



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

Public Hearing

G.1.

7/25/2023

Subject:

Final Public Hearing and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for the Brevard County HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium

Fiscal Impact:

Brevard County is estimated to receive approximately \$1,396,425 in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and approximately \$1,297,107 in 2023-2024 Fiscal Year HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grant funds that will be distributed to the Consortium Members (Brevard County, Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne, and Palm Bay). There will no impact to the General Fund.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve:

- the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan;
- the Chair executing required certifications, assurances, and the Applications for Federal Assistance for the CDBG and HOME grants;
- the County Manager to sign the CDBG Program and HOME Program Grant Agreements and Disbursement Agreements with the four Brevard HOME Consortium member cities upon approval from HUD;
- the Housing and Human Services Department, as contract administrators, to use competitive procurement to secure contractors to complete proposed activities and projects;
- the Housing and Human Services Department Director to endorse agreements, amendments, and modifications for activities and projects identified in the Action Plan and procured by the Housing and Human Services Department after approval from Risk Management and the County Attorney's Office; and,
- the County Manager to execute any necessary budget change requests.

Summary Explanation and Background:

On May 23, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing, as required by HUD, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the goals, priorities, and funding set forth in the one-year Annual Action Plan beginning October 1, 2023.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024, HOME funds will be awarded to the County and disbursed to the cities through

disbursement agreements utilizing a HUD approved formula. Funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis. The Consortium will receive a total of \$1,297,107 in HOME funds for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to begin on October 1, 2023. Brevard County will receive an estimated \$521,179.35 and the member cities will receive an estimated \$775,927.65 (Titusville \$140,607.08; Cocoa \$74,089.67; Melbourne \$301,593.59, and Palm Bay \$259,637.31).

For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Brevard County will receive an estimated \$1,396,425 in CDBG funds. Unlike HOME funding, each Consortium member city receives a direct CDBG allocation from HUD. The County and each member city formulate their own CDBG Annual Action Plan of how they will spend CDBG funds promoting safe neighborhoods, capital improvements, economic development, public services, improvements for public housing and the homeless, as well as providing other housing assistance programs.

As a HUD approved Consortium, Brevard County as Lead Agency, is required to submit as one document the Annual Action Plan and each of the cities CDBG Annual Action Plans.

In accordance with the Board of County Commissioner approved Citizen Participation Plan, public input was sought through a thirty-day Public Comment period (from June 7, 2023 through July 7, 2023 at 5 pm) advertised in a newspaper of general circulation on June 7, 2023. Additionally, the proposed Action Plan was placed on the Housing and Human Services Department's website and comments were accepted electronically during the 30-day period. No comments were received.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None



July 26, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

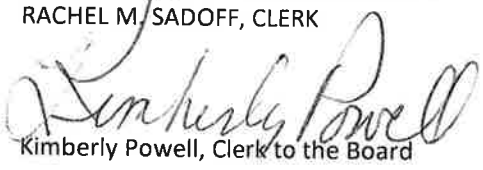
RE: Item G.1., Final Public Hearing and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for the Brevard County HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on July 25, 2023, approved the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan; approved the Chair to execute required certifications, assurances, and the Application for Federal Assistance for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) grants; approved the County Manager to sign the CDBG Program and HOME Program Grant Agreements and Disbursement Agreements with four Brevard HOME Consortium member cities upon approval from Housing and Urban Development (HUD); approved the Housing and Human Services Department, as contract administrators, to use competitive procurement to secure contractors to complete proposed activities and projects; approved the Housing and Human Services Department Director to endorse agreements, amendments, and modifications for activities and projects identified in the Action Plan and procured by the Housing and Human Services Department after approval from Risk Management and the County Attorney's Office; and authorized the County Manager to execute any necessary Budget Change Requests. Enclosed is certifications, assurances, and applications.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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Encls. (a/s)

cc: County Manager
Budget
Finance

BREVARD COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM RECAPTURE GUIDELINES

The Brevard County HOME Consortium will follow the recapture provisions described in these guidelines. The Consortium's homebuyer assistance program is designed to assist eligible applicants with the purchase of decent, safe, and sanitary housing by providing financial assistance for any combination of down payment, repairs, principal reduction and closing costs for new construction and/or existing housing. Both the potential HOME housing unit and the assisted client must be eligible for the program, following specific standards and requirements from HUD. Funds for assistance can be used in the form of amortized, non-amortized, forgivable, or deferred payment loans. Recaptured funds will be used to carry out HOME eligible activities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 92.

Recapture Provisions

1. Program funds will be secured by a lien, primary or subordinate mortgage; and affordability restrictions enforced via a land use agreement or deed restriction.
2. The HOME-assisted housing unit must meet the affordability requirements for not less than the applicable period specified in the following table, beginning after project completion.

Homeownership assistance HOME amount per-unit	Minimum period of affordability in years
Under \$15,000	5
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10
Over \$40,000	15

3. If at any time during the period of affordability the housing unit assisted with HOME funds ceases to be the principal residence of the eligible homeowner, or any other terms of the mortgage or land use agreement are violated, then the mortgage balance will become due in full.
4. In the event of a sale during the period of affordability, (voluntary or involuntary), of a housing unit which used HOME funds for purchase assistance, the Consortium shall, at a minimum, recapture the entire amount due from the net proceeds of the sale. (The net proceeds are the sales price minus superior loan repayments, other than HOME funds, and any closing costs.)
 - A. When the property is sold and in the event that there are no net proceeds, or the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the total HOME investment due, the Consortium shall recapture the net proceeds, if any, in full. The recapture of the net proceeds shall constitute the satisfaction of the HOME mortgage, in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A).
 - B. Under a voluntary sale, the homeowner must sell the home at fair market value. The Consortium will retain the right, but not the obligation, to require the homeowner, at the homeowners' expense, to obtain a certified appraisal to demonstrate fair market value.

