received.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Anoka County is a member of the Dakota County HOME Consortium. Other consortium members include: Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties and the City of Woodbury. Dakota County is designated as the lead agency for the Dakota County HOME Consortium, and assumes the role of monitoring and oversight of the Consortium's HOME funds. Funds are allocated on a formula basis in which Anoka County is responsible for administering the funds in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's national objectives.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,585,647	50,000	1,151,250	2,786,897	3,000,000	Expected amount is based on the PY2020-2024 CON Plan CDBG allocation. In late March 2020, Anoka County was awarded CDBG-CV as part of the CARES Act. Funds will be included in PY19 Action Plan Amendment.
Other	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Housing	1	0	0	1	1	The IDIS system will not allow Anoka County to delete this type of funding from the CDBG Consolidated Plan.

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

Anoka County is a participant in the Dakota County Community Consortium. HOME-funded projects require a 25% match. Activities include funding for Twin Cities Habitat to acquire / rehab affordable single family homes. Public Service CDBG funding recipients are evaluated on community need, con plan priority along with the organization's ability to contribute and sustain the activity.

Program Income: All program income received will be allocated to another qualified activity within the CDBG or HOME programs. Future income is anticipated from home rehab payoffs, and revolving loan program funds. Once program income is received it is applied to the next qualified activity disbursement request. Program income is not included as an expected resource as the amount of program income received can vary significantly from year to year.

NOTE Program Income: Per the explanation above, the \$50,000 listed in the "Expected Amount Available" column above is not allocated to an activity in the PY 2022 Action Plan.

NOTE Prior Year Resources: Establish Revolving Loan Fund: \$600,000 EN funds and ACCAP CH Board & Lodge \$551,250 = \$1,151,250.

Matching Funds: To meet the requirements of the HOME program, projects funded with HOME funds are required to identify sources of match at the time of application. In order for the match requirements to be met, the funded projects must provide at least 25% in non-federal funds. Projects such as acquisition, rehabilitation, housing construction, and tenant based rental assistance, provide documents at the time HOME funds are used or during the development phase. Match identified by project applications come from private funding. If the project is funded, the percent of matching funds identified in the application is included as a requirement of the funding agreement.

NOTE: Carryover project: Establish Revolving Loan Fund: \$600,000 EN funds to establish county-wide revolving loan program to create local jobs.

NOTE: Carryover project: Prior year CDBG funds (\$245,930) will be used for a county-wide single family home rehabilitation loan program.

NOTE: Program Income. The \$50,000 listed in the "Expected Amount Available" column above is not allocated to an activity in the PY 2022 Action Plan.

NOTE: CDBG-CV funds. As part of the CARES Act, Anoka County was awarded \$2,286,847 in CDBG-CV funds. These funds will be used for COVID prevention, response and recovery. Anticipated uses of funds include, but are not limited to, homeless assistance, rental assistance, business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs. The PY19 Action Plan will be amended as our community determines COVID prevention, response and recovery priority needs.

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

Discussion

Funds awarded may include investments in facilities located on publically owned land such as homeless shelters, parks along with publically-owned centers serving neighborhoods, youth or seniors.

Amended PY19 Action Plan will include CDBG-CV funds will be used for COVID prevention, response and recovery. Anticipated uses of funds include, but are not limited to, homeless assistance, rental assistance, business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs related to COVID-19 pandemic.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Preserve and Improve Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	Anoka County	Homelessness Affordable Rental Housing Affordable Homeowner Housing	CDBG: \$245,930	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
2	Promote Equal Housing Opportunities	2015	2019	Fair Housing	Anoka County	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$9,000	Other: 1 Other
3	Fund Activities that Eliminate Slum/Blight	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Economic Development	CDBG: \$0	Brownfield acres remediated: 0 Acre
4	Develop & Upgrade Public Facilities/Infrastructure	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$648,300	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 393 Persons Assisted
5	Support Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Economic Development	CDBG: \$600,000	Jobs created/retained: 20 Jobs Businesses assisted: 5 Businesses Assisted
6	Public Service Activities	2015	2016	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Public Services	CDBG: \$236,882	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Planning and Administrative Projects	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$306,842	Other: 1 Other
8	Facilities and Services for Homeless	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Homelessness	CDBG: \$694,260	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 20 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added 10 Beds

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Preserve and Improve Housing
	Goal Description	CDBG activities involving housing preservation - Matrix code 14A - Anoka County Rehab Program (\$245,930 carried forward previous CDBG funding years)
2	Goal Name	Promote Equal Housing Opportunities
	Goal Description	Matrix code 21D - \$9,000 of PY2022 CDBG will funds for activities to promote Fair Housing.
3	Goal Name	Fund Activities that Eliminate Slum/Blight
	Goal Description	No Activities identified for PY22.

