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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

In accordance with federal requirements for jurisdictions receiving funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing and community development programs, Baltimore County prepared its Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024. The document is a five-year strategic plan that proposes how the County will use Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG), to create decent housing, expand economic opportunity, and ensure a suitable living environment for low- to moderate-income persons and communities during Fiscal Years 2020-2024. The Consolidated Plan identifies other local, state and federal resources the County will use to leverage its housing and community development strategy. It also incorporate the objectives, goals, and strategies of the Voluntary Compliance Agreement executed among Baltimore County, Maryland, HUD, and several complainants. As part of the Consolidated Plan process, the County is required to submit an Annual Action Plan for each of the five years included in the Consolidated Plan. This 2022 Annual Action Plan (County Fiscal Year 2023) supports the work identified in the original Consolidated Plan and addresses the changes in funding and in priorities as the County, its subgrantee partners, and its citizens' work to recover from the many challenges of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The original Consolidated Plan was developed through a year-long process that included input from low- to moderate-income persons and communities, community and non-profit organizations, individuals, local governments and government agencies, and business owners and associations. The County analyzed data available through the CHAS, American Communities Survey, GIS, and other data sources to understand and forecast trends. Throughout the collaborative process, the County organized listening sessions and public hearings to seek input and guidance in order to assess and prioritize needs, identify goals and objectives, and determine desired outcomes. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the final public hearing was held virtually. Two years out from that initial Consolidated Plan the County has become more adept at holding virtual public hearings and our citizens are also more comfortable making public comments through online forums. The County continues to support a balanced philosophy that recognizes the complexity of opportunities and challenges facing the County. The County continues to support the creation of new housing opportunities and the revitalization of existing communities while focusing on the sustainability of low- to moderate-income households and neighborhoods, as well as entities serving vulnerable populations.

Introduction - The Consolidated Plan (Continued) and the FFY 2021 Annual Action Plan

In keeping with the Consolidated Plan, Baltimore County prepares an annual plan to communicate its efforts in meeting the goals of the five-year consolidated plan during a particular plan year and to

articulate priority funding areas and geographic priority funding needs. This “Action Plan” demonstrates the steps Baltimore County will undertake in Federal Fiscal Year 2022/County Fiscal Year 2023 to meet the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. This Action Plan builds on the strategic vision developed through a year-long process that included input from low- to moderate-income persons and communities, community and non-profit organizations, individuals, local governments and government agencies, and business owners and associations. For another year, the Action Plan was crafted with awareness of the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery efforts. The County held virtual hearings and stakeholder meetings to properly assure social distancing. This Action Plan, along with the County’s COVID response, used data available through the CHAS, American Communities Survey, GIS, and other data sources to understand and forecast trends. The County included public hearings as well as discussions with various stakeholders to seek input and guidance in order to assess and prioritize needs, identify goals and objectives, and determine desired outcomes. Like the Consolidated Plan, this Action Plan incorporates the priorities of the Voluntary Compliance Agreement within its proposed activities for the coming year.

The Action Plan forms the basis of how the County will allocate funding during the plan period and serves as a benchmark and reference point for those entities that seek additional competitive funding from HUD through the HUD SuperNOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) and through other HUD-funded initiatives. Partnered with its annual action plans, the Consolidated Plan is most importantly a framework and management tool that will assess the County’s performance and track its progress on a year-to-year basis. This Action Plan will build on the achievements of the past, acknowledge current conditions and prepare a solid foundation for the future while using the Consolidated Plan framework as its roadmap.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Baltimore County households have faced record levels of unemployment, food insecurity, health care issues, and potential eviction. An unprecedented influx of federal assistance has come to the County to help prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic. A federal moratorium on eviction held many evictions at bay, but that moratorium was lifted and the threat of eviction looms for too many. The themes of this Action Plan marry the priority need areas below with County efforts to largely use federal COVID funding to meet the affordable housing needs of Baltimore County citizens.

The County's Action Plan is organized around the following priority need areas and accompanying goals for our community development and housing programs:

- Affordable Housing
- Housing for Homeless/Those At-Risk of Homelessness
- Housing Opportunities for Non-Homeless Special Needs Population
- Community Infrastructure Improvements
- Community Sustainability

Lastly, this Plan was created using an electronic template required by HUD. That template dictates the order and manner in which each subject matter is addressed and in cases limits the explanation to 4,000 characters. The numbers in the charts and tables are prepopulated for Baltimore County and where numbers differ from what we find trending locally, explanations for those differences are included in the narrative discussion for each section.

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.

Prior to the pandemic and over a series of months in the first year of its Consolidated Plan, the County performed data collection and analysis; distributed surveys; and held focus groups and public hearings to perform its Needs Assessment. Identified needs were:

- **Affordable rental housing for low-income households, veterans and persons experiencing homelessness**
- **Affordable housing that is located in areas not experiencing racial and ethnic concentrations or areas of high poverty**
- **Affordable housing for homeowners and assistance with needed home repairs for low to moderate-income citizens**
- **Programs providing supportive services and rapid rehousing for those experiencing homelessness and eviction prevention for those at-risk of homelessness**
- **Community infrastructure improvements and assistance sustaining viable neighborhoods and communities**
- **Programs dealing with day care, parenting, domestic violence, sexual abuse, life skills, job readiness and a myriad of other CDBG-eligible activities**

Pre-pandemic analysis of the CHAS data from the 2007-11 American Communities Survey indicated that households at 50% and below of the Area Household Median Income experience housing cost burdens, with more households whose incomes are 30% or less experiencing housing cost burden or other housing problems. While both low income owners and renters experience housing problems, low-income renter households are more likely to experience one or more housing problems than owner households. The data also indicated that African American households are more likely to experience housing problems, including housing cost burdens, than white households. The CHAS data indicates a need for more affordable housing for households earning less than 50% of the AMI and more particularly households earning 30% or less of the AMI. This data is consistent with the affordable housing production goals of the Voluntary Compliance Agreement.

For many, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these housing needs, particularly among renter households. In April 2021, Baltimore County District Courts were experiencing a backlog of over 54,000 Failure to Pay Rent filings on Baltimore County households. As federal and state moratoria on evictions were allowed to lapse, these households remain at-risk of future homelessness. The majority of the County's CDBG and ESG Coronavirus funding has been directed to maintaining housing or rapidly rehousing individuals once housing is lost. The Coronavirus Pandemic has reinforced the vulnerability of these households.

Section AP-20 outlines the specific Annual Action Plan goals for the County's entitlement funding and other funds supplementing the County's efforts to meet the goals identified below. Within each priority area, the chart offers a description of the goal, funding and outcome indicators, and identifies geographic priority areas to be targeted during the action and consolidated planning periods. The goals and accompanying outcome measures involve both activities agreed upon in the Voluntary Compliance Agreement as well as additional measures to assist Baltimore County's low to moderate-income citizens. Readers are advised that in some cases, activities associated with the identified goals can fall into more than one goal area. This is true even for some of the goals identified as part of the Voluntary Compliance Agreement. As such, please note that some crossover in the measured outcomes is to be expected.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

During the prior Consolidated Plan period (Federal Fiscal Years 2016-2019/County Fiscal Years 2017-2020), the County made progress on achieving a number of its affordable housing goals. Recognizing the need to increase family rental housing, the County assisted 586 family rental housing units since the submission of the County's Consolidated Plan. These units are located in various communities including identified Opportunity Areas in the County's Voluntary Compliance Agreement. All rental housing projects assisted served households with incomes of 60% or below of established Area Median income (AMI).

During the plan period, the County expanded its funding for homeless programs with an expanding shelter operation coupled with a shelter diversion program. The shelter diversion program helps people at risk of being homeless access resources to help them maintain or access housing. The effort is being funded with County funds. Other accomplishments include the provision of increased funding for shelter operators which enable the shelters to expand their staffing to provide additional services. The additional funding allowed the agencies that operated the County's shelters the ability to offer expanded housing mobility and counseling programs. These programs have enabled 2927 households (4582 individuals) to exit shelter to permanent housing.

To add to the County's commitment to making homelessness rare and brief, the County recognized the need for improved shelter facilities. During the prior plan period, the County operated a shelter for men on the grounds of Spring Grove Hospital in Catonsville as well as constructed a new Eastern Family Resource Center which includes a family shelter, transitional housing, and a men's shelter. This facility includes clinic space for Healthcare for the Homeless.

3. Evaluation (continued)

The County continued its commitment to increasing affordable homeownership and assisted 3000 households with the purchase of a home through the Settlement Expense Loan Program. The program assisted 200 households with closing cost and down payment loans/grants. The program's investment has leveraged over \$302,360,632 in first mortgages throughout established communities in Baltimore County. The County also continued to provide pre and post purchase counseling to first time homebuyers as well as providing foreclosure prevention and default/delinquency as well.

During the plan period 375 low to moderate income homeowners were assisted with federal and state funds to make repairs and improvements to their homes. The County used its Level II Authority under the State of Maryland's Special Loans Programs to leverage its entitlement funds efficiently to assist more eligible households. Additionally, due to a recent outreach effort, the County has seen an increase in the number of requests for accessibility modifications for homeowners and rental properties.

Over the last two fiscal years, the County was deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the County's nonprofit partners had to shut down programs temporarily, homeless shelters were closed to new intakes and socially distanced, and housing rehabilitation programs were temporarily stalled. During FFY21/CFY 2022, programs reopened and revised their service plans in accordance with the new COVID realities. One activity that saw a boon in activity is the Single Family Housing Rehabilitation program. Demand has been high for housing rehab services.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Baltimore County held two public hearings (December 15, 2021 and June 29, 2022) on the use of its federal entitlement funding. On December 15, 2021, Baltimore County held a virtual public hearing to gather citizen comments on possible uses of its HUD entitlement programs and the overall needs of County residents. The citizen comments spoke to both the need as it related to pandemic relief and the needs of Baltimore County citizens of low and moderate-income. The County took public comments during its virtual public hearing and offered the option of written submission of comments, though no written comments were submitted. In keeping with its Citizen Participation Plan, the County provided 15 days' notice of both its December and June public hearings.

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.

Among the public comments made during the December 15, 2021 public hearing, the following is a sampling of organization's comments:

My Life Foundation spoke to the need for mental health care as a result of the pandemic, particularly among the senior population and immigrant communities. Pro Bono Counseling also mentioned a major need for increased mental health services and low cost health care. They have seen a 50% increase in depression and anxiety recently. The Taylor Wellness Center also commented on the mental health aspects of those victims of sexual assault and the barriers to their wellness. Lighthouse, Inc also spoke to the need of increased mental health services.

Abilities Network highlighted the need for affordable, high-quality child care and addressed the need for trauma programs to assist children address the stress impact of the pandemic.

Support Bridge spoke about the needs of the chronic, terminally ill patients who needed assistance with rent, utilities even before the pandemic.

House of Ruth addressed the additional barriers COVID presented to clients experiencing domestic abuse. Child care in particular was a big challenge for this population of parents. The Center for Pregnancy Concerns mentioned the need for online education and work to promote healthy families and discussed resource centers for clothing, diapers, etc. CONNA saw a large spike in domestic violence calls and homicides and called for increased funding for shelters and support staff to prevent homelessness in this population.

