

Narrative Project Descriptions of Proposed Use of Funds for the 2023 Annual Action Plan

Housing Acquisition Rehabilitation

Hearts and Hammers	\$10,000
Suburban county-wide	CDBG

Hearts & Hammers will use funds to purchase supplies for the projects, supplies for volunteers to complete the project, and operational and personnel overhead for the project logistics. Founded in 1997, Hearts & Hammers-Twin Cities provides free exterior home-improvement assistance for low-income seniors, disabled, or veteran homeowners so that they may continue living independently in their own homes. A typical Hearts & Hammers home is rehabbed by volunteers in just one day to restore the character, weatherproofing, security, and accessibility of each house. Recipients benefit by having their homes, which is usually their biggest asset, restored to a safe, secure, and livable condition. Neighborhoods benefit when deteriorating houses and yards transform overnight into attractive and well-kept homes.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, A Brush with Kindness	\$10,000
City of Roseville-wide	CDBG

This program is designed to help vulnerable (low-income senior, disabled and veteran) adults across the City of Roseville address outstanding housing violations, including emergency violations that could lead to the immediate condemnation of a home. Residents are eligible to apply for Program funds if they are working with the City of Roseville and have outstanding housing orders. City staff will work to exhaust all other available community-based, government, etc. resources prior to referring the resident to the Program to resolve the outstanding orders and/or emergency which has the resident facing potential condemnation of their home.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Single-Family Acquisition and Rehab	\$150,000
Suburban County-wide	CDBG

Habitat for Humanity will use CDBG funds to acquire and rehab single family homes in suburban Ramsey County outside of the City of Roseville. Homes will then be available for purchase to Habitat-eligible homeowners.

Hammer Residences, Scattered Site Home Revitalization	\$148,000
Suburban county-wide	CDBG

Hammer Residences is a non-profit that provides permanent housing for residents with physical disabilities in scattered site single-family homes. Hammer Residences request rehabilitation funding for to renovate up to 6 single family homes in suburban Ramsey County.

Slipstream Inc., Manufactured Homes Critical Repair Program	\$225,000
Suburban county-wide	CDBG

The Critical Repair Program (CRP) is administered by Slipstream and Rebuilding Together Minnesota are mission-based nonprofits specializing in creating healthier and safer homes. Through the CRP, we help scale solutions that empower people living with low incomes to reclaim their strength by improving the living conditions of their homes and, in many cases, lowering their energy burdens as a

byproduct of improvements.

Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties (CAPRW), Single-Family Home Critical Repair Program and Rehab Activities	\$150,000 CDBG
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The program will provide grants (up to \$5,000) to low-income, single-family homeowners in suburban Ramsey County that need health and safety-related housing repairs. In addition to the repair grants themselves, the funds will cover the Agency's administrative costs to run the program and salaries for a 0.2 FTE Coordinator to assess the repair needs and determine the project scope for each home and 0.1 FTE Program Specialist who will manage applications, eligibility, and contractor relationships. With these funds, CAPRW intends to serve 30-32 households.

Public Services

Tenant Hotline- HOME Line Suburban county-wide	\$39,937 CDBG
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HOME Line has been working in suburban Ramsey County for the past sixteen years by providing renters a free and confidential legal hotline. HOME Line anticipates assisting approximately 800 suburban Ramsey County renter households over the hotline during the program year. They anticipate preventing over 70 evictions and saving renter families more than \$85,000 in security deposits and rent abatements. In 2021, nearly all suburban Ramsey County callers (91%), had incomes less than 80% of the area median income. The most common reasons Ramsey County residents call the hotline are repairs, evictions, and security deposits. Residents who speak Hmong, Somali, or Spanish can call HOME Line to speak to tenant advocates and receive assistance in their primary language. Calls typically, last for one half hour and the average cost is \$60.73 including direct costs, training, and supervision.

MN One Stop for Communities, Program Services Suburban county-wide	\$40,000 CDBG
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Minnesota One-Stop for Communities, a nonprofit organization, provides services to include an holistic, intensive case management service with the main outcome of increasing household income. Increasing the household's income is a sure way to prevent future homelessness or housing crises. MN One-Stop proposes to work with 175 households, or 490 individuals per project year. The population we will work with are households with an annual income at or below 80% AMI, are experiencing long-term homelessness, are families and individuals, and most individuals served identify as African American or American Indian. MN One-Stop will offer the following on-site activities to program participants: tenant skills, financial literacy (budgeting, goals, resources), preparation for employment (driver's license, job search, job skills training), education (GED, higher education), personal wellness (safe, stable, healthy relationships, connected to a caring network of support; increased protective factors; physical health; mental health; sobriety and recovery, healthy nutrition, healthy life choices, legal resources), and recreation, arts and crafts.

