

Ramsey County Draft
2024 Community
Development Block Grant
(CDBG) Annual Action
Plan

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Ramsey County (not including the City of St. Paul) is considered a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement community by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Eligibility for participation as an entitlement community is based on population data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau and metropolitan area delineations published by the Office of Management and Budget. HUD determines the amount of each entitlement grantee's annual funding allocation formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

Ramsey County receives HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds through a consortium with Anoka, Dakota, Ramsey and Washington Counties and the city of Woodbury. Dakota County, the lead agency for the Consortium, is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation and evaluation of the Consolidated Plan. This document will deal only with the Ramsey County portion of the plan. The 2024 Annual Action Plan, as part of the Consolidated Plan, has been prepared to meet statutory planning and application requirements for the receipt and use of funding. This annual action plan is the fifth and final year covered in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan developed for the Dakota County Consortium.

The Consolidated Plan describes the community's choices for the use of grant funds over a five-year period. It contains information to identify housing, homeless, community and economic development needs within Ramsey County, and describes a strategy to meet those needs. This information is used by Ramsey County and its subrecipients to make decisions regarding the best use of limited federal funds. The plan also provides citizens an opportunity to have input on how programs will be implemented to address the needs of low- and moderate-income residents. In addition, the plan meets statutory requirements in order to receive annual entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Ramsey County anticipates receiving \$ 1,202,421 of CDBG funding.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The Objectives and Goals in this plan are all aimed to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities.

Priority Needs

- Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation
- Housing for Special Needs Population
- Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing
- Housing rehabilitation owner occupied
- Homeownership Assistance
- New Permanent Housing
- Transitional Housing
- Tenant Advocacy
- Homeless Prevention Services
- Infrastructure
- New construction of rental housing

Goals

- Housing Rehabilitation
- Development of New Affordable Housing
- Public Improvements
- Public Services
- Economic Development
- Preservation of affordable rental housing

From this list, the 2024 Annual Action Plan will focus on housing rehabilitation and public services.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Over the five-year period since the last Consolidated Plan, housing trends have had considerable implications for the housing stock and affordability in Ramsey County. The Twin Cities Metro has experienced vacancy rates below 3% since 2011 and Minnesota continues to lose approximately 2,000 NOAH units every year. These trends factor into higher rents and home values in Ramsey County, placing higher cost burdens on residents. Income has not kept pace with rent or home prices. Now in a high period of inflation, rents in the Twin Cities increased between 2.3% and 6.4% year-over-year in 2022 with larger bedroom units increasing the most rapidly. Also, due to inflation interest rates have risen substantially creating barriers to the new construction of rental housing and homeownership.

Meeting or exceeding most of the goals set forth in the previous plan, Ramsey County allocated resources to address these issues. The initial plan for new affordable housing development was 12 units constructed and 12 units rehabilitated. The County managed to construct 29 units and rehabilitate 72. The plan also anticipated the preservation of 75 units through rehabilitation and 117 were rehabilitated. However, only 314 homeowner housing units were rehabilitated of the planned 405. The 2024 Annual Action Plan will have a focus on the rehabilitation of homeowner housing units. However, the County did meet the goal of assisting 5 businesses and assisted 41,015 people through public improvements, exceeding the 1,966 planned. Overall, the County is on target to meet the goals of the 2020 Consolidated Plan through the annual action plan process. Performance will be documented, as required, in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The draft 2024 Annual Action Plan is on file in the Ramsey County Community and Economic Development Office, Room 250, 15 West Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55102. The draft Annual Action Plan describes the procedures used to encourage citizen participation.

Primary outreach was conducted through a survey regarding the use of CDBG funds for needs in suburban Ramsey County. The survey was emailed directly to cities and other stakeholder groups. The survey was also publicized on the County webpage and newsletter. The responses reinforced the work that the county has been doing with CDBG. All goals and proposed activities in the plan are based on priorities identified during the consultation and citizen participation process.

As required two public hearings occurred to give community a chance to describe what they see as community need. A Ramsey County-specific public meeting occurred on January 29, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Maplewood Library. One comment was received expressing interest in connecting construction workforce opportunities to local colleges. A Second in-person public hearing/meeting will occur on May 7, 2024 at the Maplewood Library. In addition, as part of the Dakota County Consortium, a public meeting occurred on February 1, 2024 that included conversations on Ramsey County CDBG priorities and resources.

Ramsey County hosted a public comment period with notice given in the Pioneer Press, the second largest paper in the state of Minnesota by circulation. The 30-day public comment period will occur April 7, 2024 to May 7, 2024 before the Ramsey County Housing Redevelopment Authority approves the Annual Action Plan projects on May 14, 2024.

