

Housing and Redevelopment Authority Resolution

H2023-006

Sponsor: Community & Economic Development

Meeting Date: 5/9/2023

Title: 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant - HOME
Investment Partnership Act Action Plan/Proposed Use of Funds

File Number: 2023-210

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County has received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding as an “urban county” for more than 25 years. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides these annual grants to “develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income persons”. The Dakota County Consortium is the “participating jurisdiction” for Ramsey County’s receipt of HOME Investment Partnerships Act Program Funds (HOME), which are limited to projects providing affordable housing. The Consortium consists of Anoka, Dakota, Ramsey and Washington Counties, as well as the city of Woodbury.

The Consolidated Plan, required by HUD, guides the investment of entitlement CDBG and HOME Funds over a five-year period. The Consolidated Plan is designed to help states and local jurisdictions assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for community members and organizations to provide input and identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding. The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified in the consolidated planning process. Ramsey County reports on accomplishments and progress towards Consolidated Plan goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The 2023-24 Annual Action Plan will be the fourth annual plan of the current five-year Consolidated Plan.

The 2023-24 Annual Action Plan/Proposed Use of Funds addresses needs of low and moderate-income persons in the suburban Ramsey County service area. Overall priorities for the use of funds, including countywide housing rehabilitation, public services related to housing instability and investment in affordable multi-family housing development and preservation, are after consultation with suburban municipalities, which participate in the Ramsey County Entitlement Program and community partners each year. The plan addresses the statutory requirements for receiving annual entitlement funds from HUD and is consistent with department strategies to foster prosperity and access to opportunities.

Projects recommended for funding in HUD’s Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024) are consistent with the current Consolidated Plan. Ramsey County anticipates receiving a 2023 allocation of \$1,202,421 in CDBG funding and \$593,806 in HOME funding from HUD. In addition, Ramsey County has \$283,219 in unspent HOME funds from prior years and \$91,829 in HOME program income. The total available HOME funding is \$968,854.

Summary of Proposed Distribution of CDBG Funds

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, A Brush With Kindness- City of Roseville-wide	\$10,000
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Acquisition Rehab- suburban countywide	\$150,000
MN One Stop for Communities, Program Services- suburban countywide	\$40,000
Hammer Residences, Home Revitalization- scattered sites suburban countywide	\$148,000
HOME Line, Tenant Hotline- suburban countywide	\$39,936
HousingLink, Rental Housing Search- suburban countywide	\$19,000
Slipstream Inc., Manufactured Homes Critical Repair- suburban countywide	\$225,000
MN One Stop for Communities, Acquisition- suburban countywide	\$90,000
Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties, Single-Family Home Critical Repair and Rehab Activities- suburban countywide	\$150,000
Hearts and Hammers, housing rehab activities- suburban countywide	\$10,000
Open Arms of Minnesota, Nutrition Program- suburban countywide	\$20,000
White Bear Area Foodshelf, Food Support- suburban countywide	\$20,000
Keystone Food Services, Food Support- suburban countywide	\$20,000
Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, Department of Indian Work Food Shelf- suburban countywide	\$20,000
Administration and Planning	\$240,484
Total	\$1,202,421

CDBG Sources of Funds

Anticipated Fiscal Year 2023 Allocation	\$1,202,421
Total	\$1,202,421

Summary of Proposed Distribution of HOME Funds

Reuter Walton, Rice Street New Rental Construction, near Rice Street and Delmont Avenue, Little Canada, MN	\$831,822
Subtotal New Construction Rental Housing	\$831,822
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set Aside	\$91,355
Administration and Planning (less Dakota County admin)	\$45,677
Total	\$968,854

HOME Sources of Funds

Anticipated Fiscal Year 2023 Allocation (less Dakota County admin)	\$593,806
Program Income on Hand	\$91,829
Previously unspent or unallocated	\$283,219
Total	\$968,854

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority resolved to:

1. Approve the 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant - HOME Investment Partnerships Act Action Plan/Proposed Use of Funds.
2. Authorize the County Manager to accept the Program 2023-24 Entitlement Award of \$1,202,421 of Community Development Block Grant Funds and \$593,806 of HOME Investment Partnerships Act Funds.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, related to the submission and execution of the 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant-HOME Investment Partnerships Act Program Action Plan/Proposed Use of Funds.
4. Authorize the County Manager to execute and amend agreements in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office, provided the amounts are within the budget of the approved plan.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: 
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board