4	Goal Name	Develop & Upgrade Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Goal Description	<p>Matrix Code 03B - Rise Inc. Anoka Site improvement to facility serving disabled persons includes DB Consultant (\$550,000 + \$27,500 BD = <u>\$577,500 PY22</u>)</p> <p>Matrix Code 03B - Accessible Spaces Inc (ASI) - Rehab 3 group homes serving disabled persons includes DB Consultant (\$70,800 + \$3,540 DB = <u>\$74,340 PY 22</u>)</p>
5	Goal Name	Support Economic Development
	Goal Description	Matrix Code 18A- Allocate \$600,000 in CDBG EN funds to support businesses owned by low / mod income persons and create jobs serving low / mod income households.
6	Goal Name	Public Service Activities
	Goal Description	<p>PY2022 CDBG funds will be allocated to public services (<u>\$236,882 total Public Service</u>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matrix Code 05 - General Public Services • Matrix Code 05A - Senior Services • Matrix Code 05E - Transportation Services • Matrix Code 05M - Health Services • Matrix Code 05W - Food Banks • Matrix Code 05G - Domestic Violence Services
7	Goal Name	Planning and Administrative Projects
	Goal Description	Matrix code 21A - General Planning & Program Administration for CDBG - PY22 \$306,842.

8	Goal Name	Facilities and Services for Homeless
	Goal Description	<p>Matrix Code 03C - Alexandra House Inc. - Replace original facility windows with new windows rehab of shelter for domestic abuse victims includes DB Consultant (\$136,200 + \$6,810 = <u>\$143,010</u>)</p> <p>Matrix code 03C - Anoka County Community Action Program (ACCAP) Rehab Board & Lodge in Columbia Heights includes DB Consultant (\$525,000 + \$26,250 DB = <u>\$551,250</u> PY18/19 funds)</p>

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

#	Project Name
1	Planning and Administration
2	Fair Housing Activities
3	Homeless Facilities
4	Public Service Activities
5	Economic Development
6	Housing Preservation

Table 7 – Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administrative Projects
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$306,842
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the daily administrative needs to maintain the CDBG grant and its regulations within the Anoka County Community Development Department.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A - Provide oversight and administration for CDBG program.
	Location Description	County-wide

	Planned Activities	21A-General Administration
2	Project Name	Fair Housing Activities
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Promote Equal Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	Engage in and actively promote activities that advance Fair Housing. Anoka County is focused on these Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: 1)Insufficient interest in fair housing 2)Lack of sufficient outreach and education 3)Insufficient system capacity 4) Lack of effective referral system 5)Lack of understanding of fair housing 6) Discrimination and harassment in rental markets 7)Discrimination of Section 8 Voucher Holders. Anoka County is focused on the following Actions to Address the above Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: 1) Stimulate additional fair housing outreach and education activities 2) Enhance coordination of fair housing activities, including better referral system 3) Enhance homebuyer education 4)Encourage inclusive housing location policies for both private and public housing providers 5)Enhance outreach and education to rental housing providers and continue supporting compliant-based testing and enforcement 6)Encourage local government actions that more affirmatively further fair housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Engage in and actively promote activities that advance Fair Housing, in Anoka County and the Twin Cities Metro Area.
	Location Description	County-wide and metro region-wide.
	Planned Activities	21D- Fair Housing Activities
3	Project Name	Homeless Facilities
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Facilities and Services for Homeless