- C. The HOME funds subject to recapture are based on the amount of HOME assistance that enabled the homebuyer to buy the eligible unit. This includes any HOME assistance that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price, but excludes the amount between the cost of producing the unit and the market value of the property. (i.e., the development subsidy) When the HOME assistance is only used for the development subsidy and therefore not subject to recapture, the development subsidy is subject to Resale Restrictions in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(i).
- D. If the housing unit is sold after expiration of the affordability period, the loan and all recapture provisions are forgiven.
5. It is the intent of the Consortium that properties that receive funding under the HOME assistance program continue as affordable housing after any sale and/or transfer (voluntary or involuntary) during the affordability period. Notwithstanding payment of any recapture funds and/or shared equity, in the event of a sale or transfer of the property during the period of affordability (voluntary or involuntary), the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) placed upon the property shall run with the land and shall bind all successors and assigns during the term of the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA).

Shared Equity Provisions

In the event of a sale during the period of affordability (voluntary or involuntary) of a rental housing unit which used HOME funds, in addition to the recapture of HOME funds as set forth above, the Consortium shall also require a proportionate amount of any equity created by the use of the HOME investment as set forth in the mathematical formula noted below:

A. Consortium Equity:

$$\text{HOME investment} + \text{owner investment} \times \frac{\text{HOME investment}}{\text{HOME investment} + \text{owner investment}} = \text{additional equity to be recaptured}$$

B. Owner Equity:

$$\text{HOME investment} + \text{owner investment} \times \frac{\text{HOME owner investment}}{\text{HOME investment} + \text{owner investment}} = \text{amount to owner}$$

For purposes of this Shared Equity Provision Section, terms are defined as follows:

- **HOME investment:** any amount expended, including program income, that was directly attributable to the activity.
- **Owner investment:** any capital investments or improvements made by the owner (including purchase of land, down payment and closing costs, etc.).
- **Equity:** (Sales price – HOME investment – owner investment). Any closing costs associated with the sale or transfer of the property shall not be paid for by the Consortium and shall not be used to reduce the equity used for the shared equity calculation.

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

ATTEST:


Rachel Sadoff, Clerk of Court

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD
COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Rita Pritchett, Chair

Date: JUL 25 2023

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2023, 2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

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4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

N/A

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

B12-UC-12-0011

State Use Only:

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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Brevard County Housing and Human Services (CDBG)

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

59-6000523

* c. UEI:

106520666000

d. Address:

* Street1:

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Suite 106

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32940-8666

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Department Name:

Housing and Human Services

Division Name:

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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Ian

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Golden

Suffix:

Title:

Director

Organizational Affiliation:

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* Telephone Number:

321-633-2007

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* Email:

Ian.Golden@brevardfl.Gov

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B: County Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Entitlement Grant-Community Development Block Grant Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

N/A

* Title:

N/A

13. Competition Identification Number:

N/A

Title:

N/A

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

This application includes Brevard County's community development, infrastructure, public facilities and public improvements, and public services program.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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* b. Program/Project

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

10/01/2023

* b. End Date:

09/30/2024

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

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1,396,425.00

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If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

Mrs.

* First Name:

Rita

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

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Suffix:

* Title:

Chair, Board of County Commissioners

* Telephone Number:

321-607-6901

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* Email:

D1.Commissioner@BrevardFL.gov

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



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* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

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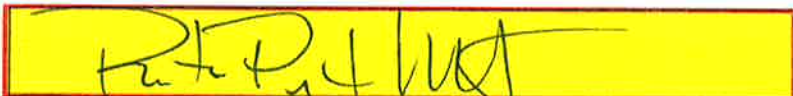
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Executive Summary

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1. Introduction

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The Brevard County HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium is a legal entity created through an intergovernmental agreement between Brevard County and the cities of Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay and Titusville. HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds are awarded through the HOME Consortia Participating Percentage Members Report. The Consortium's mission is to increase the supply of decent, safe and affordable housing for low to moderate income persons living in Brevard County. As the lead entity, Brevard County receives Home Investment Partnerships Program funds on behalf of the Consortium and contracts with each city individually. Home Investment Partnerships Program funds can be used for activities that promote affordable rental housing and homeownership for lower income households, including acquisition, new construction and reconstruction, moderate and substantial rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance and tenant-based rental assistance. Each municipality within the Consortium is a Community Development Block Grant entitlement community and therefore develops individual plans and receives Community Development Block Grant funds separately from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that both the Home Investment Partnerships Program Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, and Community Development Block Grant Plans be submitted together.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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The Home Investment Partnerships Program has a primary objective of providing affordable housing to low- and moderate-income persons. Funds can be used for affordable housing activities such as down payment and closing cost assistance, rental assistance, new construction development, site acquisition and rehabilitation, and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation or reconstruction.

To the greatest extent feasible, the Annual Action Plan focuses on the goals of the Consortium as they pertain to the preservation and development of affordable housing in the Consortium service area, as well as community development projects and public service programs in the County's unincorporated Community Development Block Grant strategy areas. The objectives and outcomes are:

- Improve access to affordable housing through purchase assistance.
- Work with non-profits, for profits and Community Housing Development Organizations to purchase and/or rehabilitate existing units for sale or rent.
- Improve access to affordable housing by promoting fair housing education.
- Improve access to affordable housing by offering rental assistance.
- Improve the quality of owner-occupied housing through rehabilitation programs, which will provide sustainability to the residents and neighborhood.
- Increase the availability of community development in neighborhood strategy areas through projects which improve the quality of life and provide safer living environments.
- Increase accessibility through neighborhood public service programs to improve health care, educational opportunities and promote self-sufficiency.
- Increase performance and accountability through evaluation.
- Improve quality of life through client education about lead based paint and asbestos hazards (testing and mitigation will be done when necessary).
- Promote and support facilities and services for the homeless and those that are threatened with homelessness.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

