Public Hearing:

2023-2024 Annual Action Plan

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Background


Application Process
December 19, 2022
Application for CDBG & HOME Funding Opened
February 3, 2023
All Applications Due at Noon
February - March 2023
Staff Reviewed Applications Against Internal Scorecard
March 2023
Application Presentations and Funding Recommendations
April - May 2023
Public Comment Period
May 2023
Public Hearing

Consolidated Plan Priorities

Priority Needs	Priority Level
New Rental for Households at or below 60% Area Median Income (AMI)	High
Special Needs Housing	High
Create Sustainable Jobs for Low-Income Persons	High
Job Training & Placement	High
Develop Multi-Modal Transportation	High
Services that Support Affordable Housing & Jobs	High
End Homelessness	High
Promote Homeownership for Low-Income Households	Low
Target Low-Wealth Neighborhoods for Improvement	Low
Preserve Existing Housing	Low
Coordinate Housing Development with Transportation	Low
Start-up and Growth of Small and Micro-Businesses	Low
Support Services necessary for Employment	Low
Improve Food Security, Healthy Food Availability	Low
Develop and Improve Community Centers	Low
Housing Services for Persons with Special Needs	Low
Youth Services	Low

Recommendations, CDBG Public Services

Agency Name	Project / Program	Purpose	Recommended Award
Public Services (15% Cap)			
The SPARC Foundation	Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) and Strong Fathers	Public Services	$24,737
Helpmate	Emergency Shelter for Domestic Violence Survivors	Public Services	$23,736
Haywood Street Congregation	Haywood Respite	Public Services	$18,900
Pisgah Legal Services	Homelessness Prevention	Public Services	$35,750
OnTrack Financial	Housing and Financial Capabilities	Public Services	$25,000
Homeward Bound of WNC	Coordinated Entry	Public Services	$37,900
		Total	**$166,023**

Recommendations, CDBG Non-Public Services

Agency Name	Project / Program	Purpose	Recommended Award
Mountain BizWorks	Expanding Access	Economic Development	$162,500
Helpmate	Case Management for DV Survivors	Housing Services	$65,000
Carolina Small Business Development Fund	Opportunity Asheville	Economic Development	$135,000
Homeward Bound of Western North Carolina	Housing Services	Housing Services	$108,150
Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity	Affordable Home Repairs	Housing	$94,500
Community Center Contingency	City of Asheville Community Center Upgrades	Public Facilities	$154,281
City of Asheville	*Program Administration / Staff*		*$221,363*
		Total	**$940,794**

Recommendations, CDBG - CV

Agency Name	Project / Program	Recommended Award
Helpmate, Inc.	COVID Court Advocacy and Shelter Services	$70,600
Helpmate, Inc.	Emergency Shelter COVID-19 Operation Costs	$102,557.10
Pisgah Legal Services	COVID-19 Eviction Prevention Project	$20,000
	Total	**$193,157.10**

Recommendations, HOME

Agency Name	Project / Program	Project Type	Location	Recommended Award
Commonwealth Development	Fairhaven Meadows	Rental Construction	Transylvania	$350,000
Community Housing Coalition	Housing Replacement	Homeowner Replacement	Madison	$110,000
Community Housing Coalition	Rural Rehab	Homeowner Rehab	Madison	$175,000
Helpmate, Inc.	Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence	Tenant Based Rental	Asheville/ Buncombe	$157,300
Henderson County Habitat for Humanity	Downpayment Assistance	Downpayment Assistance	Henderson	$160,000
LDG Development	Meribel	Rental Construction	Buncombe	$500,000
Mountain Housing Opportunities (CHDO)	Lakeshore Villas	Rental Construction	Buncombe	$750,000
WDT Development	The Villas at Haywood	Rental Construction	Buncombe	$299,702
Helpmate	FY22-23 Rental Assistance for DV	Tenant Based Rental Asst.	Buncombe	$19,737
City of Asheville	*Admin - 10%*	*Admin - 10%*	*All Four Counties*	*$174,637*
			Total	**$2,969,376**

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