HousingLink, Rental Housing Search Suburban county-wide	\$19,000 CDBG
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Housing Link will reach nearly 13,000 suburban Ramsey County renters through the Housing Search tool at housinglink.org. As the region's primary source for easily accessible rental listings, HousingLink has established itself as an essential resource for lower-income Ramsey County renters seeking affordable housing. Through the customized Housing Search tool, Ramsey County residents will find rental listings

that meet their needs, preferences, and goals and help HousingLink fulfill its mission of connecting people to affordable rental homes, increasing choice and access for all.

Open Arms of Minnesota, Nutrition Program
Suburban county-wide

\$20,000
CDBG

Open Arms' Nutrition Program pairs homemade, medically tailored meals with nutrition education and counseling; this model ensures that clients receive both the nutrition and the information they need to improve their health. Funding provided through the Ramsey County CDBG will allow Open Arms to expand the program and provide approximately eight months of weekly medically tailored meal delivery services to critically ill clients living within Ramsey County. Funds will support the preparation and delivery of 10,000 meals, delivered free of charge to the homes of community members living at the intersection of severe illness and food insecurity.

White Bear Area Food Shelf, Food Support
Suburban county-wide

\$20,000
CDBG

The White Bear Area Food Shelf's Curbside Pick-up Food Program will serve the White Bear Lake and surrounding Ramsey County residents' food insecurity needs. In 2022, White Bear Area Food Shelf served 23.9% more Ramsey County residents than it did in 2021. White Bear Area Food Shelf is also experiencing a 40% cost increase in the food it bulk purchases from a metro food bank due to the high inflation rates of 2022 and 2023. This project will assist White Bear Area Food Shelf in purchasing food to meet the increased food insecurity service it is providing in suburban Ramsey County.

Keystone Community Services, Food Support
Suburban county-wide

\$20,000
CDBG

This project will distribute food to low- and moderate-income Suburban Ramsey residents Keystone's food shelves, two food mobiles that visit 12 Suburban Ramsey distribution sites on a regular monthly schedule, and food shelf home delivery to 30-40 Suburban Ramsey older adults and people with disabilities each month. The rising cost of food is hitting low-income households hard and many households that have never sought assistance before are turning to Keystone to help them put food on the table. Suburban Ramsey residents showed a 77% increase in Keystone food support visits from January 2022 to December 2022.

Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, Department of Indian Work Food Shelf
Little Canada, MN

\$20,000
CDBG

The Department of Indian Work (DIW), a key program of Interfaith Action, was established in 1952, and has the only culturally specific food shelf for American Indians in Ramsey County. DIW is located in Little Canada, MN and serves residents and American Indians living in the Ramsey County area of the Twin Cities. Eligibility requirements include household income at 300% of federal poverty level. This year, DIW will serve 3,000 people through our culturally specific emergency food shelf with qualified families receiving food that will last for 3 to 4 days. DIW will distribute 250,000 pounds of food utilizing a choice model; this equates to 208,333 meals. In addition to the food shelf, DIW has a trauma-informed, student-centered afterschool and summer program for American Indian youth; a clothing closet; social service referrals, a Family Education Diabetes Series and screenings for public benefits.

Multifamily Housing Development/Preservation

**Reuter Walton, Rice Street New Rental Construction
Little Canada, MN**

**\$431,822
HOME**

Reuter Walton is proposing a 175-unit building in Little Canada at the intersection of Rice Street and Delmont Avenue. The development will include 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom units. Reuter Walton is proposing a mix of affordability levels including apartments affordable to residents at 30%, 50% and 60% of the area median income.

**Enclave, Rice Street Crossing New Rental Construction
Little Canada, MN**

**\$400,000
HOME**

Enclave is proposing a 273-unit building in Shoreview at the intersection of Rice Street and I-694. The development will include efficiencies, 1 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms and 3 bedroom units with a mix of affordability. Enclave is proposing that 20% of the units will be income-restricted at 50% of the area median income. The remainder of the units will be market rate. The development will also include public space and 10,000 square feet of retail space.