Easter Seals echoed the need for elder care and child care in the County. Others spoke to the needs of children with disabilities in school and physical abilities.

Prologue discussed the need for more landlords to take vouchers and that they needed to use incentives to have landlords accept vouchers. Prologue also addressed the need to pay front line staff more for doing this type of work to keep people housed and funds to address the pre-pandemic gap in funding of homeless service needs.

St Francis Episcopal Housing Corporation identified the needs associated with mental health, food insecurity, affordable housing and an ability to focus on priorities during a time of crisis for the next step of employment, education as means out of isolation and into community. CAN also spoke to the need of affordable housing with wrap around services and permanent supportive housing. Maryland Food Bank addressed the many food insecure residents of the County and the need to provide food to people.

Southwest Foundation and Dundalk Renaissance Corporation (DRC) both mentioned the need for affordable housing and establishing/supporting homeownership. DRC went on to support the County's

need for housing finance counseling, transitional housing, home repair funding, business development support and renovation of older districts, bilingual and translation services and a continued expansion of investment by the County

Heroes Helping Heroes advocated that now is the time to put youth at the core of the community and try to teach them the skills needed to succeed. This includes lessons in self-empowerment and skill building on items needed as an adult. Rebecca Horan included the need for drug and alcohol abuse education for youth, stating that abuse has spiraled due to COVID. CASA of Baltimore County spoke to the needs of children in foster care and those youth impacted by the trauma of abuse.

MedStar Franklin Square argued for additional services for at-risk mothers, particularly services under one roof. A 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment by MedStar in Baltimore County identified the following needs: chronic disease prevention and management, maternal and child health, behavioral health and substance use disorders, access to affordable health care and services, access to transportation, racial discrimination, social justice, and housing, education, economics, and employment.

CAN mentioned their own community needs assessment which found the need for better and more affordable housing in the County, employment removing barriers to help get people jobs, mental health services, increasing need for food pantries, and helping essential workers build job security.

Randallstown Youth and Food Pantry supported the idea of a community garden to promote food, therapy, and socialization as well as an increase in services to the teen population to help stop failure in schools and homelessness. TALMAR, Inc also mentioned the need for additional funding for horticultural therapy for individuals with disabilities.

Several participants discussed the need to address the needs of the elderly. Rebuilding Together spoke in favor of home repair, elderly needs, and aging in place for the County population. Meals on Wheels discussed the ongoing food insecurity and home safety/health isolation experienced by many seniors. Gilchrist Hospital sees an increasing need for older individuals to age in place.

Richcroft identified the pandemics impact on group homes and services for those with disabilities. Day programs were shut down which increased the wear and tear on the residential facilities and meant a lot of equipment breakdown. The ARC also state the need for continued capital funding for people who live in older homes, ADA, wheelchairs and ability to move around and meet needs.

Services to prevent homelessness were another area of discussion. Churches for Streets of Hope prioritized sheltering needs along with working with the faith community and building relationships. Heaven on Earth also believed in partnerships and thought Housing First was essential in finding low-income housing. A critical piece of this is listening and talking to landlords they said. The Conflict Resolution Center believed training in homeless shelter to identify how to talk to neighbor and landlord disputes would also be helpful.

Summary of Public Comments (June 29, 2022 Hearing)

For the June 29, 2022 public hearing, ____ nonprofit organization staff were in attendance. The organizations provided the following comments:

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

All comments and views submitted in response to the Annual Action Plan were incorporated into this plan. The official public comment on the draft Annual Action Plan ran from June 15 - July 15, 2022 in keeping with the required 30 day public comment period. A virtual Public Hearing was held on June 29, 2022 via Webex. The public comment period on the draft Annual Action Plan was not shortened due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

7. Summary

The goal of this FFY 2022 Annual Action Plan is to provide County citizens with information on how the County plans to use its HUD Entitlement Grant funds and Coronavirus funding in order to improve the lives of Baltimore County's citizens with decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for those who call Baltimore County home. The goals and strategies identified in this Plan support that effort.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity 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		BALTIMORE COUNTY	Balt Co Dept of Housing and Community Development
HOME Administrator		BALTIMORE COUNTY	Balt. Co Dept of Housing and Community Development
ESG Administrator		BALTIMORE COUNTY	Balt. Co Dept of Housing and Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development serves as the lead agency for housing and community development programs in Baltimore County. DHCD plans, administers, and implements the federally-funded CDBG, HOME, ESG, and Continuum of Care Programs as well as State and County funded homeless, housing and community development activities. Many of the County's activities are carried out by subrecipient partners both inside and outside of government. These nonprofit agencies provide needed services and/or housing development to the citizens of Baltimore County

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

Citizen and stakeholder participation is a critical component of Baltimore County's Consolidated Plan development and each of the County's Annual Action Plans included in the strategic plan period. This Action Plan covers the third year of the Consolidated Planning period and builds on the strong foundation of prior efforts. Due to social distancing protocols, in-person events were still reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To this end, Baltimore County held virtual activities. The County held two public hearings to garner public comment and reached out to other jurisdictions for ideas and comments.

As in developing the Consolidated Plan, the County continues to work with other departments and nonprofit organizations in developing recommended activities for each of its Annual Action Plans. The Department of Housing and Community Development, along with the Departments of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections (PAI); Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS); Health and Human Services; Aging; and Emergency Management coordinate efforts on a variety of issues including housing, health care, and access to social services, mainstream resources, and resiliency/disaster response as needed. The County's Office of Sustainability and the County's emergency response/management staff were also provided the opportunity to comment on this Plan. The COVID-19 pandemic and recovery have altered how the County addresses many issues and provided an opportunity for departments to work collaboratively on issues. To this end, emergency management staff from a variety of agencies have been part of various task forces responding to needs around food distribution, potential swells in homelessness and housing instability, job/workforce training needs, and healthcare response/vaccine distribution in lower income communities in need. Included in those discussions were responses around weather related incidents to include extreme heat, flooding, snow, etc.

An area of particular concentration post-pandemic, increasing broadband access to underserved households, became critical as a communication, learning, and job necessity. Working with Comcast, 11,000 low-income households enrolled in Comcast Internet Essentials providing low cost internet access to income eligible families. Those on public assistance programs like the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP and others can qualify. The County is also working to expand internet to areas where physical access is more difficult, like the more rural areas of the County, expanding public Wi-Fi to 50 locations across the County. Additionally, the County received a grant for \$2.25 million from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to expand rural broadband to an additional 900 households.

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(I))

The Baltimore County Departments of Housing and Community Development and Health and Human Services work together to engage in a number of partnerships with housing and service agencies. The County's Office of Housing falls within the Department of Housing and Community Development. The County's agencies jointly develop priorities and align efforts to increase affordable housing opportunities in areas of opportunity as defined in the Voluntary Compliance Agreement and in accordance with federal regulations guiding HUD's entitlement programs. The County has been an active member of the Opportunity Collaborative, which is a regional organization that brings together local governments, public housing authorities, foundations, institutions, State government agencies, and nonprofit organizations within the region. The Opportunity Collaborative has developed the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development and it includes a Regional Housing Plan. The Department of Planning has also been active with the State Neighborhood Stabilization Task Force to address neighborhood revitalization and stabilization strategies throughout the State. The County continues its collaboration with a group of six local governments, five public housing authorities (PHAs), and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) to support BMC's Housing Policy Coordinator position, a Regional Analysis of Impediments Stakeholder Work Group, and its own 2020 Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice. The County continues to look for new ways to support the work of these groups. The County departments also participate in the County's Local Management Board to address the needs of children and families.

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 Baltimore County government serves as the local Continuum of Care lead (MD-505) in Baltimore County. As such, County staff are responsible for coordinating meetings of our Homeless Roundtable, drafting minutes, establishing workgroups on policies, procedures, program guidelines, as well as administering the bulk of the County's CoC grants.

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 Baltimore County Homeless Roundtable is the public private stakeholder body of the Continuum of Care. County staff are responsible for the staffing of the Roundtable and administration of both the Consolidated Plan and the Continuum of Care for Baltimore County. Staff working on homeless issues plan and support the work of the Continuum of Care as well as the homeless programs that are funded with additional federal, state and county funds. Staff take their direction and guidance from HUD priority focus areas when addressing homelessness. This direction and focus is taken into the Continuum of Care meetings and it is these priorities, particularly in the area of rapid rehousing, upon which the Continuum of Care and Baltimore County have shaped the allocation of their ESG funds. Performance

standards are created through policy development within the CoC's roundtable and vetted and approved by all members including ESG recipients. HUD ESG guidelines are reviewed and implemented into the County's HMIS Policies and Procedures. HMIS staff generate monthly reports for each program and evaluate where programs stand based on their performance standards, and post monthly "report cards" on Baltimore County's hmisadmin.com website. If a program is not performing up to standard, funding can be withheld until the problem area is resolved. These report cards, along with other statistical data, are located on the HMIS website for public review.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Abilities Network, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	BALTIMORE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Baltimore County Department of Health and Human Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	CASA of Baltimore County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Center of Pregnancy Concerns
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Churches for the Streets of Hope, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Assistance Network
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Conflict Resolution Center of Baltimore County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
10	Agency/Group/Organization	CONNA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Dundalk Renaissance Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Employment Business Leaders Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.

12	Agency/Group/Organization	EASTER SEALS, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Adult Medical Day Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Episcopal Housing Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Gill Cross Hospital
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
15	Agency/Group/Organization	H.H.H.: Heroes Helping Heroes, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	The House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.

17	Agency/Group/Organization	Heaven on Earth
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Lighthouse, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Mental Health Support Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	MARYLAND FOOD BANK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Hunger Relief
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Meals on Wheels Central Maryland
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	My Life Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Owings Mill Synagogue
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Pro Bono Counseling Project
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Mental Health Care
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Prologue, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	Randallstown Youth and Food Pantry
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
27	Agency/Group/Organization	REBUILDING TOGETHER BALTIMORE, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Richcroft
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Southwest Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
30	Agency/Group/Organization	Support Bridge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
31	Agency/Group/Organization	TALMAR, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Taylor Wellness Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
33	Agency/Group/Organization	THE ARC OF BALTIMORE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Agency representatives attended and participated in priority needs assessment and public hearings.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
35	Agency/Group/Organization	Baltimore County Homeless Roundtable
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - County Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders

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 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?	Staffed by the Baltimore County Department of Planning, the monthly Roundtable meetings bring together private and public providers to plan for better services to those experiencing homelessness and those at-risk of homelessness. Entities involved in the Roundtable include housing services, health services, social and fair housing services, Continuum of Care providers, public and private agencies that support the needs of low-income individuals and families, representatives of mental health facilities, government agencies such as education, social services (foster care/youth facilities), corrections, police as well as interested business and civic leaders. This organization has an ongoing planning/coordination function to identify and address priority areas; has practitioners with on the ground experience to improve coordination of services to the homeless; and guides the County to improved outcomes in serving the homeless and preventing homelessness among vulnerable populations. The Roundtable has several subcommittees that recommend policies and procedures to be implemented by the County when using federal, state and County funds to address homelessness and its prevention.