Ramsey County staff also used other engagement processes to inform the 2024 Action Plan including the CARES Act Evaluation, Ramsey County's Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan, the Deeply Affordable Housing Initiative as well as consultation with the Continuum of Care and other regional housing workgroups.

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.

One public comment was received during a public meeting. The resident worked at a local college and wanted to connect Section 3 projects and other construction projects to interested students.

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

All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

Ramsey County continues to increase efforts to bolster community participation in the creation and review of the annual action plan by including a survey option, posting the public comment period in the Sunday newspaper (the day with the largest circulation), and hosting in-person meetings outside of regular work hours.

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
CDBG Administrator		Community and Economic Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Ramsey County Community and Economic Development department is responsible for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. It is also part of a consortium of local counties who partner with each other to ensure a smoother process when submitting plans. The Dakota County Consortium consists of Anoka, Dakota, Ramsey and Washington Counties and the city of Woodbury. Dakota County, the lead agency for the Consortium, is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and evaluation of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. Ramsey County submits its plan through Dakota County under this consortium.

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

1. Introduction

The consultation process was conducted by Ramsey County Community and Economic Development Department staff. Staff worked with each municipality that is part of the entitlement to obtain information, solicit feedback, and set priorities. Many of the community's city councils passed resolutions supporting the priorities of the Consolidated Plan. In the process of preparing the Consolidated Plan, the County also consulted a wide range of individuals, groups, and agencies in order to gather information and gain insight into the community development, housing and homelessness needs of Ramsey County. For the 2024 Annual Action Plan we presented to local cities, did a survey, and hosted the required public meetings and comment periods.

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)).

Ramsey County Housing Stability Department is the lead agency of the Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC brings together and enhances coordination between public and assisted housing providers, private and governmental health agencies, mental health agencies and other service agencies. Ramsey County Community and Economic Development participates in CoC workgroups to align work across the continuum of services.

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.

Ramsey County, through the Ramsey County Housing Stability Department, is the Coordinator and lead agency of the Ramsey County Continuum of Care (CoC). The Coordinator staffs the CoC Governing Board which has overall responsibility for policy, planning and implementation of the CoC's response to homelessness and establishes homeless priority populations. The COC Governing Board meets with the Ramsey County Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) committee to coordinate service priorities between the CoC, FHPAP, and ESG as the lead subrecipient of Saint Paul's award. The highest service priority has been established for homeless families (with school age children), second for homeless unaccompanied youth, and third for unsheltered single adults living in places unfit for habitation.

The CoC has established an evaluation plan that covers both CoC and ESG funded agencies. The plan also sets and monitors performance measures for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The Institute for Community Alliance serves as the HMIS system administrator for all Ramsey County user agencies.

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

In December 2019 the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to designate Ramsey County as the lead subrecipient of ESG Funds. Ramsey County's Housing Stability Department is responsible for allocating funds, developing performance measures, evaluating outcomes, and ensuring compliance of funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS through ICA. The City of Saint Paul is invited to participate in the CoC's Governing Board as Vice Chair, Steering Committee, and Ranking Committee. The Ranking Committee reviews and selects ESG applicants for service provision.

The Ramsey County CoC Coordinator will work with the CoC Governing Board and Ramsey County to develop funding allocations to promote a comprehensive delivery of homelessness services; support programs for underserved communities; complement services provided by Ramsey County COC and Ramsey County FHPAP, and reduce the number of emergency shelter residents at the Dorothy Day Center. The Ramsey County COC is currently working to develop performance evaluation standards and outcomes for ESG, COC and FHPAP service delivery programs. At the same time, Ramsey County staff, Ramsey County COC and Institute for Community Alliance are considering funding allocations to develop a more responsive HMIS system.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ROSEVILLE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Ongoing meetings and conversations between City and County staff. Most interested in homeless prevention and outreach, economic development, the preservation of affordable housing and affordable and diverse homeownership.

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

Through the coordination with the CoC, ongoing meetings with local municipalities and nonprofit providers Ramsey County was able to consult with each type of organization that CDBG may benefit and affect.

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	Ramsey County Housing Stability	Strategic Plan goals and Ramsey County CoC goals overlap with the focus to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring. Through HUD investments the plan invests in quality housing supply and housing-related public services.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

Ramsey County continuously consults and engages with a variety of community partners including local cities, business, residents, nonprofit providers and other government agencies to create a more just, equitable and inclusive community.

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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

For the Consolidated Plan, primary outreach was through a survey regarding the use of CDBG and HOME funds for needs in suburban Ramsey County was mailed out to cities and other stakeholder groups. The survey was publicized on the County webpage, through Facebook and Twitter. The responses affected the goal setting in that they reinforced the work that the county has been doing with CDBG and HOME. All goals in the plan are based on priorities identified during the consultation and citizen participation process.