There have been significant challenges in meeting the proposed outcome numbers described in the previous Consolidated Plan. The COVID-19 pandemic placed an immense amount of strain on the economy, supply chains, and subsequently the progress on the goals outlined in the 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan. An in-depth list of challenges and issues the County faced in meeting goals over the

past several years are described in the Strategic Plan of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. A few items from the list that had a particularly large impact:

- Cost of labor, materials, and equipment have increased significantly
- Cost of housing and land have increased significantly
- COVID-19 limited capacity of many service organizations

Despite the challenges, there was some progress made in expending funds and working towards the goals during fiscal year 21-22. The accomplishments include:

HOME

- Provided financial support to 7 households for the purchase of a home
- Supported the rehabilitation of 5 homeowner units

CDBG

- Two section 108 loan projects supported the construction of a County-wide Health Department Clinic, and a water line for the West Canaveral Groves community
- Provided support to nonprofits delivering services to the community-this funding supported 1591 unduplicated residents

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Public outreach efforts were conducted, including a public meeting and public hearings to determine housing and non-housing community development needs, pursuant to the Citizen Participation Plan. During the public comment period, copies of the draft Annual Action Plan were available online, at three libraries strategically located in the north, central and south part of the county, and each Consortium member's office.

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.

There were no public comments received.

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

There were no public comments received and not accepted.

7. Summary

N/A

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
Lead Agency	BREVARD COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	BREVARD COUNTY	Housing and Human Services
HOME Administrator	BREVARD COUNTY	Housing and Human Services
ESG Administrator		N/A

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department Office is the lead agency for the preparation of the Annual Action Plan.

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

1. Introduction

Engaging with stakeholders, partners, neighborhoods directly impacted by programs, governmental boards and committees, and other organizations engaged in similar work is an essential component in the implementation of the Annual Action Plan. This engagement is beneficial to both the County that administers the programs as well as the public and partners because it creates a clear sense of needs and established goals to address those needs. This coordination creates buy-in for proposed projects and develops a shared vision and path for the use of the HUD funds described in this plan.

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)).

The Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department regularly attends the Continuum of Care's (CoC) regularly scheduled meetings. Further, the County has one staff person appointed to the CoC advisory board. The CoC, led by the Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) brings together over 70 service providers working in public health, mental health, housing, and special needs organizations.

Current coordination between the BHC and County is robust and will only improve as the BHC continues to grow in its role as the CoC lead and understand what its partners, such as the County, can implement with the HUD funds described in this plan.

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.

The Consortium will continue to work in collaboration with non-profit and for-profit partners to carry out the goals addressing the needs of homeless persons in this Annual Action Plan, and to strengthen partnerships and build capacity with programs and agencies. The Brevard Homeless Coalition is a good example of developing and strengthening the Consortium's institutional structure. Each year, the Brevard Homeless Coalition continues to expand its service area by including more agencies. There are now more than 50 non-profit and governmental agencies in Brevard County who belong to the Brevard Homeless Coalition, including members of the Consortium. The Brevard Housing Coalition's membership includes; housing providers, health services, social service providers, and private/public agencies that address low income person needs, as well as systems of care and correction programs. The Brevard Housing Coalition meets monthly to discuss issues that pertain to the housing and non-housing needs of low-income citizens and homeless individuals and families through networking and the coordination of funding opportunities.

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

The County does not receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. The BHC is the CoC lead agency and directly receives ESG funding from HUD.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Brevard County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
2	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Authority of Brevard County was consulted via a phone interview as well as direct input to the Consolidated Plan sections (Needs Assessment, Marketing Analysis, Strategic Plan).
	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the city of Titusville
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
3	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Brevard County led stakeholder sessions on a variety of topics, Housing Authority of the City of Titusville (HACTV) was invited to the Fair Housing session and provided input, provided direct input on the development of several Consolidated Plan sections (Needs Assessment, Market Analysis, Strategic Planning)
	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the City of Cocoa
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Brevard County led stakeholder sessions on a variety of topics. Cocoa Housing Authority (CHA) attended the Fair Housing session and provided input on community needs. CHA also provided direct input on the development of several Consolidated Plan sections (Needs Assessment, Market Analysis, Strategic Plan)
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Brevard Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy 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?	Brevard County presented at the CoC quarterly meeting where this agency was present to provide input on community needs. Coordination between the CoC and the County creates space for CoC members to provide clear input on needs.

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

All entities were considered for consultation and no entity was purposefully excluded from providing input.

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	Brevard Homeless Coalition	The CoC's strategic plan to address homelessness informs the County's goals and strategies.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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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

Brevard County and the Consortium sought input from residents, advisory boards, and agencies during publicly noticed meetings and hearings to determine goals and strategies. Goals were obtained through input received from meetings, mailings, and hearings held during the Consolidated Plan process.

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 Meeting	Housing/Community Representatives	On May 16, 2023 publicly noticed meeting of the Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Committee was held to solicit input based on the 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report and the needs and priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan.	There were no comments.	There were not comments not accepted.	

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)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	There was a Brevard County Board of County Commissioners public hearing held on May 23, 2023 to solicit input on the 2023 allocation of HOME program and CDBG.	There were no comments.	There were no comments not accepted.	

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)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	There will be a Brevard County Board of County Commissioners public hearing held on July 25, 2023 to solicit final comments on the 2023 Annual Action Plan at the conclusion of the 30-day public comment period.			

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)
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The draft Annual Action Plan was posted on the Brevard County website from June 7, 2023-July 7, 2023 for comments during the public comment period and in anticipation of the final public hearing on July 25, 2023.	There were no comments.	There were no comments not accepted.	http://www.brevardfl.gov/HumanServices/PlansAndReports

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)
5	Libraries: North, Central, and South County	Non-targeted/broad community	Copies of the draft Annual Action Plan were made available at three locations throughout the County: Titusville Public Library, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Brevard Library and Franklin T. DeGroodt Public Library.	There were no comments.	There were no comments not accepted.	

