

Narrative Project Descriptions of Proposed Use of Funds for the 2025
Annual Action Plan – Substantial Amendment

Housing Rehabilitation

Minnesota One Stop for Communities (New Activity)
3104 Victoria Street, Roseville

\$125,000
CDBG

Minnesota One Stop for Communities will use funds to support the rehabilitation and expansion of an existing residential property used for shared housing for adults exiting long-term homelessness. The proposed scope of work include finishing the basement to add one new bedroom, one bathroom, and a dedicated laundry room, upgrading all existing bathrooms to improve safety, durability, and functionality As well as, replacing existing windows with energy-efficient windows to improve thermal comfort and reduce operating costs and treating and preserving the wood exterior of the home to extend the life of the structure.

Hearts and Hammers
Suburban county-wide

\$10,000
CDBG

Hearts & Hammers will use funds for painting and exterior rehabilitation of homes for low-income seniors, disabled individuals, and veteran homeowners within suburban Ramsey County. Through Hearts & Hammers, we aim to restore each house’s character and accessibility, ensuring that residents can continue living independently and comfortably. The project will mobilize teams of volunteers who generously donate their time and skills to transform homes in a single day. Activities include exterior painting, caulking, repair of damaged siding or trim, railing installation, and landscaping or yard renewal as needed. By addressing these essential home-improvement needs, we aim to enhance the overall quality of life for residents in our community.

Slipstream Inc., Critical Repair Program
Suburban county-wide

\$391,473.76
CDBG

The Critical Repair Program will use funding to provide grants to suburban Ramsey County homeowners who reside in either owner-occupied homes or manufactured homes and are considered low-to-moderate income. Grants will be used to make necessary health, safety, code and related repairs. It will expand services for single-family homes where level of needs exceeds available grant funding and coordinate with Ramsey County Rehab Loan Program. Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties will complete the on-the-ground rehab advising and Slipstream will lead the administration of the program.

Slipstream Inc., Rehab Loan Program
Suburban county-wide

\$391,473.76
CDBG

The Rehab Loan Program will use funding to provide forgivable loans to suburban Ramsey County homeowners who reside in owner-occupied homes and are considered low-to-moderate income. Loans will be processes to provided needed health, safety, code and related repairs. Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties will complete the on-the-ground rehab

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Public Services

Tenant Hotline- HOME Line **\$70,584**
Suburban county-wide **CDBG**

HOME Line’s tenant hotline program provides free and confidential legal advice to renters throughout the state about any rental issue they are experiencing. Homeline expect to serve approximately 1,000 households in suburban Ramsey County during the next year, providing advice about repairs, evictions, notices to vacate, security deposits, privacy, questions about leases, and more. The renters the program serves are disproportionately low-income, people of color, and female.

Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, Department of Indian Work **\$22,345.86**
3080 Centerville Rd, Little Canada **CDBG**

CDBG Funds will be used to support expanded services at Interfaith Action’s Department of Indian Work foodshelf in Little Canada. The nonprofit has seen a large increase in food assistance across the whole community and in the Native American community. Also, the cost of food has increased substantially due to inflation, tariffs and other factors. The foodshelf is available to all residents in need. In 2025 over 5,000 residents were served and 396,160 pounds of food were distributed.

Open Arms of Minnesota, Nutrition Program **\$22,345.86**
Suburban county-wide **CDBG**

Open Arms will use funds to prepare and delivery hundreds of meals for low-income suburban Ramsey County residents living chronic and severe illness. Open Arms’ Nutrition Program pairs homemade, medically tailored meals with nutrition education and counseling; this model ensures the clients receive both the nutrition and the information they need to improve their health. Each year, our volunteers deliver to more than 4,200 clients, caregivers, and dependent children living throughout the Twin Cities and Minnesota, including suburban Ramsey County.

White Bear Area Food Shelf, Food Support **\$22,345.86**
Suburban county-wide **CDBG**

White Bear Area Food Shelf has been serving residents in suburban Ramsey County experiencing food insecurity for over 40 years. The new Community Market provides healthy culturally connected food 4 days a week. WBAFS receives food rescued from nine local grocery stores that includes fresh produce, frozen meat, deli, dairy and bakery items. This is supplemented with a purchased delivery each week from Second Harvest Heartland food bank of fresh produce and culturally connected dry goods. This food is received by the WBAFS Food Systems Coordinator and is sorted and stocked by a team of volunteers supervised by the WBAFS Community Market Program Specialist. The Community Market food distribution happens with a team of volunteers who assist neighbors with questions about products, suing the iPads at checkout, and connecting them to the food shelf’s Community Resource Coordinator for additional support services.

**Youthway Ministries, Manna Market
5394 Edgewood Drive, Mounds View**

**\$22,345.86
CDBG**

Manna Market is a food recovery program that receives more than 3,000 visits each week from households in need of good quality food. The program operates locations in Blaine and Spring Lake Park and recently opened a location in Mounds View as part of a “hub and spoke” model. In this model, pre-packaged food is transported to Mounds View to distribute it directly to individuals facing food insecurity. The Mounds View site operates on Sundays, which is not a regular distribution day at the primary location. This additional day of service expands access for households who are unable to attend weekday or Saturday distributions due to work schedules, transportation limitations, caregiving responsibilities, or religious observances. By operating within Ramsey County on an additional service day, the program strengthens local access to healthy food while supporting the County’s goals of addressing food insecurity, reducing environmental waste, and promoting community well-being.

**Keystone Community Services, Food Support
Suburban county-wide**

**\$22,345.86
CDBG**

Keystone will use the funding to purchase and distribute food to an estimated 2,000 suburban Ramsey County residents via approximately 3,000 visits in 2024. This project will distribute food to low-and moderate-income suburban Ramsey County residents using Keystone’s food shelves, two Foodmobiles that visit 11 suburban Ramsey County distribution sites on a regular monthly schedule, and food shelf home delivery to 20-30 suburban Ramsey County older adults and people with disabilities each month.