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

Baltimore County sought to include a wide range of stakeholders in its consultations for the Consolidated Plan. No groups were intentionally left out of our consultation process.

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	Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development	Provide supportive services including housing counseling to move people from homelessness to housing.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development	Foster integrated communities by creating affordable rental housing opportunities in areas that are not racially or ethnically concentrated.
Regional Plan for Sustainable Development	Baltimore Metropolitan Council	Increase affordable rental housing for families in areas that are not racially or ethnically concentrated. Provide opportunities to increase employability.
The Baltimore Regional Housing Plan	Baltimore Metropolitan Council	Foster integrated communities by creating housing opportunities in areas that are not racially or ethnically concentrated.
Fair Housing Equity Assessment	Baltimore Metropolitan Council	Increasing the availability of affordable housing for families and persons with disabilities.
PHA Administrative Plan	Baltimore County Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Community Development	Provide opportunities for mobility counseling to help families access housing in areas of opportunity.
10 Year Plan to End Homelessness	Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development	Creating permanent supportive housing
Sustainable Communities	MD Department of Housing and Community Development- Neighborhood Revitalization	Encourage investment in established areas to promote revitalization and stabilization of residential and business communities.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Workforce Development Plan	Baltimore Metropolitan Council	Remove barriers that keep low-skilled or low-income adults from progressing into family supporting careers through strategies that address skills gaps, housing and transportation barriers, and social barriers.
Baltimore County Workforce Investment Act Plan	Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development	Remove barriers that keep low-skilled or low-income adults from progressing into family supporting careers through strategies that address skills gaps, housing and transportation barriers, and social barriers.
Master Plans	Baltimore County Department of Planning	Encourage investment in established areas to promote revitalization and stabilization of residential and business communities.
Baltimore County Enterprise Strategic Plan 2019-22	Baltimore County Executive	Ensure all residents have access to high-quality and affordable housing, cultural and recreational opportunities in safe communities.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Baltimore County, the State of Maryland, Baltimore City, and Anne Arundel, Howard and Harford Counties leverage important resources and the intellectual capital needed to develop and implement a strategic plan reflecting the goals of the County and the region. Since 1994, the County has worked with the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) to affirmatively further fair housing. The County works with the BMCs Opportunity Collaborative on the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development which includes the Opportunity Maps; a regional housing plan, a workforce development plan and the Fair Housing Equity Assessment. The County partners with the BMC/regional governments on the Assessment of Fair Housing, incorporating the requirements of HUDs 2015 Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Final Rule.

The County works with Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Development Administration & Division of Neighborhood Revitalization to address housing and community development needs. The lead agency is a Level II Authority under DHCDs Special Programs and packages and recommends a variety of loans under the program, including the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation

and the Lead Hazard Rehabilitation Programs. Sustainable Communities designation in several key County communities affords eligibility for State resources to promote and assist with revitalization efforts in: Catonsville/ Patapsco; Greater Dundalk/ Sparrows Point, Hillendale, Parkville/ Overlea; Northwest Gateways; Pulaski Highway Redevelopment Area; Reisterstown; & Towson.

Through DHCD, the County obtained financial assistance for one important rental housing projects in the historic African-American communities of Turner Station. DHCD awarded Tax Credits and Rental Housing Partnership funds to Lyon Homes to fund the continuation of remaining substandard units. The County also worked with the Community Development Administration regarding the condition of Lyon Homes in Turner Station. The property, constructed in 1942, originally consisted of 408 units. Baltimore County HOME funds will assist the project while the County works with the development team to address development concerns, permitting, temporary relocation of tenants during renovations, and other matters.

AP-12 Participation – 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

On December 15, 2021, Baltimore County held a virtual public hearing to elicit comments from County citizens and stakeholders on the needs to be funded as part of this Action Plan. All verbal comments were included in the summary and no written comments were submitted. The impact of COVID on housing need was a primary issue for many citizens. A full summary of comments can be found in the section entitled *Summary of Comments*. Baltimore County's Homeless Roundtable (the Continuum of Care lead entity) influenced priorities with their ongoing efforts to rate and CoC projects. RFP Review Committees included multiple citizen participants to review and recommend which projects should be funded under Public Services, Homeless Services and Capital projects. A second public hearing was held on June 29, 2022 to gather comments on the proposed Action Plan. _____ persons provided verbal comments. No written comments were received during the hearing or submitted during the remainder of the public comment period. In addition to County staff, _____ members of the public attended the public hearing.

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 Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community All subgrantee organizations (federal, state, and county-funded) were asked to share notice	2 non-staff attended, 2 provided comments	June 29, 2022 Virtual Public Hearing. The ____ speakers represented nonprofit organizations funded with CDBG public service grants.	All comments were accepted	Not applicable
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community All subgrantee organizations (federal, state, and county-funded) were asked to share notice	including staff over 131 attended, 33 provided comments	December 15, 2021 Public Hearing and RFP Meeting. See Summary of Comments in Executive Summary Section	All comments were accepted	Not applicable

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 Meeting	Continuum of Care (Homeless) Stakeholders	Approximately 30-40 attendants at each meeting	Throughout the year, the Baltimore County Homeless Roundtable holds meetings where they set ongoing policies and priorities for the Continuum of Care. These priorities help guide the ESG funded projects as well as impact all homeless services provided by the County whether funded through federal, state, or county dollars. As such, the Roundtable is an important venue for citizen involvement in the Action Plan.	All comments accepted.	Not applicable

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	Grant Review Committees	Non-targeted/broad community	Citizen members participate in the County's RFP review committee structure to make recommendations on projects to be funded with federal, state, and county funds. Citizen members have the same level of review and discussion opportunity as governmental staff.	All comments within the review committee are confidential. Citizen reviewer comments are received on par with staff reviewer comments.	All comments were accepted.	Not applicable
5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Newspaper ad advising citizens of December public hearing to identify needs in Baltimore County and to promote the applications/RFP for Public Service, Homeless Service and Capital projects.	See public hearing outreach activity	Not applicable	not applicable

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)
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Newspaper ad advised citizens of where to find Action Plan for review during public comment period and upcoming Public Hearing.	See public hearing outreach activity.	Not applicable	not applicable

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

During the Consolidated Plan period of FFY 2020-2024, Baltimore County expects its federal funding to remain relatively level. The County's Consolidated Plan period began on July 1, 2020 and will end on June 30, 2024. In its third year of the five year plan period, CDBG funding for FFY 2021 will be \$4,212,731 and HOME funding at \$2,237,888. The County's ESG funding in FFY 2021 will be \$361,018. The County projects its resources below, and currently factors a slight decrease to CDBG entitlement funding and a slight increase to HOME and ESG. Program Income for both the CDBG and HOME programs is expected to grow during the Action Plan period in comparison to Action Plan projections of prior years. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional COVID related funding may be used in a program year, but the actual programming of the funding will be in a prior year's action plan. The resources anticipated below reflect the County's entitlement grants, anticipated program income, required local match dollars, Continuum of Care funds, Housing Choice Voucher Funds, and funds the County has agreed to dedicate to affordable housing through the Voluntary Compliance Agreement. Phase 1 and 2 of the COVID-19 stimulus funds were included for in an amendment to the County's FFY2016-2019 Plan period because the funds were awarded during the term covered by that Plan. HUD announced HOME-COVID funds in the amount of \$7,471,986 for Baltimore County. The County is currently holding listening sessions to determine how best

to use the HOME funds and plans a Substantial Amendment for these funds to come.

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	4,212,731	575,000	1,630,938	4,787,731	9,117,153	Baltimore County is an Urban Entitlement jurisdiction and therefore receives annual funding through the Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), a flexible grant program that principally provides funding for housing and community development needs of Baltimore County's low- to moderate-income citizens. Prior year CDBG resources are available due to larger than expected program income receipted in a given year and/or projects that did not fully use the originally-programmed CDBG funds.

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	2,237,888	550,000	\$1,348,478	2,787,888	5,565,671	As part of its Urban Entitlement status, Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds are available to assist in building, purchasing, and/or rehabbing affordable rental housing as well as homeownership. Funds may also be used for rental assistance to low-income citizens. Prior year HOME resources are available due to HOME Acquisition/Rehab projects did not move forward and the stalled nature of many construction projects during the pandemic.

ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	361,018	0	73,000	434,018	704,407	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds are provided as part of the Urban Entitlement and can be used to address the needs of homeless individuals including sheltering, rapid rehousing, and eviction. Multiple providers in Baltimore County have both ESG and ESG-CV funding to assist County residents. Over the last year, the push has been to use the ESG-CV funding before its expiration. This has created a larger pool of unused ESG entitlement funds than in prior years. Prior year ESG resources are available because the Rapid Rehousing projects did not fully utilize their initial funding, and the County plans to use the funds before their 24 month expenditure deadline for a wider array of eligible ESG activities. The County plans to reallocate those funds for use in the coming year.
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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: \$		
Continuum of Care	public - federal	Other	2,930,928	0	0	2,930,928	5,554,036	Federal Continuum of Care funding to the Baltimore County Continuum of Care for assisting individuals experiencing homelessness transition to permanent housing.
Section 8	public - federal	Housing	213,662,737	0	0	213,662,737	427,325,474	HUD Housing Vouchers

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: \$		
Other	public - federal	Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental rehab	0	0	981,699	981,699	981,699	Baltimore County received \$2 million in prior year funds to test 150 homes for lead, remediate 110 homes of lead, and provide educational training for up to 25 individuals. The County has up to three years to spend the award and the funds are offered to Baltimore County rental owners or homeowners who meet the income requirements of the program. Prior to the current Action Plan period, the County had encumbered \$1,108,301 with \$981,699 available for spending this Action Plan period.
Other	public - federal	Housing TBRA	1,371,064	0	0	1,371,064	2,742,259	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
Other	public - state	Other	57,246	0	0	57,246	114,492	State funds specifically used for eviction assistance

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: \$		
Other	public - state	Overnight shelter Transitional housing Other	765,000	0	0	765,000	1,530,000	State funds to support services to individuals experiencing homelessness
Other	public - local	Other	3,300,000	0	0	3,300,000	6,600,000	Housing Accessibility Modification Program for Housing Choice Voucher holders to make needed modifications to their rental units.
Other	public - local	Overnight shelter Public Services	6,620,383	0	0	6,620,383	13,240,766	County General Funds supporting homeless services, public services, homeless shelters, homeless daycare, fair housing and community action agency operations.