6	Each Consortium member's office	Non-targeted/broad community	Copies of the draft Annual Action Plan were made available for public comment at each of the five Consortium members' office: Brevard County Housing and Human Services, City of Titusville Neighborhood Services, City of Cocoa Community Development Services, City of Melbourne Housing and Urban Improvement, City of Palm Bay	There were no comments.	There were no comments not accepted.	
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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)
			Community & Economic Development.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The following table describes the federal resources from HUD made available to Brevard County for the 2023 Program Year. The CDBG funds will support non-housing community development of Brevard County outside of the four cities that receive CDBG funds separately. The HOME funds address housing needs within the Brevard County HOME Consortium area which include all of Brevard County. The table includes the annual allocation, any prior year resources not expended before the 2023 program year, and then any program income. The "Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan" column is an estimate of the amount of total resources to be made available from HUD for program years 2023 through 2026.

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	1,396,425	0	4,562,882	5,959,307	4,189,275	CDBG funds for non-housing community, development, including demolition and land clearing.

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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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,297,107	487,388	8,687,402	10,471,897	3,891,321	HOME funds for housing activities.

Table 2 - 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

HOME funding requires a 25% local match and CDBG does not require a match. To satisfy the HOME match requirements, the Consortium primarily utilizes the State Housing Initiative Partnerships Program (SHIP) funds. The SHIP program is intended to produce and preserve affordable homeownership and multifamily housing opportunities.

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

Brevard County and several Consortium municipalities own properties that are suitable for housing and set aside for future infill housing units. When possible, land is donated to affordable housing developer(s) and may be used by Community Housing Development Organizations to construct short term and/or long-term affordable housing.

Discussion

None

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	Expand and preserve affordable rental housing	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$511,513	Rental units rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit
2	Expand and preserve affordable owner housing	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$580,777	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 3 Households Assisted
3	Increase capacity of CHDO partners	2022	2026	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$75,107	Rental units rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit Other: 1 Other
4	Expand Fair Housing	2022	2026	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs				

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Improve Low/Moderate Income Neighborhoods	2022	2026	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Community and Economic Development	CDBG: \$907,676	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12710 Persons Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 10 Buildings
6	Provide human services	2022	2026	Homeless	Countywide	Access to Human Services	CDBG: \$209,464	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 854 Persons Assisted
7	Administration	2022	2026	Administration	Countywide	Affordable Housing Access to Human Services Community and Economic Development Equitable Access to Housing	CDBG: \$279,285 HOME: \$129,711	Other: 1 Other

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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1	Goal Name	Expand and preserve affordable rental housing
	Goal Description	Provide rental housing stock that is available and affordable to those households earning less than 80% AMI. The kinds of projects expected to rental units, rehabilitation of rental units, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA).
2	Goal Name	Expand and preserve affordable owner housing
	Goal Description	Provide housing stock that is available and affordable for low- and moderate-income households to purchase. The kinds of projects expected to support this goal will be homeowner purchase assistance, housing rehabilitation, and new construction of units available for purchase.
3	Goal Name	Increase capacity of CHDO partners
	Goal Description	Supporting the local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) partners are key in the short-term and long-term development of affordable housing. Projects under this goal will provide funds to pay operating expenses for CHDOs to sustain and increase their capacity.
4	Goal Name	Expand Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Administer fair housing services for the HOME Consortium. Funded projects under this goal may support fair housing training, education, testing, and advertising.
5	Goal Name	Improve Low/Moderate Income Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Enhance community infrastructure and facilities to provide a sustainable and future equitable growth. Some types of projects that will achieve this goal are water and sewer line improvements, the removal of slum and blight, road, and drainage improvements, improving parks, community centers, and recreation facilities.
6	Goal Name	Provide human services
	Goal Description	Address the service needs of the community, especially seniors, youth, and those experiencing homelessness. Some example projects that work to achieve this goal will be funding community kitchens, meal programs, education programs, and those homeless service providers offering direct care to households.

7	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Funding for staff to implement the CDBG and HOME programs.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Fiscal Year 2023 planned projects will address the County's housing and community development needs. Those planned projects are described below.

#	Project Name
1	Public Services
2	Demolition/Land Clearance
3	Public Infrastructure Improvements
4	Housing Support
5	Section 108 Loan Repayment
6	CDBG - Administration
7	CHDO Set-Aside
8	Homeowner Rehab/Repair/Replacement/New Construction
9	Rental Acquisition Resale/Rehab/New Construction
10	Down Payment/Purchase Assistance
11	HOME - Administration

Table 4 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities are based on the needs outlined in the Consolidated Plan, the availability or leveraged resources to support the projects, and the soundness of the project submission based on the Request for Proposals (RFP).

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Project Summary Information

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1	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Provide human services
	Needs Addressed	Access to Human Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$209,464
	Description	Public services programs/services to address community needs
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 854 low to moderate income families
	Location Description	Countywide (with the exception of Entitlement Cities)
	Planned Activities	Education Programs, Mental Health Services, Homeless Programs, Senior Services, Transportation Services, Youth Services, Nutrition Programs
2	Project Name	Demolition/Land Clearance
	Target Area	Sharpes Neighborhood East Mims Neighborhood Clearlake - Cocoa Neighborhood North Tropical Trail Neighborhood West Cocoa Neighborhood Micco Neighborhood West Canaveral Groves Neighborhood Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve Low/Moderate Income Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000
	Description	The elimination and prevention of slum and blight by the removal of unsafe structures.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimate 10 households will benefit from the removal of slum and blighted properties.