	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$143,010
	Description	Rehabilitation of Alexandra House domestic abuse transitional shelter housing (\$143,010)
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	193 households will benefit from rehabilitation of transitional housing
	Location Description	Confidential domestic abuse transitional housing.
	Planned Activities	Facility improvements at domestic abuse transitional housing.
4	Project Name	Public Service Activities
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Public Service Activities
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$236,882
	Description	Provide public service funds to the activities listed.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p><u>Estimated 5000 low/mod income persons served by the ten public service activities listed:</u> <u>Alexandra House Inc = 193 persons /</u> <u>Apple Dental = 1156 persons /</u> <u>Accessible Spaces Inc. = 12 persons/</u> <u>Cars for Neighbors = 45 persons /</u> <u>Elevate Hope House = 8 persons /</u> <u>Hearts & Hammers = 16 persons</u> <u>Impact Services = 300 persons /</u> <u>Lee Carlson Center = 20 persons</u> <u>Neighborhood Health Source = 200 persons/</u> <u>SACA = 1,750</u> <u>persons/</u> <u>The Salvation Army = 1,300 persons</u></p>														
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Offices for: Alexandra House Inc. -10065 3rd Street NE, Blaine / Apple Tree Dental-Springbrook Drive, Coon Rapids / ASI - 2550 University Ave, #330N, St. Paul / Cars for Neighbors-12527 Central Ave NE, Ste 110, Blaine / Hearts & Hammers - 2599 Fairview Ave No, St. Paul / Impact Services - 3960 Coon Rapids Blvd, Coon Rapids / Lee Carlson Center - 7954 University Ave NE, Fridley / Neighborrhodd HealthSource - 10081 Dogwood St NW #100, Coon Rapids / SACA-627 38th Ave NE, Columbia Heights / The Salvation Army- 1201 89th Ave NE, Suite 130, Blaine.</p>														
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p><u>Alexandra House</u>-1 FTE Shelter Advocate person working with domestic abuse victims at shelter. /<u>Apple Tree Dental</u>- equip teledentistry program providing oral care to low-income individuals, families, elderly and disabled patients /<u>Cars for Neighbors</u>-provide car repair services to low/mod households /<u>Hearts & Hammers</u>-Home exterior rehab/improvement projects for 8 senior / veteran households that revitalize weatherproofing, security and accessibility for low-income and/or vulnerable homeowners / <u>Impact Services</u>-provide a daily hot nutritious meal and wellness check for senior citizens / <u>SACA</u>-purchase food, pay utilities / <u>The Salvation Army</u> - purchase food items for the food shelf.</p>														
<p>5</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="142 1360 337 1409">Project Name</td> <td data-bbox="354 1360 1523 1409">Economic Development</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="142 1419 337 1467">Target Area</td> <td data-bbox="354 1419 1523 1467">Anoka County</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="142 1478 337 1560">Goals Supported</td> <td data-bbox="354 1478 1523 1560">Support Economic Development</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="142 1570 337 1661">Needs Addressed</td> <td data-bbox="354 1570 1523 1661">Economic Development</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="142 1671 337 1719">Funding</td> <td data-bbox="354 1671 1523 1719">CDBG: \$600,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="142 1730 337 1778">Description</td> <td data-bbox="354 1730 1523 1778">Establish county-wide Business Revolving Loan Fund (\$600,000)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="142 1789 337 1816">Target Date</td> <td data-bbox="354 1789 1523 1816">12/31/2023</td> </tr> </table>	Project Name	Economic Development	Target Area	Anoka County	Goals Supported	Support Economic Development	Needs Addressed	Economic Development	Funding	CDBG: \$600,000	Description	Establish county-wide Business Revolving Loan Fund (\$600,000)	Target Date	12/31/2023
Project Name	Economic Development														
Target Area	Anoka County														
Goals Supported	Support Economic Development														
Needs Addressed	Economic Development														
Funding	CDBG: \$600,000														
Description	Establish county-wide Business Revolving Loan Fund (\$600,000)														
Target Date	12/31/2023														

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Create or retain 17 jobs offered to low / moderate income individuals. Meet the 1 FTE hired for every \$35,000 of CDBG funds recieved.
	Location Description	Program administrator: Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD), 3137 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis MN 55407. Jobs created or retained county-wide.
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6	Project Name	Housing Preservation
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Preserve and Improve Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Homeowner Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$295,930
	Description	Fund Anoka County Home Rehabilitation Loan program to provide loans for low / moderate income households for health and safety improvements. CDBG \$245,930,000 + \$50,000 estimated Program Income (PI)
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provide loans to income qualified households up to \$24,999 for single family home health and safety repairs or improvements. Approximately 14 low / moderate income households will benefit.
	Location Description	Single family rehab loan to income qualified homeowners county wide.
	Planned Activities	Provide loans to income qualified households up to \$24,999 for single family home health and safety repairs or improvements.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

Anoka County, as an Urban County, is located in the northwest corner of the seven-county Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan regional area. It is the third largest in land mass in this region and the fourth most densely populated with 831 people / square mile. Per MN Compass 2017 estimates, Anoka County is home to 351,373 residents as it is comprised of 20 cities and one township. One in ten, or 10.7%, of households speak another language other than English at home. The median age in Anoka County is 38.4 years.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Anoka County	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Anoka County allocated funding based on its annual competitive application process. This process works with municipalities and organization to determine the allocation priority and need. The application process held a deadline in which all projects and public services must be submitted for review to meet federal regulations and Action Plan requirements.

Anoka County reviewed the 2022 applications based on the applicant's capacity, experience and project readiness to utilize funding. Applications reviewed were scored on details related to relocation, environmental requirements and monitoring compliance. All activities funded meet a high priority in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Funding allocations and investments are limited and it is a high priority of Anoka County to ensure investments are geographically meeting underserved populations.