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

During the Consolidated Plan period, these CDBG, HOME and ESG federal entitlement funds were expected to leverage an additional \$40.4 million in federal, state and county funds. State funds through the Homeless Solutions Program and the Emergency Assistance Program will provide roughly \$4,054,000. Federal Continuum of Care funds expected to be \$11,415,892 and Lead funding of \$2,000,000 complete the

expected federal assistance. County General Funds for Homeless Services and Public Services are expected to be almost \$26.5 million in funding and include supportive service needs to low and moderated income citizens, fair housing, homeownership counseling, community action agency services as well as operations of the County's homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, shelter diversion, homeless daycare, and homeless shelters. The County's ESG match requirement is more than satisfied based on the County's \$4 million general fund support of its three large homeless shelters. The County's HOME match requirement was waived due to COVID-19 for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 (County Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022). Baltimore County will begin reporting HOME program match in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 (County Fiscal Year 2023).

During the Consolidated Plan period, the County has also received direct federal COVID-response funding for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) totaling nearly \$50 million, State ERA funding of over \$37 million and HUD COVID funding of nearly \$5 million in ESG-CV and nearly \$6 million in CDBG-CV. Rounding out this COVID response funding will be the nearly \$7.5 million in HOME-CV funding for which the County is currently holding listening sessions.

In addition, as part of the County's Voluntary Compliance Agreement, the County has pledged to reserve \$300,000 each year to make housing accessibility modifications to Housing Choice Vouchers units as well as \$3,000,000 per year to assist affordable housing developers create affordable rental housing in Opportunity Areas throughout the County. Over the Consolidated Plan period, these additional resources would constitute an additional \$13,200,000 available for low income renters.

The Ryan HIV Case Management Program's primary goal is to link clients to medical and/or social services that stabilize their health and allow them to function independently. BCDH receives multiple funding streams (i.e. Ryan White Part A, Ryan White B Flex-Health Support Services, AIDS Case Management) to help clients with their unmet medical and psychosocial needs. A key factor to ensuring a client's health is access to permanent safe and affordable housing. The Ryan White HIV Case Management Program employs a 0.97 full-time equivalent (FTE) Housing Specialist that works closely with clients who are receiving rental assistance to ensure that their re-certifications are completed annually to maintain supportive housing assistance.

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

Four of the homeless shelters mentioned in this plan are housed in County-owned buildings. These shelters are operated by third-parties, but the buildings and all utilities and maintenance associated with the buildings are provided by Baltimore County. In combination, these shelters offer emergency shelter for men, women and families, a small transitional housing shelter for families and one shelter also includes a homeless daycare operation.

Discussion

The federal funds listed above will be used in conjunction with state and county funds to meet the needs of Baltimore County's low- to moderate-income citizens by concentrating on identified priorities. In addition, the nonprofit grantees receiving funds through the County's CDBG, CoC and/or State homeless programs use a variety of other fund sources (private donations, foundations, fundraisers, and other government grants) to assist in the full funding of their programs. Together these funds assist in meeting Baltimore County's priorities of:

- Affordable Housing
- Housing for Homeless/Those At-Risk of Homelessness
- Housing Opportunities for Non-Homeless Special Needs Population
- Community Infrastructure Improvements
- Community Sustainability

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Increase Homeowner Affordability & Sustainability	2022	2022	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$190,000 HOME: \$664,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 30 Households Assisted
2	Affordable/Accessible Housing - Renters/Homeowners	2022	2022	Affordable Housing	Opportunity Areas	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$754,184 HOME: \$3,405,201	Rental units rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 64 Household Housing Unit
3	Promote Fair Housing Outreach, Education, Testing	2022	2022	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$50,000 COUNTY: \$100,000	Other: 4 Other
4	Assist persons at-risk of homelessness	2022	2022	Homeless	Countywide	Housing for Homeless/Those At Risk Of Homelessness	CDBG: \$65,000	Homelessness Prevention: 82 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Support a range of homeless housing options	2022	2022	Homeless	Countywide	Housing for Homeless/Those At Risk Of Homelessness	CDBG: \$145,108 ESG: \$288,729	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 46 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 54 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 60 Persons Assisted
6	Housing for Persons in ALUs and Group Settings	2022	2022	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Countywide	Housing Opportunities for Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$236,780	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 72 Households Assisted
7	Shelter and Transitional Housing for Special Needs	2022	2022	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Countywide	Housing Opportunities for Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	Housing Accessibility Modifications for Disabled	2022	2022	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Countywide	Housing Opportunities for Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$200,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 18 Household Housing Unit
9	Support Community Infrastructure through Buildings	2022	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	Opportunity Areas Sustainable Communities Community Conservation Areas Countywide	Community Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$528,151	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 8575 Persons Assisted
10	Support Community Infrastructure Outdoors	2022	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Community Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$0	
11	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless	2022	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Community Sustainability	CDBG: \$290,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 953 Persons Assisted
12	Increase Access to Public Services - Homeless	2022	2022	Homeless	Countywide	Community Sustainability	CDBG: \$120,626 ESG: \$72,221	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 660 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 145 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
13	Establish/stabilize/expand small/micro businesses	2022	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	Opportunity Areas Sustainable Communities Community Conservation Areas	Community Sustainability	CDBG: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted Businesses assisted: 0 Businesses Assisted
14	Removal of Blighted Buildings	2022	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Community Sustainability	CDBG: \$70,000	Buildings Demolished: 3 Buildings
15	Code Enforcement to Maintain Livable Communities	2022	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Community Sustainability	CDBG: \$100,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 10 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Increase Homeowner Affordability & Sustainability
	Goal Description	<p>Housing Counseling in conjunction with direct homeownership assistance designed to provide homebuyers/owners with pre-purchase and post-purchase counseling that provides budget and credit counseling, the costs of owning a home and home buying process including credit repair, modification assistance, lender negotiations, and other appropriate referrals to avoid the loss of a home to foreclosure. Examples of assistance may include a mortgage write down, closing cost assistance, and down payment assistance as a means to increase the affordability of homeownership for low to moderate-income persons.</p> <p><i>Planned Activities include homebuyer counseling and financial assistance to potential homebuyers.</i></p>
2	Goal Name	Affordable/Accessible Housing - Renters/Homeowners
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Promote Fair Housing Outreach, Education, Testing
	Goal Description	<p>Promote Fair Housing outreach and education in collaboration with certified Housing Counseling and FHIP Agencies</p> <p><i>Planned activities include collaboration with certified Housing Counseling and FHIP Agencies to facilitate Fair Housing educational workshops/seminars for county residents, housing advocates, property owners, rental licensees, and housing developers to provide most recent information regarding housing law and tenant/landlord/homebuyer rights.</i></p>
4	Goal Name	Assist persons at-risk of homelessness
	Goal Description	<p>Assist persons at-risk of homelessness through eviction prevention and other diversion activities funded with CDBG or ESG.</p> <p><i>Planned activities may include financial assistance like utility payments, back rent or security deposits to prevent eviction or diversion from shelter entry. Activities may also include other supports to include financial literacy training, counseling and/or referral services.</i></p>

5	Goal Name	Support a range of homeless housing options
	Goal Description	<p>Support emergency and transitional housing through a variety of short-term housing options for citizens experiencing homelessness to get them rehoused and on their way to self-sufficiency, including rapid rehousing through ESG as well as permanent housing supports as well as acquisitions, construction or rehabilitation of permanent housing or other units for the homeless using CDBG, HOME or ESG funds.</p> <p><i>Planned activities may include financial support for emergency and transitional shelters, including domestic violence programs, as well as other creative approaches as needed. ESG Rapid Rehousing efforts are measured using Goal Outcome Indicator (GOI) 12. Operational support of Permanent Supportive Housing programs use GOI 4, and transitional housing uses GOI 13.</i></p>
6	Goal Name	Housing for Persons in ALUs and Group Settings
	Goal Description	Support development of or rehabilitation of Alternative Living Units or other small group settings for persons living with a disability.
7	Goal Name	Shelter and Transitional Housing for Special Needs
	Goal Description	<p>Support shelter and transitional housing needs of non-homeless special needs populations funded with CDBG or ESG.</p> <p><i>Planned activities could include emergency shelter, transitional housing or other types of housing for non-homeless special needs populations like survivors of domestic violence, substance abuse, and other special needs populations or the rehabilitation of construction of facilities to support these needs. For FY21, state and local funds are projected to support the operational activities associated with our domestic violence shelters. Should those funds no longer be available, the County reserves the right to use CDBG or ESG funds to assist these efforts.</i></p>
8	Goal Name	Housing Accessibility Modifications for Disabled
	Goal Description	<p>Support housing accessibility modifications to rental and homeowner units to help citizens living with a disability gain access or maintain access to suitable living accommodations.</p> <p><i>Planned activities include accessibility modifications that could include ramps, bathroom modifications, kitchen modifications, stair glides, and other changes to an owner occupied home or rental unit of a low to moderate-income person living with a disability.</i></p>

9	Goal Name	Support Community Infrastructure through Buildings
	Goal Description	<p>Provide funds for rehabilitation/construction of community centers, recreation centers, senior centers, etc in CDBG eligible areas/facilities so Baltimore County citizens may experience indoor community activities and services.</p> <p><i>Planned activities may include rehabilitation of existing community centers or construction of new facilities in income-eligible neighborhoods/facilities for things like community centers, recreation centers, and senior centers. Funds could also be used to support rehabilitation/construction of buildings operated by a nonprofit organization in support of CDBG-eligible populations.</i></p>
10	Goal Name	Support Community Infrastructure Outdoors
	Goal Description	<p>Provide funds for rehabilitation/construction of public facilities - including outdoor recreation centers, trails, parks, street improvements, sidewalks, flood drainage, etc in CDBG eligible areas of Baltimore County so citizens may experience strong communities and neighborhoods.</p> <p><i>Planned activities may include any number of CDBG eligible activities.</i></p>
11	Goal Name	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Goal Description	<p>Increase access to quality public services by supporting programs and services that improve the suitable living environment for those low and moderate-income citizens in need of additional services.</p> <p><i>Planned activities may include child care/youth or afterschool programs, senior services, employment training including literacy, health/mental health services, substance abuse services, services for victims of domestic violence or child abuse/neglect, family support, food assistance, and other CDBG-eligible services.</i></p>
12	Goal Name	Increase Access to Public Services - Homeless
	Goal Description	<p>Increase access to quality public (supportive) services for those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Per HUD guidance, ESG funded Street Outreach is also included here as Homeless Overnight Shelter.</p> <p><i>Planned activities may include educational support services for youth homeless, food assistance, health care services, domestic violence supports, child care or after school services for children and other identified non-housing needs for those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.</i></p>

13	Goal Name	Establish/stabilize/expand small/micro businesses
	Goal Description	<p>Establish, stabilize, and expand small and micro businesses through support services and programs that provide small and micro business with loans to citizens for microenterprise opportunities in order to establish, stabilize, and expand.</p> <p><i>Planned activities may include financial assistance to County citizens of low to moderate income in efforts to improve their economic circumstances through employment opportunities. Funds for this activity in FY21 are captured under Public Service – NonHomeless. Future activities may be moved here if applicable.</i></p>
14	Goal Name	Removal of Blighted Buildings
	Goal Description	<p>Clearance or demolition of building/improvements.</p> <p><i>Planned activities may include the demolition of blighted properties in CDBG income-eligible neighborhoods for building posing a public health risk.</i></p>
15	Goal Name	Code Enforcement to Maintain Livable Communities
	Goal Description	<p>Maintain and increase the supply of decent housing in order to maintain livable communities.</p> <p><i>Planned activities may include salaries and overhead costs associated with property inspections and follow up actions (such as legal proceedings) directly related to enforcement (not correction) or state and local codes.</i></p>

Projects

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Introduction

The selection of projects in this year's Action Plan is based upon the priority needs, goals, strategies and outcomes identified in the County's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The vast majority of projects were identified through one of several Request for Proposal processes undertaken by the County to solicit projects that met the priority needs of the County. An annual hearing to gain citizen input on priority need areas and opportunities for expanded programming was part of this RFP process. The projects selected herein address the County's priority goal areas of: Affordable Housing, Housing for the Homeless/Those At-Risk of Homelessness, Housing Opportunities for Non-Homeless Special Needs, Community Infrastructure Improvements, and Community Sustainability. The projects will use federal entitlement funds through CDBG, HOME and ESG, but these funds will leverage additional federal funds through the Continuum of Care program as well as State and County funds to support the priority goal areas mentioned above.