	Location Description	This Program is available for eligible multi-family structures in the Brevard County strategy areas and single-family residential properties countywide, excluding areas which are not part of the Urban County (as defined by United States Department of Housing and Urban Development).
	Planned Activities	Demolition and clearance of junk vehicles, scrap materials, debris and other hazardous or nuisance items from a property in a safe and sanitary condition.
3	Project Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	Sharpes Neighborhood Clearlake - Cocoa Neighborhood
	Goals Supported	Improve Low/Moderate Income Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$152,391
	Description	Sharpes Greenway Project-Design and Completion from North East Railroad Avenue to the Bernice Jackson Park. Clearlake Lighting and Stripping- This project includes improving lighting and stripping along Clearlake Boulevard from Rosetine to Dixon Boulevard.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 12710 households will benefit.
	Location Description	Sharpes, Florida Clearlake Boulevard, Cocoa
	Planned Activities	Design and completion of a sidewalk in the Bernice Jackson Park in Sharpes. Improve lighting and stripping along Clearlake Boulevard to Dixon Boulevard.
	Project Name	Housing Support

4	Target Area	Sharpes Neighborhood East Mims Neighborhood Clearlake - Cocoa Neighborhood North Tropical Trail Neighborhood West Cocoa Neighborhood Micco Neighborhood West Canaveral Groves Neighborhood Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand and preserve affordable owner housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$284,821
	Description	Support for owner occupied rehab projects within unincorporated Brevard County
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimate 5 households will benefit.
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	Support for owner occupied rehab projects within unincorporated Brevard County
5	Project Name	Section 108 Loan Repayment
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Improve Low/Moderate Income Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Community and Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$220,464
	Description	Repayment of principal and interest of a Section 108 loan used to construct a Health Department Clinic and construction of 19,000 ft. 12' water main with fire hydrants.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 10,710 households will benefit.

	Location Description	University Boulevard, Melbourne Satellite Boulevard, Cocoa
	Planned Activities	Loan repayment for a 12,850 square foot Health Department Clinic serving low-income indigent and minority persons and for construction of 19,000 ft. 12" water main with fire hydrants.
6	Project Name	CDBG - Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Access to Human Services Community and Economic Development Equitable Access to Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$279,285
	Description	Administrative costs to operate Community Development Block Grant programs.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administration costs to operate the Community Development Block Grant Program
7	Project Name	CHDO Set-Aside
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase capacity of CHDO partners
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$75,107
	Description	New Construction and preservation of affordable rental housing
	Target Date	9/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined
	Location Description	To be determined
	Planned Activities	New Construction and preservation of affordable rental housing
8	Project Name	Homeowner Rehab/Repair/Replacement/New Construction
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand and preserve affordable owner housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$465,507
	Description	To rehabilitate and reconstruct, when necessary, owner-occupied units
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There are 6 units proposed for homeownership rehabilitation and 1 unit proposed for homeownership new construction
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation, reconstruction, and preservation of quality owner occupied affordable housing
9	Project Name	Rental Acquisition Resale/Rehab/New Construction
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand and preserve affordable rental housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$511,513
	Description	Provide rental housing stock that is available and affordable to those households earning less than 80% AMI.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 4 rental units will be created.
	Location Description	Countywide

	Planned Activities	New Construction and preservation of quality owner occupied affordable housing
10	Project Name	Down Payment/Purchase Assistance
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Expand and preserve affordable owner housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$115,270
	Description	Down payment and closing cost assistance to homebuyers.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 3 households will receive down payment and closing cost assistance.
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	Down payment and closing cost assistance to homebuyers.
11	Project Name	HOME - Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$129,710
	Description	Administration cost to operate the HOME Investment Partnerships Program
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administration cost to operate the HOME Investment Partnerships Program

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

Brevard County's CDBG program has seven targeted neighborhoods which meet the definition of low - to moderate- income areas and qualify for funding under "area benefit".

The County does not commit to a certain percentage of funds to be spent in any one target area, rather projects for target area are prioritized.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Sharpes Neighborhood	11
East Mims Neighborhood	0
Clearlake - Cocoa Neighborhood	5
North Tropical Trail Neighborhood	0
West Cocoa Neighborhood	0
Micco Neighborhood	0
West Canaveral Groves Neighborhood	13
Countywide	59

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Twelve percent of funds will be used to repay the Section 108 loan for the Health Department in Melbourne. The Strategic Plan discusses the basis for how the County allocated CDBG and HOME funds geographically. For the 2023 Action Plan, the County will make funding available through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. This process will prioritize funding for projects located in target areas defined in this section. While these target areas are prioritized, the County does not expect to solely fund projects in these neighborhoods and encourages submissions for projects that meet the priority needs and goals described in this Consolidated Plan.

Discussion

None

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

HOME funds are spent in unincorporated County, as well as in each participating city (Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Titusville). The following are the one-year goals for the number of households to be supported through the programs funded by the County and any one of the cities.

Some examples of the types of activities that will support the development of affordable housing are:

- Purchase Assistance
- Homeowner Rehabilitation
- Rental Rehabilitation
- New Construction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	1
Non-Homeless	14
Special-Needs	0
Total	15

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	5
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	6
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	12

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The remainder of the housing units (3) will be provided through purchase assistance.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Brevard HOME Consortium is served by three Public Housing Authorities:

- Housing Authority of the City of Titusville, which serves the City of Titusville;
- Cocoa Housing Authority, which serves the City of Cocoa;
- Housing Authority of Brevard County, which served the unincorporated areas of Brevard County; and the City of Melbourne

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Each Public Housing Authority (PHA) has its own set of strategies to meet the needs of low-income residents and current residents of properties managed by each PHA. Some specific actions planned by each PHA are described below.