Discussion

In addition to new PY22 CDBG funds, Anoka County will continue to invest CDBG-CV funds for activities directly tied to COVID prevention, response and recovery. Anticipated uses of funds include, but are not limited to, homeless assistance, rental assistance, business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs. Making these investments will help areas hit hard by the pandemic.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

Anoka County does not have authority over land use and development. Municipalities and the Metropolitan Council control local and regional land use policies. Affordable housing tends to be in larger cities that have better access to public transportation. Encourage affordable housing providers to build, rehabilitate and invest in locating units in Anoka County.

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

Anoka County works closely with all units of government throughout the county to support affordable housing. This includes support of new rental construction, tenant-based rent assistance, new owner construction (e.g. Habitat homes), special needs housing, housing rehabilitation along with supporting the expansion and preservation of affordable multi-family housing units.

Discussion

Addressing underserved housing needs has become increasingly more difficult. To make housing affordable to very low-income households, substantial subsidies are needed. Appropriations for housing programs have seen reductions or remain flat and are not at levels sufficient to support affordability gaps.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Anoka County was awarded CDBG-CV as part of the CARES Act. CDBG-CV funds will be used for COVID prevention, response and recovery. Anticipated uses of funds include, but are not limited to, homeless assistance, rental assistance, business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Programs that are expected to address the obstacles of those with underserved needs include not only the creation and stability of housing but also public service activities that will specifically address low to moderate income households in need of care for senior services, transportation or health. Through the use of CDBG and HOME funds housing opportunities are being created for very low income households in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. The services for households with mental health issues are able to connect to resources related to healthy living, food and medical care.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Anoka County with the use of program year funding will foster and maintain affordable housing through a collaboration with local nonprofit housing organizations. Existing housing stock will be maintained through our CDBG single-family housing and multi-family housing rehabilitation programs. The CDBG single family housing program works directly with the existing housing supply for low to moderate income homeowners who struggle to make repairs related to health and safety measures.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Action to address the Lead Based Paint (LBP) hazards in Anoka County include several educational and action steps structured around the household's particular situation. In working with home buyer programs, buyers are notified through the use of educational materials of the dangers and needs of homes built prior to 1978. This process is explained in real estate documents and disclosures and supported by information from the EPA and the Department of Health. Anoka County and its partners administer housing rehabilitation programs which allow us to directly address items within the home that test positive for levels of lead-based paint and product materials. Lead-based hazard testing is conducted on all rehabilitation projects where the housing unit was built before 1978. Rehabilitation programs require a clearance test at the completion of all work to ensure not only that the known lead-based paint issues have been addressed but to ensure that further dust contamination did not occur within the area. In the administration of rental programs such as tenant based rental assistance or other, an inspection of all units for lead hazards is completed. If an area of paint is in poor condition or to be disturbed, we work directly with property owners to safely remediate and improve the condition of deficient areas. Additional opportunities to educate households arise at local events to promote a healthy home and increase awareness of lead safe practices for renovation.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

One of the barriers identified through the needs assessment was a lack of employment opportunities with living

wages. Currently, many jobs acquired do not pay workers enough to afford a market-rate unit. Additionally, the needs assessment identified transportation within the county as a barrier. There is a lack of public transportation routes especially in the northern half of the county. Applications for funds targeting this barrier were funded including Cars for Neighbors. This program works to provide and repair vehicles so households have safe dependable transportation for work and other important appointments.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

As noted in SP-40 of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, gaps are found in the institutional delivery system when important public service activities are presented to the Anoka County Community Development Department for funding and the activity must be denied because it's not deemed a high priority within the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. When situations like this arise, Anoka County Community Development will take note and may include it as a possible high priority in the next Five-Year Consolidated Plan as long as the citizen engagement is in favor.

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

Anoka County Community Development, along with private developers, non-profit organizations, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's), the 21 cities within the County, private business, and SMAC work very closely with each other, to foster a coordination of efforts and services. Anoka County will enhance coordination by continuing to network and seek out new partnership opportunities.

As mentioned previously, SMAC has developed a coordinated assessment tool, which has proven successful in providing services regarding homeless prevention, supportive services, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. The coordinated assessment is fairly new and will enhance coordination.

Discussion

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Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Program income received will be used for our Anoka County CDBG Rehab Loan program.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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Total Program Income:	50,000

Other CDBG Requirements

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Discussion

There are no urgent need activities identified in Anoka County. Additional CDBG-CV CARES Act funds were awarded to Anoka County. The CDBG-CV will be used for COVID prevention, response and recovery. Anticipated uses of funds include, but are not limited to homeless assistance, rental assistance, small business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs. The PY19 Action Plan was and will be amended to reflect actual activities as our high priority community needs are determined. CDBG-CV activities funded in PY20, PY21 and PY22.

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