Projects

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27	Enforcement and Clearance Activities in CDBG Eligible Areas
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30	General Administration - CoC Consultant - Subject to 20% Cap
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33	Housing Counseling Services - CDBG, HOME, County
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35	HOME Administration - Balance
36	HOME - CHDO Operating - 5%
37	HOME - CHDO Set Aside - 15%

#	Project Name
38	HOME Ownership Program - Repair/Renovation
39	HOME - Settlement Expense Loan Program (SELP)

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Baltimore County seeks to create decent and fair housing in a suitable living environment with expanded economic opportunities for its citizens. The County wishes to minimize the number of its citizens experiencing homelessness and address those citizens with special needs. The priorities for allocating our federal funds followed those priority goal areas identified in this section's introduction. As part of the County's Voluntary Compliance Agreement, the County is spending much of its County General Fund dollars in identified Opportunity Areas. Programs and Services in these areas are of great importance to the future of the County citizens, but not to the exclusion of those living in other areas of the County. Baltimore County will prioritize housing and other services to Opportunity Areas while continuing to support the needs of those living in Sustainable Community Areas and Community Conservation Areas. Additionally, certain services, like those for domestic violence and homelessness, will be available countywide.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable/Accessible Housing - Renters/Homeowners Housing Accessibility Modifications for Disabled
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Housing Opportunities for Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,350,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support CDBG-eligible acquisition and rehabilitation activities. Example include, but are not limited to, assisting eligible homeowners make needed repairs to their properties; accessibility renovations to assist those with disabilities (renters and homeowners) make renovations to their living units so they are accessible; and assistance to developers attempting to provide greater housing options by rehabilitating properties for Baltimore County residents.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	38 low-income households will receive assistance with the rehabilitation of their homes. 30 homeowners living with a disability will receive assistance through the HAMP program. 5 renters will receive similar HAMP assistance. 10 vacant properties will be acquired/rehabbed for low-income households.
	Location Description	105 W Chesapeake Ave, Suite 201, Towson MD 21204 is the administrative address. Actual locations will be identified as client applications are reviewed after client application submission.
2	Planned Activities	The County plans to serve 38 single family households with \$1.5 million in rehabilitation assistance. The Housing Accessibility Modification Program (HAMP) is projected to provide rehabilitation assistance to 30 homeowners (\$300K) and 5 renters (\$50K) living with disabilities. An additional \$500,000 is projected to assist 10 vacant properties that may be acquired/rehabbed for low-income households. \$1,101,250 of the funding for these projects will come from old CDBG funds.
	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeowner Affordability & Sustainability Affordable/Accessible Housing - Renters/Homeowners

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Housing Opportunities for Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$706,234
	Description	CDBG-funded program delivery and salary costs associated with the Single Family Rehabilitation Program and the Multi Family Rental Rehabilitation Programs. Activities include construction/rehabilitation inspections, loan management, loan underwriting and other costs supporting the delivery of rehabilitation program performance goals and audit compliant CDBG-funded program activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an administrative activity.
	Location Description	105 W Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201, Towson, MD 21204 is the administrative headquarters for this activity.
	Planned Activities	This is a program delivery activity funding salary and program delivery costs associated with construction management and loan oversight.
3	Project Name	Housing Services
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeowner Affordability & Sustainability Affordable/Accessible Housing - Renters/Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$554,450
	Description	Funds are used for the oversight/program delivery of the County's housing development efforts associated with the Housing Opportunities (rehabilitation) Program which includes HOME funded rehabilitation loans, direct home-ownership assistance and housing development.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an administrative activity.

	Location Description	Department of Planning, 105 W Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201, Towson MD 21204.
	Planned Activities	Activities include construction/rehab inspections, loan management, and loan underwriting. Funds are used for staff oversight/program delivery of the County's housing development efforts associated with the Housing Opportunities (rehabilitation) Program which includes HOME funded rehabilitation loans, direct home-ownership assistance and housing development.
4	Project Name	Public Services - Balance of Funds
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Assist persons at-risk of homelessness Support a range of homeless housing options Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless Increase Access to Public Services - Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Housing for Homeless/Those At Risk Of Homelessness Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$77,695
	Description	Remaining funds in support of public services that may arise in support of a range of CDBG eligible services to low to moderate-income citizens and presumed beneficiary groups, including but limited to eviction prevention services, shelter/transitional/permanent housing support, services for children/youth, the elderly, those battling substance abuse, victims of domestic violence, persons with disabilities, etc. Eviction Prevention programs funded with CDBG can offer up to three months of assistance to avert eviction and maintain stable housing and may include referrals or services to further identify/address factors that may be contributing to housing instability. Once an eligible project has been identified for use with these funds, this Action Plan will be amended with a full description, accomplishment data, location, and number/type of families assisted so that the public may understand the impact of this project on the County.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This number will be determined as additional projects come to the County during the coming Action plan period.

	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	CDBG-eligible public service activities as arise during the year.
5	Project Name	Public Services - Abilities Network - Hopeful Horizons
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Family-focused intervention program for approximately 40 individuals (30 households) experiencing homelessness through therapeutic children's groups and parent support groups.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 individuals in 30 households
	Location Description	Services will be provided at a domestic violence shelter. The address is confidential.
	Planned Activities	Therapeutic children's groups will focus on developing social-emotional skills and the parent support groups will involve a variety of topics relevant to parenting and mental health. Mental health consultation for young children to their parents and child care providers as well as advocacy around special education services through Baltimore County Public Schools for up to six months following a family's departure from shelter. Training of shelter staff and volunteers focused on managing challenging behaviors, child development, and other topics as needed. Grant funds will support staff salaries.
6	Project Name	Public Services - Baltimore County - Homeless Shelter Nurse Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$127,926

	Description	On-site, short-term, nursing case management services to approximately 600 shelter residents at the county's largest homeless shelters. Priority is given to clients with acute and chronic health needs with the goal of reducing health disparities and barriers to permanent housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600 individuals representing 450 households
	Location Description	Two largest homeless shelters with regular nursing services are located in Rosedale and Catonsville. Nursing services can also be requested of the county for other shelters as needed.
	Planned Activities	In addition to providing nursing services, health screening and education, shelter nurses facilitate referrals to health-related services while collaborating with available County programs, homeless services providers, and community partners. Shelter Nurse Project follows a case management model with a focus on reducing health barriers that may impact shelter residents' ability to maintain permanent housing. Shelter nurses identify health issues, provide appropriate interventions and referrals, and work with other homeless services providers to develop an individualized plan of care that addresses the specific needs of residents. Grant funds will support salaries, fringe and other operational costs.
7	Project Name	Public Services - CASA of Baltimore County - Court Appointed Special Advocates
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	200 child victims of abuse and neglect will receive Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) services for those children involved with both a Baltimore County court proceeding and the County's child welfare system. The project recruits, screens, trains and supports citizen volunteers to serve as court-deputized advocates for these children.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 individuals in 160 households
	Location Description	Headquarters building is in Towson, but participants will come from throughout Baltimore County.
	Planned Activities	CASA of Baltimore County will recruit, screen, train, and support citizen volunteers to serve as court-deputized advocates for children who are victims of abuse and neglect and involved in both a Baltimore County court proceeding and the County's child welfare system. Volunteer advocates develop close relationships with their CASA child/children and make fact-based, ongoing recommendations to the court after interviewing all adults involved in the case. The volunteer's sole focus is on the best interest of their CASA child/children. With very small caseloads, the CASA volunteer can focus solely on what is in the best interest of their CASA child/children - ensuring that court-ordered medical, psychological, educational, and other services for the children are carried out and monitoring progress of the family as they work to address what brought the child into foster care. Grant funds will support staff and training costs.
8	Project Name	Public Services - CASA de Maryland – Expanded Baltimore County Education and Assistance Program
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	The Baltimore County Education and Assistance Program offers bilingual informational workshops in targeted areas of the County on key topics of importance to the low-income limited English Proficient (LEP) immigrant community as well as after school and leadership development programming.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	720 individuals in 470 households
	Location Description	Services are offered at Owings Mills High School and may also occur in other locations as needed in Baltimore County. Headquarters for the organization is located in Baltimore City at 2224 E. Fayette Street.
	Planned Activities	<p>CASA de Maryland, Inc., Expanded Baltimore County and Assistance Program includes, linguistically and culturally competent outreach to low-income Limited English Proficient (LEP) residents, focusing on Latino and Black immigrant communities, in targeted areas of the county. Linguistically and culturally competent orientations and workshops on key financial, legal, health and workforce topics of importance to the low-income limited English Proficient (LEP) immigrant community. Individual information and referrals along with intensive case management assistance to residents on issues such as financial literacy, taxes and citizenship; job readiness, workforce development, and small business support; health care access; and legal and social services (including support and interpretation services in navigating government systems as needed). Afterschool and leadership development programming at Owings Mills High School.</p> <p>Bilingual informational workshops in targeted areas of the County on key topics of importance to the low-income limited English Proficient (LEP) immigrant community, individual case management assistance to residents on topics such as financial, legal, health, and social services issues (including case management; support and interpretation services in navigating government systems as needed); and afterschool and leadership development programming at the Owings Mills High School location. Grant funds will support salary, fringe and mileage. 200 individuals in 160 households are expected beneficiaries.</p>
9	Project Name	Public Services - Community Assistance Network - Arbutus Permanent Supportive Housing
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Support a range of homeless housing options
	Needs Addressed	Housing for Homeless/Those At Risk Of Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$66,608

	Description	Operational support for 13 unit single room occupancy permanent supportive housing project. CDBG funding will be paired with CoC funds of \$95,524 and HSP funds of \$59,545 for a total project cost of \$221,677.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13 individuals in 13 households
	Location Description	Property is located on Southwestern Boulevard in Arbutus. Eligibility is countywide.
	Planned Activities	Operating support for Arbutus Permanent Supportive Housing facility with 13 single room occupancy units for chronically homeless single women.
10	Project Name	Public Services - Cornerstone – Prospect Place Permanent Supportive Housing
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Support a range of homeless housing options
	Needs Addressed	Housing for Homeless/Those At Risk Of Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$49,000
	Description	Using a Housing First model, Cornerstone Community Housing, Prospect Place, provides permanent housing and case management assistance to 13 chronically homeless men and assists in developing goals and locating resources.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13 individuals representing 13 households
	Location Description	Project is located in Rosedale, but eligibility is countywide.