Brevard County Housing Authority

- Replace the sewer system in our development in Mims
- Paint buildings and replace gutter systems in all developments
- Complete central AC installations in West Cocoa and Mims
- Unit Remodels, approximately 10 complete remodels per year
- Continued support for the STEM Academics at the Turnquest Center and in East Mims
- Provide a wide variety of self-sufficiency workshops and job training opportunities for our tenants

Cocoa Housing Authority

- The PHA currently has vacant land that can be developed for affordable housing and its current goal is to develop at least 70—150 apartments for senior citizens within the next 5 years.
- The PHA also has vacant land that is zoned for commercial use and could be sold. The proceeds of sale could be used to purchase additional land for more affordable housing development. This idea is being considered by the CHA Board of Commissioners.
- The PHA is deeply involved with 327 former public housing apartments which have been converted to RAD/PBRA. These homes serve the same lower income households they have always served. The average adjusted gross income by household size is approximately 20% of Area Median Income (AMI) by household size.

Housing Authority of the City of Titusville

- The Housing Authority continues to complete renovations by modernizing units as they are

vacated rather than moving sections to renovate the units all at once. This decreases the number of offline units and increases efficiency in completing them.

- Areas of focus for modernization includes rehabilitation of family units within the neighbors and elderly units at the Titusville Towers ALF.
- The Housing Choice Voucher, Section 8 staff continues to reach out to property owners in support of housing under the voucher program. The current market makes it challenging to recruit housing opportunities for voucher holders.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Consortium members will review the Housing Authorities' Annual Plans, and certify consistency with the Consortium's Consolidated Plan. A variety of activities will be provided during the year to encourage public housing residents to become more self-sufficient and participate in homeownership. These activities include:

- Offering Purchase Assistance classes along with down payment assistance to support homeownership to residents.
- Inviting Housing Authority staff to attend various advisory council meetings and participate in annual action planning activities.
- Notifying Housing Authority staff and residents of social service programs which would benefit residents.
- Notifying Housing Authorities of Request for Proposal opportunities.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

None of the Public Housing Authorities operating in Brevard County have been designated as troubled.

Discussion

None

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

Members of the HOME Consortium participate as member agencies and has staff on the board of the Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC), which serves as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC). The BHC receives funding from HUD to support service delivery to those experiencing homelessness. The CoC General Membership, which includes HOME Consortium staff, is in the final stage of developing their 2023-2026 Strategic Plan, along with associated yearly action plans. Brevard County staff has a leadership position within the CoC general membership as a member of the CoC Advisory Council. The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan establishes goals and objectives in the core areas of: strengthening the foundation of the CoC; reducing homeless for vulnerable populations; preventing housing instability through education, healthcare, and case management; building homes, shelter beds, resources, and partnerships; and sharing stories of the CoC, and individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Brevard County and each member of the HOME Consortium also use CDBG funding to support nonprofits in their delivery of services to the community. These services may vary by year, but the services are generally targeted at those experiencing homelessness and low- and moderate-income families.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Within the CoC's Strategic Plan, the goal of reducing homelessness for vulnerable populations includes an objective for expanding and streamlining the Coordinated Entry (CE) system through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) online database. CE is a process which ties together outreach, intake, assessment, and resource/housing placement into an efficient service delivery system by matching a household with available resources that best meet their needs. The BHC oversees CE and makes referrals to member organizations throughout the County. Residents can enter the CE process in several ways. 211 Brevard is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides frontline intake and referral services for Brevard County residents, including those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, in need of information and assistance by connecting callers to agency resources. Through 211 Brevard, residents are offered the opportunity to complete a Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool, a risk and prioritization tool, with a trained 211 specialist to gauge the acuity of their current circumstance. Each VI-SPDAT is entered into the CE system via the HMIS database. The jurisdiction will continue to work closely with 211 Brevard to enroll clients into the CE system. The BHC and CoC organizations also conduct street outreach to reach the chronically homeless population and complete assessments for CE and/or other services. The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan calls for expansion of diversified/street outreach, an increase in low barrier access points (such as existing resource centers in

north, south, and central Brevard), expansion of organizations participating in the CE system, and an increase in successful program and enrollment through the CE referral process. Specific one-year action items include:

- Identifying additional resources for provision of housing options for those on the CE “By Name” list;
- Streamline entry into CE through diversified outreach and low barrier access points;
- Increasing household enrollment into provider programs through CE referrals;
- Reducing the number of individuals who are chronically homeless by expanding outreach efforts and enrollment into HMIS; and
- Reducing the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence.

Further, the BHC coordinates a weekly virtual case conferencing meeting to discuss the “By Name” list, recent referrals, and resource troubleshooting for clients. The case conferencing calls include case managers from participating CE organizations.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

There continues to be a need for additional emergency shelter beds and transitional housing to meet the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness in Brevard County. There are several agencies that focus on specific groups of people experiencing homelessness and provide high quality services, however gaps exist in parts of the County where an emergency shelter doesn’t exist to serve a household that may not meet the qualifications of a nearby shelter. Within the CoC Strategic Plan, the goal for building homes, shelter beds, resources, and partnerships address this unmet need. Specific one-year action items include:

- Identifying a GIS-based asset mapping tool and existing data for inclusion into an asset map;
- Increasing capacity to provide “housing focused” shelter beds; and,
- Working with Brevard County and municipalities staff on land use policies and zoning regulations to reduce barriers for development of shelter beds and transitional housing units.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The BHC implements the “housing first” model and has worked to increase the number of permanent supportive housing (PSH) beds that are available in the County. Continuing in this work, the Strategic

Plan goals of reducing homelessness for vulnerable populations; preventing housing instability through education, healthcare, and case management; and building homes, shelter beds, resources, and partnerships will help to facilitate the jurisdiction goal.

In terms of helping individuals and families experiencing homelessness transition to permanent housing in a timely manner as well as facilitating access to affordable housing units, the BHC utilizes the CE system as a tool to connect those experiencing homelessness with the best resources, including housing, to meet their needs. The above-listed action items will strengthen the CE system with the end goal of reducing the length of time individuals and families spend homeless.