As required in the Annual Action Plan process two public hearings were held and one joint public hearing was also held with the HOME Consortium and covered CDBG projects and activities. This was held on January 29, 2024. Ramsey County held two separate CDBG-related public hearings on February 1, 2024 and May 8, 2024. The public notice and hearings were posted in the Pioneer Press for greater distribution, as well as online.

In addition to the two required public hearings, Ramsey County used a survey to gather feedback and staff spoke about the Annual Action Plan process at the Ramsey County Economic Development Summit, and reviewed existing engagement plans and evaluations to make sure we were aligning federal and local resources to meet our HUD objectives.

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	Non-targeted/broad community	A meeting was held on February 1, 2024 at the Maplewood Library and on Zoom. There was one attendee.	Resident expressed interest in connecting Section 3/Construction Projects to college students.	The comment was accepted. Our staff person who works on Section 3 will reach out to further connection.	
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	meeting was held on January 29, 2024 in conjunction with the Dakota County HOME Consortium. There were no attendees despite advertising online and in the public notice.	No comments received.	No comments received.	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A meeting was held in person at the Maplewood Library and hosted online to provide residents with more than one way to access. There were no attendees.	No comments were received.	No comments were received.	

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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	As part of the Consultation requirements Ramsey County posted a 30-day public comment period in the Pioneer Press and online.	No comments received.	No comments received.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Ramsey County uses CDBG funds to implement the goals and priorities laid out in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The projects and activities proposed in the 2024 Annual Action Plan will increase housing stability and support quality, healthy living environments. Ramsey County uses other funding sources include local HRA levy, federal ARPA funds, state affordable housing aid, bonds, and other funding sources to increase the supply of affordable housing and increase housing stability.

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	1,202,421	247,627	268,286	1,718,334	0	This is the last year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Ramsey County was able to allocate approximately \$6 million over 5 years to achieve the goals of the consolidated plan.

Table 5 - 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

Projects awarded CDBG funds will leverage federal, state, local, and private/philanthropic dollars to complete projects. For example, a sidewalk improvement project will leverage local resources for public works to complete the project and will count as a match. HOME funds leverage federal, state and local resources to complete the new construction of affordable housing, this includes state bonds, LIHTC and other financial resources.

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

Ramsey County is a fully developed county and there is no publically-owned land that will address needs in this plan.

Discussion

Continuum of Care program funding will be used to address the housing and service needs of people experiencing homelessness. Ramsey County and the Ramsey County Continuum of Care work closely with the City of Saint Paul and the State of Minnesota to coordinate the use of ESG funds for homeless prevention and to move people experiencing homelessness quickly into safe and stable housing.

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	Public Services	2020	2025	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	Urban Ramsey County	Homeless Prevention Services Tenant Advocacy	CDBG: \$257,750	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1120 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1106 Persons Assisted
2	Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2025	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Urban Ramsey County	Housing for Special Needs Population Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$1,220,099	Rental units rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 63 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Ramsey County will invest 15% of the annual CDBG entitlement grant and program income towards public services. These will go toward homeless prevention and other activities that stabilize households.

2	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Ramsey County will fund five activities that furthers our housing rehabilitation goals. The five activities are a rehab of three housing units owned by Minnesota One Stop for Communities, a rehab of 5 units owned by Hammer Residences, the Critical Repair Grant Program administered by Slipstream, the Single Family Rehab Loan Program administered by Slipstream and an exterior rehab program administered by Hearts and Hammers.

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AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Projects in the 2024 Annual Action Plan are selected based on the population served and the needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

#	Project Name

Table 7 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities were established during the Consolidated Plan consultation and participation processes. Housing rehab is a primary focus as this an objective of the Consolidated Plan.

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AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Target Date	Esti and tha fro act
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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

Ramsey County invests in projects that are suburban countywide and projects that are located in low-to-moderate income areas. Projects that are suburban countywide are the housing rehabilitation projects and the public services project. Some projects, including all three preservation of affordable rental housing projects, are place-based but require the subrecipient to demonstrate they serve low-to-moderate income residents. Suburban Ramsey County has increasing diversity across all of its municipalities and we aim to connect with communities of color and other ethnic communities through outreach, marketing and engagement.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Urban Ramsey County	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Projects are funded during a competitive process. Priorities for that process are set by the participating communities and resident participation and meet consolidated plan goals.

Discussion

The 2024 Annual Action Plan includes projects that are suburban Countywide. Projects with a specific address include projects in Roseville, Maplewood and White Bear Lake. The rest of the projects are suburban county-wide and can be accessed by low-to-moderate income residents in all eligible jurisdictions.