	Planned Activities	13 Chronically homeless tenants have a lease in their name and full rights of tenancy under landlord-tenant law. Participation in case management and other services is voluntary and tenants cannot be evicted for rejecting services. Housing is not time-limited, and the lease is renewable at tenants' and owners' option. Tenants pay no more than 30 percent of their income towards rent, with the balance available for discretionary spending. Tenants can choose form a range of supportive services based on their needs and preferences. Grant funds will support salary and fringe costs.
11	Project Name	Public Services - Easter Seals – Medical Adult Day Services in Baltimore
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$21,000
	Description	Community-based supports for largely elderly and extremely vulnerable County residents at-risk of losing their independence due to physical frailty, intellectual/developmental disabilities, memory impairments or disabling condition like Alzheimer's or stroke.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	178 individuals representing 150 households.
	Location Description	Project is located in Windsor Mill. Participants could come from anywhere in the County, but are largely form the County's west side.

	Planned Activities	Easter Seals will provide a wide range of structured services built around individual interests, choices, and abilities. Some services are still limited due to client vulnerability from COVID-19 pandemic, generally the program provides medically supervised care along with daily personal care/hygiene – including toileting assistance; wheelchair accessible transportation to/from homes; nutritious meals and snacks to accommodate a wide range of special diets, organized and stimulating individual and group activities and community outings, daily exercise programs, educational programs for clients/caregivers, on-site occupational, speech, and physical therapies and adaptive equipment training, skilled nursing services and medical monitoring with interventions to include daily nursing assessments, blood pressure checks, medication administration/injections, diabetes management/blood glucose monitoring, and regular health screenings including checking for mental health, fall risk and depression. Adult Day Care's community-based supports to Comprehensive and holistic, clinical staff and therapists closely monitor health conditions and collaborate with doctors and caregivers to ensure coordination of medications/treatments, case-managing each client's healthcare needs. Program reduces isolation by providing stimulating activities reflecting participants' experiences and interests. Grant funds support partial staff salary costs.
12	Project Name	Public Services - Episcopal Housing Corporation – St Francis Homework Club
	Target Area	Opportunity Areas Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,000
	Description	Homework Club for at-risk youth to provide safe after school location for those at-risk of homelessness and/or a low-income household. Children meet with tutors and are provided comprehensive educational support.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 individuals from 50 households will be assisted. Beneficiaries will be elementary, middle, and high school students.

	Location Description	St Francis Community Center, 2216 Pot Spring Road, Timonium
	Planned Activities	St Francis' Homework Club is a free educational program resulting from a coalition of faith-based and community partners in the Cockeysville/Timonium area of Baltimore County. The Homework Club will provide a safe place for 50 children who are at risk of homelessness and/or from a low-income family. These children will have the opportunity to do homework, meet with tutors, and be provided with a comprehensive educational support system. Grant funding will support staff who oversee the daily operations, programming and administrative costs. During the pandemic the program has been operating virtually. All programs and services operate daily over Google Meets, and will return to in person learning when it is safe to do so. Staff will advocate for students with special needs, attend IEP meeting and assist with in-school interventions for struggling students. The goal is to raise grades and improve attendance program attendees.
13	Project Name	Public Services - Heroes Helping Heroes - At-Risk Youth After School Program
	Target Area	Community Conservation Areas
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$57,000
	Description	After school development program aimed at improving academics, life skills and athletic ability of 120 at-risk Baltimore County youth ages 5 to 18. The program is built on three core elements - academic achievement, community services, and teamwork through athletics.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	120 youth from 120 households living in the Middle River area.
	Location Description	Salvation Army Middle River Boys and Girls Club in Middle River and at Middle River Middle School.

	Planned Activities	Academic success is achieved through monitoring and improving school attendance, structured homework time, and academic tutoring. Community service, the unique hallmark of the Heroes Helping Heroes program, involves HEROES youth volunteering weekly with pediatric hospital patients. The third element of the program emphasizes developing goals, teamwork, and a strong work ethic through participation on competitive basketball teams. Funding will support operational costs associated with salary and fringe.
14	Project Name	Public Services - House of Ruth - Intimate Partner Victim Services
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$37,000
	Description	Bilingual trauma-informed outreach to underserved members of the County experiencing intimate partner violence. All services will be provided in Spanish.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	55 individuals from 55 households experiencing intimate partner violence/sexual assault.
	Location Description	Location is confidential due to the sensitive nature of this client population, but participants can be from any part of the County.
	Planned Activities	For Baltimore County residents, bilingual outreach will provide services to underserved members of the community experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV). IPV victims are often isolated, abused physically or emotionally, and intimidated so the abusive partner can maintain power and control over the victim. Activities will address the additional challenges for immigrant, non-English speaking victims, where the language barrier and fear of deportation compound existing complications. To combat these circumstances, this trauma-informed outreach project provides IPV information, food support, crisis support, community resources referral, and seamless program enrollment to clients in safe, undisclosed, locations that are easily accessible by public transportation. All services are available in Spanish. Funds will support direct client services as well as salary and operating costs.

14	Project Name	Public Services - House of Ruth – Safe Homes Strong Communities
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,447
	Description	The Safe Homes project serves Baltimore County IPV victims who are homeless, or facing impending homelessness in efforts to escape an abusive relationship. With program assistance, IPV victims are able to procure permanent housing, moving from the temporary refuge of emergency shelter, or alternate temporary dwellings. CDBG funds are paired with \$31,361 in County funding.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 individuals in 10 households.
	Location Description	Location is confidential due to the sensitive nature of this client population, but participants can be from any part of the County.
15	Planned Activities	Prior to program entry, victims are screened for income sufficiency. Once accepted into the program, an assigned Service Coordinator (SC) helps the client find housing. Many victims find housing with one of HRM's landlord partners, others choose different properties. However, once victims find a home of their choosing, the SC coordinates with the landlord and client to finalize lease paperwork and each party signs an agreement outlining guidelines and expectations for the program. Checks for rental assistance are issued with the as the payee and the victim payee the landlord. Throughout the 3-6 months of rental assistance, SC's continue to work with victims.
	Project Name	Public Services - Jewish Community Services - Eviction Prevention
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Assist persons at-risk of homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Housing for Homeless/Those At Risk Of Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,000

	Description	Homeless Prevention Program serves households at-risk of eviction with low to moderate incomes. The program offers a short-term intervention strategies to: a) avert immediate eviction and maintain stable housing, and b) identify and address factors that may be contributing to housing instability.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	56 individuals from 22 households are expected to receive assistance.
	Location Description	Countywide eligibility
	Planned Activities	Services offered to at-risk households include financial assistance, service coordination (case management), behavioral health assessment and assistance with obtaining employment. Focus for assistance will be on the following communities – Greater Pikesville, Owings Mills, and Reisterstown. Grant funds will support direct client rental assistance as well as staff salary and fringe costs.
16	Project Name	Public Services – Jewish Community Services Career Lift
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Needs Addressed	Need to Fill This IN
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,233
	Description	The Career Lift program will provide a series of pre-recorded virtual video programming totaling 5 hours to be completed by the clients at their own pace and at the time that best suits their schedule. Video programming includes topics such as resumes/covers letters, interviewing skills, LinkedIn, networking/job searching, job retention and financial wellness. This virtual program will assist job finders in a post-COVID employment world.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 individuals from 15 households are expected to receive assistance.
	Location Description	Countywide eligibility
	Planned Activities	Participants will receive a total of six coaching sessions, including sessions with a one-on-one career coach and account representatives in Employer Services over a period of time that best addresses the client needs. Program participation will also include a bonus session with a financial wellness case manager, as well as access to a quarterly networking session facilitated by an Ignite Career Center professional, which will feature relevant speakers, current related articles and discussion. This comprehensive multifaceted job readiness program addresses the changing employment landscape as a result of COVID-19.
17	Project Name	Public Services - Latino Economic Development Corporation - Small Business Services
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Access to Public Services - Non-homeless
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000
	Description	Comprehensive, culturally, and linguistically competent small business services for Latinos and other underserved groups households in the County - many of whom speak a language other than English and may not own a home or car. Small Business Services are comprised of two program areas: 1) small business development technical assistance services, and 2) small business financing.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 individuals representing 38 Baltimore County Latinos and other underserved groups will receive comprehensive, culturally and linguistically competent services.
	Location Description	Services are offered at various locations in Baltimore County. LEDC headquarters are located in Baltimore City on North Avenue.

	Planned Activities	Comprehensive, culturally, and linguistically competent small business services for 50 Latinos and other underserved groups from 38 households in the County - many of whom speak a language other than English and may not own a home or car. Small Business Services are comprised of two program areas: 1) small business development technical assistance services, and 2) small business financing. The grant funds will support the work of the Small Business Team working with County residents. Business coaches will provide one-on-one coaching and group workshops while their lending program deploys credit-building and small business loans. The primary goal is to offer impactful small business training with core financial capability counseling and to deploy low-cost capital for small, not yet bankable, low to moderate income business owners. During the on-going COVID-19 crisis, LEDC has been a leader in providing underserved entrepreneurs with information and support to access relief programs and develop resilient businesses that can endure the economic disruptions.
18	Project Name	Public Services - St Vincent de Paul - INNterim House
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Support a range of homeless housing options
	Needs Addressed	Housing for Homeless/Those At Risk Of Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,500
	Description	Transitional Housing program for 20 households (60 individuals) experiencing homelessness (10 families at any one time) annually. Services include the transitional shelter and supportive services to include intensive case management and service linkages.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 individuals from 20 households will utilize the transitional shelter facilities at INNterim House.
	Location Description	The project site is located on Sudbrook Lane in Pikesville, but eligibility is countywide.