While adding additional beds and units into the CoC system is a longer-term prospect, prevention action steps help not only to keep people in their homes but also to prevent those individuals and families from returning to homelessness. The BHC understands that long term case management of 24+ months holds the key to keeping some individuals and families from returning to homelessness. Strategic Plan action items that address prevention of a return to homelessness include:

- Connecting employment skills and training into the CE process;
- Identifying strategies, including funding, to support long term case management of 24+ months;
- Utilizing HMIS system performance measures and HUD reporting tools to gain insight into our prevention strategies;
- Engagement of the military community as volunteers to support veterans; and,
- Connecting individuals and families to healthcare resources, especially for mental/behavioral healthcare.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

While some publicly funded organizations such as hospitals and the jail have discharge policies and relationships with BHC members, there remains a need for greater coordination and formalization of these discharge policies. Representatives from physical and behavioral health care providers attend the CoC General Membership meetings and provide insight into their systems of care. While CoC providers in receipt of McKinney-Vento Act funds do not accept clients who are discharged from institutions into their transitional housing programs, several providers are funded through a Florida Department of Corrections grant to provide transitional housing to clients discharged from jails. Year one action items under the Strategic Plan prevention goal includes conducting discharge planning with state and local entities to ensure that those discharged do not become homeless. Additionally, under reducing homelessness for vulnerable populations, the expansion/creation of partnerships in the areas of

healthcare, social services, employment, education, faith-based institutions, law enforcement, and youth-serving organizations, along with the development of a flow process to understand how each tie into the CoC, is a priority for the BHC.

Discussion

None

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

Introduction

The Consortium members will continue to work with their respective Planning and Zoning Departments to review and improve policies which affect affordable housing in their respective Comprehensive Plans, as needed.

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

Brevard County and the four jurisdictions participate in the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. To receive and use SHIP funds for the development of affordable housing, they are required to appoint an advisory committee (The Brevard County Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC)) that reviews established policies, procedures, ordinances, and land development regulations impacting housing development each year. This review of policies culminates in a report, the *Affordable Housing Incentives Report*. Some recommendations from the 2022 report from the AHAC include:

- Consider allowing flexibility in densities for affordable housing by implementing a voluntary inclusionary zoning ordinance
- Multiple actions to encourage accessory dwelling units and tiny homes including development of a user guide for use and application; further study and consideration of appropriate density, intensity; use and impact fee waivers and concurrency exemptions for affordable ADUs and tiny homes; and additional incentives using local housing program funds and lands.
- Continue to allow greater flexibility increasing density and intensity levels to encourage creation of new affordable housing within the County.
- Further study and amend periods of affordability for units realized by incentives.
- Create a county user guide on the use and application of density and intensity bonuses and other County Comprehensive Plan and Code based incentives.

Regarding barriers for households to fairly obtain affordable housing, the Consortium utilizes a Fair Housing Coordinator, employed by Brevard County, who works closely with the local Fair Housing Continuum. The Fair Housing Coordinator ensures that all municipal owned facilities are accessible to all residents.

Discussion

None

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

Introduction

In Fiscal Year 2023, the County and the Consortium plan the following actions to help address the housing and community development needs of County residents, especially low/moderate income residents.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The lack of available affordable housing units, high cost of construction, lack of materials and a need for more construction workers continues to be obstacles in addressing underserved needs. The County has staff that meet regularly with CDBG target area organizations and sit on advisory boards and councils to be aware of barriers and obstacles facing those households with unmet needs. The County and Cities will continue to share information gathered with their respective advisory boards and make efforts to address the barriers/obstacles and provide services and support when possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County works closely with the other HOME Consortium member cities as well as CHDO partners and the Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) to understand needs and develop goals and implementation plans that work to address the most pressing needs identified by all partners. Also, the County meets with representatives from its target areas identified in the Consolidated Plan. The County will continue to align goals and develop projects that meet the needs described by those living within the target areas and other low- and moderate-income areas. The Brevard County Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC) plays a role in addressing barriers that may exist in the development of affordable housing. Similarly, the County, along with each HOME Consortium City, will be conducting an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) in 2023 that will further support the analyses conducted through the SHIP Incentives Reports to identify those possible barriers to affordable housing development and provide some strategies to address those barriers.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All the Housing and Human Services Department Inspectors have completed the online HUD lead based paint course "Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control" and they are certified renovators, as defined in 40 CFR Part 745.225. This certification assists the inspectors with identifying the need for further inspection and abatement. All housing units built prior to 1978, regardless of the funding source, will be evaluated for lead-based paint. The housing inspectors will take note of flaking or chipping paint. If lead-

based paint is found, a certified professional will be consulted for abatement.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County and the Consortium will use CDBG and HOME funds to support a variety of activities that are specifically designed to help low- and moderate-income persons and families break the cycle of poverty. While there is no immediate fix for those households experiencing poverty, there are short-term and long-term investments that the County plans to make to address both the immediate needs and longer term needs of those households living below the poverty threshold. To address short-term needs, the County uses CDBG funds to provide human services such as providing meal services, recreation services, education services, youth services, and services targeted to immediate needs of the elderly. Long-term investments will be undertaken through the development of housing and supportive services.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The BHC continues to make efforts to expand the number and types of organizations that comprise the CoC. The CoC has both ESG and ESG-CV resources and provides those funds to service organizations. These resources, paired with training provides incentives for organizations to join the CoC that may fill gaps in services as they become known. Brevard County and the Consortium Cities work closely with the CoC and hold four seats on the CoC advisory board. BHC will also continue to encourage service providers to utilize HMIS so gaps can be understood quickly, which can allow the CoC to work with its partners to address that gap.