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

Introduction

Ramsey County participates in and chairs the Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC) where government agencies get together to better understand barriers to fair and affordable housing. The agencies then work together to prioritize investment to overcome these impediments to fair housing. Locally, Ramsey County invests CDBG dollars into projects that expand and preserve affordable housing, as well as into the HomeLine Tenant Hotline where residents can work with professionals to prevent eviction and work on other tenant issues.

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

Ramsey County does not have land use or licensing/inspection authority, that is left to the local municipalities of suburban Ramsey County. In 2022 Ramsey County activated it's Housing Redevelopment Authority levy to invest more funds into the construction and preservation of affordable housing and progress the goals of it's Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan. In 2024 Ramsey County will receive sales tax funding from the State of Minnesota to further our affordable housing goals. Ramsey County supports efforts by its local cities to create more inclusive and equitable communities. This includes the City of Shoreview implementing an inclusionary zoning policy and The City of Roseville's development of a community land trust. Future efforts by local cities includes rezoning key transit corridors for higher density housing and redeveloping brownfields for multifamily housing.

Discussion

A competitive housing market, rising interests, supply chain issues, ongoing racial inequality, lack of housing supply, lack of supportive housing options all lead to barriers to housing, Ramsey County will continue to work with its partners to reduce barriers and increase housing options for low-to-moderate income residents.

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

Introduction

Ramsey County will be working with adjacent units of government in 2024-2025 on an update to regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. This is also known as Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) through a required Equity Plan. The County will continue to work with the private sector (businesses, developers, social service agencies) to provide housing, economic development, and community development services throughout our jurisdiction.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Ramsey County will address some underserved needs through the use of CDBG and HOME towards the production and preservation of large family units, units for very low and extremely low income households, especially extremely low income families. The largest obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of funding to expand, preserve and support affordable housing supply and services.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Through its CDBG-funded critical repair grant programs and the rehab loan program Ramsey County will maintain affordable owner-occupied stock in our suburban communities. HOME funds will be used on new construction affordable rental.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Ramsey County will continue to comply with the HUD regulations concerning lead-based paint, including notifying applicants of the lead requirements, performing lead screening, requiring abatement by certified workers, and completing clearance testing on HUD funded housing projects. Ramsey County Public Health will continue to offer the window replacement program for homes with children and identified lead paint issues.

Ramsey County-funded rehabilitation programs are required to provide information to homeowners on lead-based paint assessment/abatement/reduction.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

CDBG funds will be used to increase housing stability and provide suitable living environment for low income families. Families in stable housing are then able to focus on their health, economic prosperity and educational attainment. A housing-first approach will allow families to reduce poverty for

themselves.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Ramsey County works as a part of the Dakota County Consortium to identify needs that are common and can best be addressed through joint activities. The consortium staff meets monthly. Ramsey County's institutional structure provides a sound basis for achievement of the goals in the Consolidated Plan. Staff have built strong relationships with the communities that make up the CDBG Urban County entitlement as well as community organizations, faith-based organizations and for-profit businesses and business organizations, often through Heading Home Ramsey, Ramsey County's continuum of care. Ramsey County seeks out new partnerships between the public, private and non-profit sectors to meet the growing community development needs of the county. Currently, staff are working with other county departments, the City of St. Paul, and other grantees on regional Section 3 compliance. Internally, the County HRA is part of a Economic Growth and Community Investment service team that helps departments coordinate work related to the county board goal of Cultivating Prosperity.

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

Ramsey County actively participates in and chairs the Twin Cities Fair Housing Implementation Council. County staff are also part of the Interagency Stabilization Group, Heading Home Ramsey, the Urban Land Institute Housing Collaborative Institute, the Supportive Housing Alliance, which provides technical assistance and coordinates the efforts of providers of social services, long-term transitional housing, and providers of subsidized housing to address difficulties and help them meet the needs of residents. Heading Home Ramsey, as part of Heading Home Minnesota, works to coordinate public and private housing, health, and social service agencies to end homelessness in the county. The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners' initiative, Cultivating Prosperity, continues to develop ways to work in partnership with public and private sector groups to address issues related to regional economic growth and improving opportunities in areas with higher concentrations of poverty.

Discussion

Ramsey County's strategies to address impediments identified in the 2024 annual action plan will focus on those areas most closely aligned with programming of federal funds and where benefit may prove

the strongest. Those affirmative efforts will primarily be associated with:

- 1) homeownership preservation , and
- 2) supporting affordable rental preservation in suburban Ramsey County, and
- 3) tenant advocacy to prevent evictions and homelessness.

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Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The 2024 Annual Action Plan includes an estimated entitlement award of \$1,202,421, \$268,286 reallocated from previous years and \$247,626.63 in program income.

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.	247,627
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:	247,627

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.	95.00%

Discussion

This will be one year (FY2024).

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