	Planned Activities	Interim House's goal is to minimize the length of time families are in the emergency shelter by providing them with an option designed to help them quickly stabilize their living situation, prepare and practice for living independently, and increase income and resources through access to mainstream benefits and employment. Interim House employs Housing First strategies and provides intensive case management services focused on helping the families to move into permanent housing and providing them with the tools they need to become self-sufficient. Grant funds support operating costs like staff, fringe, contractual services, utilities, communication costs.
20	Project Name	Public Facilities - ARC Baltimore - Alternative Living Unit for Three
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing for Persons in ALUs and Group Settings
	Needs Addressed	Housing Opps for Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$48,914
	Description	This activity will use \$41,034 in prior year CDBG funding and \$7,880 in current year entitlement funding. Accessibility improvements to an Alternative Living Unit (ALU) in the Towson area. Three adults with disabilities live in the ALU.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 adults living with a disabling condition will benefit from the improvements.
	Location Description	Residential dwelling in the Towson area.
	Planned Activities	Residents with disabilities will benefit from installation of a ramp to the front door; complete renovation of an existing bathroom/laundry room area; replacement of a window to provide safe egress.
21	Project Name	Public Facilities – Baltimore Medical Systems, Inc.
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Support Community Infrastructure through Buildings
	Needs Addressed	Community Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$400,000

	Description	Funds will support the equipment build out of a newly constructed federally-qualified health care facility. 8625 individuals with benefit.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8625 low-income individuals will receive medical care at this newly constructed medical facility in the southeast region of Baltimore County.
	Location Description	9504 Philadelphia Road, Baltimore MD 21237
	Planned Activities	Equipment needed to support the final phase of build out of this medical/clinic facility, including examination tables and diagnostic/monitoring equipment, will be purchased and outfitted to the facility. The new facility will function as a Federally Qualified Health Center, community health center, providing family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, and behavioral health with a focus on cross collaboration between specialties and services.
22	Project Name	Public Facilities – Board of Child Care of the United Methodist Church, Inc
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Support Community Infrastructure through Buildings
	Needs Addressed	Community Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$85,000
	Description	Window replacements to modernize and improve functionality of a residential dwelling that serves individuals with disabilities.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10
	Location Description	Milford Mill community, south of Liberty Road
	Planned Activities	Clients with disabilities and the provider agency will benefit from modernized, more functional windows in a group home that will enhance mechanical functions of the windows through replacement, and improve security options/controls.
	Project Name	Public Facilities – Easter Seals Serving DC,MD,VA, Inc.

23	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Support Community Infrastructure through Buildings
	Needs Addressed	Community Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$108,666
	Description	Funds will support a new air filtration system to improve a day programming facility serving the elderly and clients living with a disability.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	178
	Location Description	Windsor Boulevard in northwest Baltimore County, zip code 21244
	Planned Activities	Day programming, meals and a safe, stimulating environment to serve elderly and disabled clients, including individuals with Alzheimer's disease, other dementias and age-related complications, including limited mobility.
24	Project Name	Public Facilities – Prologue, Inc
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Support Community Infrastructure through Buildings
	Needs Addressed	Community Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,770
	Description	This activity will be funded with prior year CDBG funding. Replacement of an aging roof and HVAC unit at Prologue service/headquarters facility which serves low-income citizens and those living with a disability.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	551 individuals
	Location Description	Milford Mill Road, Pikesville, Baltimore County

	Planned Activities	Building houses psychiatric services, services to the homeless, day programming.
25	Project Name	Public Facilities – Richcroft, Inc (ALU)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Housing for Persons in ALUs and Group Settings
	Needs Addressed	Housing Opps for Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	This activity will be funded with prior year CDBG funding. Improvements to the lower level of a residential Alternative Living Unit in northern Baltimore County to improve access to a laundry area and provide habitable recreation/common area.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 individuals
	Location Description	Residential dwelling in northern, central region of Baltimore County.
	Planned Activities	Three residents will benefit from an improved lower-level common area, recreational area; the project will also restructure the laundry area and achieve a vast improvement in the space to be renovated.
26	Project Name	Public Facilities - Balance of Funds
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$0
	Description	Baltimore County is reserving funds for additional capital projects that meet a CDBG eligible population that may come in throughout the year. The County may hold another RFP or it may entertain requests from nonprofit partners for unique projects that meet a need in Baltimore County. Once an eligible project has been identified for use with these funds, this Action Plan will be amended with a full description, including accomplishment data, location, and number/type of households or individuals assisted so that the public may understand the impact of the project(s) on the County.

	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Projects to be assisted through this effort could cover a variety of CDBG eligible activities. Potential goal supported could be as follows: Housing for the Homeless or Those At-risk of Homelessness, Shelter and Transitional Housing for Special Needs, and Support Community Infrastructure.
	Location Description	As determined throughout the County
	Planned Activities	Projects to be assisted through this effort could cover a variety of CDBG eligible activities. Potential goals supported could be as follows: Housing for the Homeless or Those At-risk of Homelessness, Shelter and Transitional Housing for Special Needs, and Support Community Infrastructure. Goal outcome indicators will be selected at the time of project submission and CDBG eligibility review determination. The County plans to use \$81,902 in FFY21 entitlement funds and \$300,000 in old CDBG funds.
27	Project Name	Enforcement and Clearance Activities in CDBG Eligible Areas
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Removal of Blighted Buildings Code Enforcement to Maintain Livable Communities
	Needs Addressed	Community Sustainability
	Funding	CDBG: \$232,369
	Description	Activities may include code enforcement and clearance activities for community sustainability. Funds may be used for items like code enforcement (\$100,000) for salaries and overhead costs associated with property inspections and follow-up actions (such as legal proceedings) directly related to the enforcement (not correction) of state and local codes AND \$70,000 in clearance or demolition of approximately 3 buildings/improvements, or the movement of buildings to other sites.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Selected low-moderate income communities to be determined throughout the year as County identifies areas for targeted assistance.

	Planned Activities	Code enforcement in CDBG eligible neighborhoods of Baltimore County and removal of blighted buildings that pose a public health/community sustainability issue within a neighborhood. The County plans to use \$129,485 in FFY21 entitlement funding paired with \$102,884 in old CDBG funds.
28	Project Name	General Administration and Activities Subject to the 20% Admin Cap
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$888,746
	Description	Funds are used for the coordination, administration, and implementation of eligible activities under the CDBG Program, ESG Program and Continuum of Care Programs as well as other federal, state and local efforts supporting CDBG-eligible activities. Included in these efforts are eligible CDBG planning and fair housing activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Department of Housing and Community Development, 105 W Chesapeake Ave, Suite 201, Towson MD 21204
	Planned Activities	General administration and planning activities.
29	Project Name	General Administration - Fair Housing Activities - Subject to the 20% Cap
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Promote Fair Housing Outreach, Education, Testing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000 County General Funds: \$100,000

	Description	Funds activities in support of vendor services around Fair Housing testing and referrals. This is an administrative activity promoting the County's Fair Housing efforts. Services include fair housing outreach, training, rental testing, sales testing, lending testing and investigation of complaints/referrals. Services are currently being provided by Fair Housing Action Center of Maryland, but the contract is ending and the County's purchasing office will be selecting a fair housing provider again using a competitive bidding process during this Action Plan period.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Department of Housing and Community Development, 105 W Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201, Towson MD 21204
	Planned Activities	Funds will support \$50,000 worth of costs associated with conducting fair housing tests throughout the County. No GOI indicators numbers are included for this activity subject to the 20% cap. This is an administrative activity promoting the County's Fair housing efforts. Services include fair housing outreach, training, rental testing, sales testing, lending testing and investigation of complaints/referrals. Services are currently being provided by Fair Housing Action Center of Maryland, but the contract is ending and the County's purchasing office will be selecting a fair housing provider again using a competitive bidding process during this Action Plan period.
30	Project Name	General Administration - CoC Consultant - Subject to 20% Cap
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	General administration and planning activity. Funds support consultant hired to assist County with its annual Continuum of Care review and application planning efforts.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an administrative activity.
	Location Description	Department of Housing and Community Development, 105 W Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201, Towson MD 21204
	Planned Activities	General administration and planning activity. Funds support consultant hired to assist County with its annual Continuum of Care review and application planning efforts.
31	Project Name	General Administration - Fair Housing Regional Coordination - Subject to 20% Cap
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,800
	Description	Funds support Baltimore County's portion of the Baltimore Metro Council's Fair Housing Regional Coordination staff work.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an administrative activity.
	Location Description	Department of Housing and Community Development, 105 W Chesapeake Ave, Suite 201, Towson MD 21204
	Planned Activities	This is administrative activity related to Fair Housing Activities of the Baltimore Metro Region. Funds support Baltimore County's portion of the Baltimore Metro Council's Fair Housing Regional Coordination staff work.
32	Project Name	ESG22 Baltimore County
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Support a range of homeless housing options
	Needs Addressed	Housing for Homeless/Those At Risk Of Homelessness

Funding	ESG: \$361,018
Description	<p>Federal Program Year 2022 HESG funds (\$361,018) will provide the foundation, with prior year HESG balance funds of \$73,000 for an expected total of \$434,018 available for use in CFY 2023. Funds will be support selected organizations that will (a) assist in rapidly rehousing (RRH) persons who are chronically homeless, (b) provide street outreach to individuals and families who are homeless and have one or more qualifying special needs, (c) support emergency shelter operations. The County anticipates serving 69 households (approximately 177 individuals) with RRH services provided by Episcopal Housing Corporation and St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, Inc. The County anticipates serving 145 individuals via street outreach efforts, with Prologue, Inc serving as provider, and 50 households receiving emergency shelter services. Baltimore County will also utilize 7.5% of the funds for salary costs associated with the coordination, administration, and implementation of the ESG program. No ESG funds are currently planned for homelessness prevention or HMIS, but the County reserves the right to use ESG funding for those purposes should the need arise and funding is available.</p>
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>ESG Annual Entitlement Funding: Rapid Rehousing services for 69 households (approximately 177 individuals) will be provided and approximately 145 individuals currently experiencing homelessness by living on the streets or areas not meant for human habitation will receive outreach related case management. These 145 individuals will represent 630 street outreach contacts. 50 households are expected to received emergency shelter services.</p> <p>The Rapid Rehousing beds supported through this ESG funding are included in performance measures below, but ESG Performance Measures are also reported separately in the back of Plan under the ESG specific requirements. Per HUD's May 2018 Desk Guide to the ConPlan, the 145 individuals assisted through street outreach case management are included in the HUD Goal Outcome Indicator 13. Homeless person overnight shelter because there is currently no GOI for ESG-funded Street Outreach activities and must include an explanation to this effect in a text box.</p>
Location Description	Actual location of units funded through Rapid Rehousing will be decided upon by the client at the time of service. Street outreach locations will vary based on where persons present themselves. Emergency Shelter services will be located in Essex, Maryland.