The HOME Consortium utilizes HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant funds to promote fair housing throughout the county. The Brevard County HOME Consortium partners with Brevard County Space Coast Government Television to run two (2) public service advertisements entitled "Wanted Everywhere Else" (which ran 138 times in fiscal year 21/22) and "7 days in April" (which ran 260 times in fiscal year 21/22) for a total of 398 times. In fiscal year 2023, "Wanted Everywhere Else" ran 150 times and "7 days in April" ran 173 for a total of 323 times. Community Housing Initiative conducted 2 Fair Housing Trainings within their First Time Homebuyers Education class in fiscal year 21/22. The Consortium is in the process of drafting their Affirmative Fair Housing Plan.

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

The County and Cities will continue efforts to enhance coordination and partnerships between public and private housing, and social service agencies throughout Brevard County. These platforms are a great medium for the Consortium members to learn about issues facing the private housing market as well as those agencies that are providing services in the field. The County and the Consortium will continue this

role and will build relationships with those organizations to understand needs and needed resources to meet needs.

Discussion

None

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

See below the Program Specific Requirements.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	70.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

as follows:

N/A

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

See Attachment

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

See Attachment

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

N/A

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

**BREVARD HOME CONSORTIUM 2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE TO CITIZENS: Brevard County is the recipient of federal grant funds through programs administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These federal grants include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investments Partnership (HOME) Program. These programs are designed primarily to assist the County's low and moderate-income residents. Brevard County receives a direct allocation of CDBG funds and administers HOME funds for the Brevard HOME Consortium. The Consortium is comprised of the County, as lead agency, and the cities of Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay.

2023-2024 ACTION PLAN: Based on the information and analysis in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, the County annually develops a one-year Action Plan. This Action Plan will set priorities and allocations for the County's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 CDBG funds and Consortium's HOME funds for activities in the upcoming program year (October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024). Each of the Consortium members receives CDBG funds directly from HUD and is individually responsible for developing their own CDBG Action Plan.

The County follows a Board of County Commission approved Citizen Participation Plan, which provides for scheduled public hearings and encourages citizens, service providers, and interested individuals to provide input. During the development of the Action Plan, meetings were held at different stages of the process to provide the greatest possible citizen participation.

The following are the proposed allocations and funding recommendations for the use of County CDBG and Consortium HOME funds for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; CDBG PROGRAM (Brevard County only): allocation is \$1,396,425. The Brevard HOME Consortium's total allocation is \$1,297,107. The estimated allocation breakdown is as follows: Brevard County \$521,179.35; Titusville \$140,607.08; Cocoa \$74,089.67; Melbourne \$301,593.59; Palm Bay \$259,637.31. The allocation breakdown is proposed as follows:

BREVARD COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:

Public Service Projects	Allocation
Public Service Projects	\$209,464
Capital Improvement Projects/Demolition:	
Demolition/Land Clearance	\$250,000
Public Infrastructure Improvements: Suitable Living Environment	\$152,391
Housing Support	\$284,821
Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$220,464
Administration	\$279,285

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM:

STRATEGY	COUNTY	CITIES	TOTAL
Community Housing Development Organization			
15% Set-Aside as Required by Regulation	\$75,106.80	\$119,459.25	\$194,566.05
Homeownership Rehab/Repair/ Replacement/New Construction	\$375,534	\$50,000	\$425,534
Rental Acquisition Resale/Rehab/New Construction	\$0	\$432,026.25	\$432,026.25
Down Payment/Purchase Assistance	\$0	\$115,270	\$115,270
Fair Housing Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Administration	\$70,538.55	\$59,172.15	\$129,710.70
TOTAL	\$ 521,179.35	\$775,927.65	\$1,297,107

THIRTY-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There will be a **30-day** public comment period from June 7, 2023-July 7, 2023, until 5:00 PM for the Annual Action Plan and the proposed use of funds. During this period, a draft copy of the Action Plan will be available for public review and comment on the County's Website:

<https://www.brevardfl.gov/HousingAndHumanServices/PlansAndReports> and at the following locations:

Brevard County
Housing & Human
Services
2725 Judge Fran
Jamieson Way; B-106
Viera, FL 32940
(321) 633-2076

City of Palm Bay
Housing & Neighborhood
Development Services
120 Malabar Rd, SE
Palm Bay, FL 32907
(321) 952-3429

City of Cocoa
Community
Development
65 Stone Street
Cocoa, FL 32922
(321) 433-8511

City of Titusville
Neighborhood Services
Department
725 Deleon Avenue
Titusville, FL 32780
(321) 567-3783

Titusville Public Library
2121 S. Hopkins
Avenue
Titusville, FL 32780
(321) 264-5026

City of Melbourne
Housing and Neighborhood
Improvement
695 East University Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901
(321) 674-5734

Franklin T. DeGroodt
Public Library
6475 Minton Rd.
S.W.
Palm Bay, FL 32908
(321) 952-6317

Catherine Schweinsberg
Rood Central Brevard Public
Library
308 Forest Ave.
Cocoa, FL 32922
(321) 633-1792

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Please address any written comments to: Brevard County Housing & Human Services Department, Attention: Natasha Jones, Special Projects Coordinator, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building B, Suite B-106, Viera, FL 32940.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The final public hearing on the proposed Plan and Action Plan is scheduled to be held on July 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM for final action and adoption. The public hearing will be held during the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners meeting, 1st floor Commission Chambers, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940. The County will respond within fifteen (15) days, in writing, to any public comments and will include them in the Action Plan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in the proceedings, please notify Brian Breslin in the Housing and Human Services Department, no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting, at (321) 637-5347. If a person desires to appeal any decision made by this Board, agency or commission (as appropriate) with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, such a person will need a record of this proceeding and that, for such purposes, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of this proceeding is made, at his/her own expense, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which any such appeal is to be based.