	Planned Activities	With ESG entitlement funding, two organizations (Episcopal Housing Corporation and St Vincent de Paul) will operate rapid rehousing programs to 69 County households and one organization (Prologue) will operate a Street Outreach program in Baltimore County providing outreach related case management to 145 individuals. Emergency Shelter services will assist 50 individuals/50 households. Administrative funds of 7.5% will be utilized by the County for implementation, oversight, and coordination.
33	Project Name	Housing Counseling Services - CDBG, HOME, County
	Target Area	Community Conservation Areas
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeowner Affordability & Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$190,000 HOME: \$164,000 County General Funds: \$100,000
	Description	Project supports direct homeownership counseling for pre-purchase, post-purchase and foreclosure counseling to residents expecting to purchase a home in the County and/or residing in Baltimore County. Funding will be \$190,000 in CDBG and \$164,000 in HOME.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 30 counseled homeowners will receive direct homeownership counseling assistance resulting in Settlement Expense Loan Program (SELP) assistance to homebuyers in Baltimore County. Federal funds support this activity. County general funds support additional housing counseling activities.
	Location Description	Community Conservation areas. Exact addresses for SELP loans will be selected by potential homeowners.
	Planned Activities	Contracted nonprofit providers will provide homeownership counseling for pre-purchase, post-purchase and foreclosure counseling to residents interested in purchasing homes in Baltimore County. Of those receiving counseling, approximately 30 will be provided direct assistance through the SELP program. Actual numbers served will be captured as part of the SELP loan activity.
34	Project Name	HOME Acquisition, Construction, and/or Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Opportunity Areas
	Goals Supported	Affordable/Accessible Housing - Renters/Homeowners

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$2,500,000
	Description	The County will pursue opportunities to invest HOME funds to create and preserve affordable housing (rental). The County will use HOME funds to provide gap financing to developers of affordable housing. The County will use the Neighborhood and Site Selection Standards found at 24 CFR Part 983 to guide its funding decisions. FFY21 funding is expected to use \$1,151,522 in HOME Entitlement award and \$1,348,478 in old HOME funding for a total of \$2,500,000.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Beneficiaries will depend upon specific projects as they become identified. The County has put in 150 units as a placeholder.
	Location Description	Locations will depend upon specific projects as they become identified.
	Planned Activities	Assistance to developers of rental housing projects for acquisition or rehab of properties serving Baltimore County families and individuals in need of affordable housing. In FFY 2022, the County plans to use \$1,151,522 of its annual HOME entitlement award and \$1,348,478 of old HOME funds for this project for total available funding of \$2,500,000.
35	Project Name	HOME Administration - Balance
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$114,789
	Description	Funds will be used for the coordination, administration, and implementation of the HOME Investment Partnership Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an administrative activity. Funds are used for staff costs and other administrative activities.

	Location Description	Department of Planning, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201, Towson MD 21204
	Planned Activities	This is an administrative activity. Funds are used for staff costs and other administrative activities.
36	Project Name	HOME - CHDO Operating - 5%
	Target Area	Community Conservation Areas
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeowner Affordability & Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$139,394
	Description	This fund will be used to support operating costs associated with activities that increase and expand homeownership, stabilize, and revitalize the existing housing stock, and address the priority housing needs of persons who require supportive housing. Specific projects are to be determined.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Individuals living at 80% of AMI or below will benefit. Efforts will support homeownership initiatives.
	Location Description	Community Conservation areas around Baltimore County.
	Planned Activities	See description above. This project is funded with \$139,394 in CHDO Operating costs (5% of HOME Award (\$2,237,888) plus program income \$550,000)). Specific projects are yet to be determined.
37	Project Name	HOME - CHDO Set Aside - 15%
	Target Area	Opportunity Areas Community Conservation Areas
	Goals Supported	Affordable/Accessible Housing - Renters/Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$418,183

	Description	CHDO Set Aside funds of 15% of HOME Award + Program Income (\$2,237,888 + \$550,000) totaling \$418,183 for use by Community Housing Development Organizations for housing development loans. This fund will be used to support activities that increase and expand homeownership, stabilize and revitalize existing housing stock, and address the housing needs of persons who require supportive housing. The production of units will be carried out by certified CHDOs. Specific projects are to be determined.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Individuals living at 80% of AMI or below will benefit. In FFY22, efforts will support rental initiatives. Potential projects involve JP Homes, Diversified and Eastside CDCs. Units will be focused in Community Conservation and Opportunity Areas, but other areas may apply for funds as needed.
	Location Description	Community Conservation areas and Opportunity Areas around Baltimore County are the focus.
	Planned Activities	CHDO Set Aside funds of 15% of HOME Award + Program Income (\$2,237,888 + \$550,000) totaling \$418,183 for use by Community Housing Development Organizations for housing development loans to ensure affordable housing units in the County. Funds will be used by Community Housing Development Organizations for housing development loans to ensure affordable housing units in the County.
38	Project Name	HOME Ownership Program - Repair/Rehabilitation/Acquisition
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable/Accessible Housing - Renters/Homeowners
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME:\$500,000
	Description	FFY 2022 allocation of HOME funds reserved for homeowners to repair/renovate their homes. The County plans \$300,000 in HOME FFY2022 entitlement funds to assist/repair three (3) household units and \$200,000 of awarded funds for acquisition/rehab of three units.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Using HOME funds, six household units will be repaired/renovated or acquired/rehabilitated.
	Location Description	Department of Housing and Community Development, 105 W Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 201, Towson MD 21204 is the administrative location, but individual homeowners will apply for assistance from across the County.
	Planned Activities	HOME funds will be used for extremely low, very low, and low-income homeowners to repair and renovate their homes, bringing them in compliance with Baltimore County codes. Homeowners countywide are eligible for the program. Repairs and renovations will be done in accordance with healthy home standards and guidelines.
39	Project Name	HOME - Settlement Expense Loan Program (SELP)
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeowner Affordability & Sustainability
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$300,000
	Description	During County Fiscal Year 2023, the County will allocate HOME funds to support first-time buyers with purchasing a home in Baltimore County with \$10,000 assistance per household.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At \$10,000 assistance per household, 30 households will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	Location is determined by homebuyers purchasing properties in Baltimore County. Properties are selected by individual residents.
	Planned Activities	Nonprofit organizations will support first-time buyers with purchasing a home in Baltimore County with \$10,000 per household. The program provides assistance to 30 households to purchase homes in Baltimore County.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The County will group entitlement funds in four geographic target areas of Baltimore County during the Consolidated Plan period. Please note that due to issues with the design of the HUD database and download of this document, the fourth distribution area, Countywide, does not appear in the chart below. The three geographic areas identified below are - Opportunity Areas, Sustainable Communities, and Community Conservation Areas - and in multiple cases can overlap. As a result, a funded project could be represented across all three listed areas and/or a project could physically be operated in one of the geographic areas listed below and still serve eligible citizens countywide. As a result, the numbers in the chart below will not add to 100%. All public service activities in Baltimore County are open to citizens countywide as long as the CDBG eligibility requirements are satisfied. This is the case even if the project is located in one of the County's identified geographic focus areas. For the purposes of building affordable housing, however, the County is prioritizing family housing in Opportunity Areas. The Sustainable Community and Community Conservation Areas are locally designed and correspond to State or local urban planning/funding areas.

Opportunity Areas are predominantly in the southwest and the northwest/central/ and northeast sections of the County. Areas inside of the Urban Rural Demarcation Line (URDL) are predominantly “outer Beltway” communities that are a mix of older suburban villages and traditional, lower density suburban development as well as high density growth areas with a mix of housing types, amenities and services. Most of the County’s employment opportunities are here – healthcare, manufacturing, services, information technology, research and governmental agencies. These areas in the County’s Priority Funding Area, have public infrastructure, and are slated for growth consistent with the County’s Master Plan. **Sustainable Communities** – These communities are older suburban villages or towns anchored by downtown business districts and surrounded by a mix of housing types of varying densities and ages. **Community Conservation Areas** – generally consist of low to moderate density suburban residential neighborhoods that are often adjacent to higher density, more mixed use areas served by public water and sewer facilities and often represented in the older communities ringing the Baltimore Beltway. Community Conservation Areas are within the URDL and considered part of the Priority Funding Area. **Countywide** services are primarily representative of the public service activities. Many of these are located in Community Conservation areas serving the County's older communities.

The distribution of funds below does not include the funds spent on administrative activities in support of General Administration, Housing Rehabilitation, Housing Services, and HOME Administration. The majority of the County's funds are open to individuals across the entire County. Built environment projects around affordable housing are targeted to Opportunity Areas associated with the County's

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Opportunity Areas	50
Sustainable Communities	10
Community Conservation Areas	95

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The County wishes to support the movement of housing and other services for those most in need into the County's Opportunity Areas. These areas have been identified as having high economic opportunity, a strong homeowner occupied housing stock, strong median household income, low poverty rates and are not in areas of minority concentration. Generally these areas are considered to have strong schools, low crime, and good transportation options to work. Although the geographic distribution chart above only captures the federal funds spent, Baltimore County will also continue to provide County General Funds in the amount of \$3 million per year for affordable housing construction. In addition, Baltimore County will be setting aside \$300,000 a year in County General Funds for housing modifications to make accessible rental units in Opportunity Areas for those participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

In addition to the aforementioned County funds, HUD funds will be used to assist low and moderate income individuals living in Opportunity Areas, Sustainable Communities and Community Conservation Areas. HUD defines low and moderate income areas as those where income concentrations of a block group fall within a jurisdiction's top 25 percent. In Baltimore County this means neighborhoods where the percentage of the County's citizens have incomes at or below 80 percent of the area median income. A high portion of these neighborhoods are also home to the County's minority population. Many of these neighborhoods fall within the Community Conservation Areas and the County feels it is important to support these neighborhoods with a variety of services. Lastly, it is important to remember that there are also services that will be provided countywide like services for victims of domestic violence, homeless, and immigrants and others with Limited English Proficiency. The County maintains its commitment to these populations as well.

Discussion

Baltimore County's geographic priority areas reflect the housing and community development needs of its citizens. Housing (new construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation) will be concentrated largely in the Opportunity Areas while the County also maintains its commitment to providing needed public services like affordable child care, quality afterschool programming, job training and citizenship services. As mentioned in the first paragraph of this section, due to the overlapping boundaries of the

distribution areas above, projects may hit multiple target areas. As a result the numbers will not add to 100, but show percentages over 100.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The charts below reflect affordable housing units provided using federal CDBG and HOME funds only. The County also plans to use its own funds to support the creation of additional affordable rental housing in Baltimore County. Those are reflected in our narrative discussion of this document. The chart below pulls numbers only from those projects funded through federal funding. In the case where a project is funded with both federal and county or other funds, those units will be included in the chart below.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	204
Special-Needs	51
Total	255

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	150
Rehab of Existing Units	102
Acquisition of Existing Units	3
Total	105

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The Annual Affordable Housing Completion Goals (Table 3B Section 215) is captured in the County's Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER). In prior Consolidated Plans, the County included its CDBG funds for 59 Permanent Supportive Housing under the Homeless households above. The County continues to provide funds to those 59 households. However, those funds are used for general program operations rather than specific rental unit costs. As a result, the County has removed those units from the 215 chart. Additionally, the County continues to make a grant to Rebuilding Together for its rehabilitation of older homes in the County, however, the County is funding the administrative oversight only. As a result, the County has removed the specific unit association from this direct calculation since the funded activity is rehab administration only and not hard unit costs.

Expected units assisted in the coming Action Plan period would include: homeowners receiving rehabilitation through the Single Family Rehab program (38) and HAMP for homeowners (30),

rehabilitation of Alternative Living Units for citizens living with a disability (6), residential dwelling for persons with disabilities (10), housing accessibility modifications through CDBG to renters (5), affordable rental housing for units through HOME acquisition/rehab of units (3), gap financing to affordable rental housing developers (150 units placeholder), homeownership repair through HOME(3). Of these Action Plan expected units, those meeting the needs of people with disabilities are recognized as Special Needs housing through HAMP, ALUs or residential dwellings for people living with disabilities.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Baltimore County does not own, nor operate any Public Housing developments.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

Baltimore County, Maryland, is located in the geographic center of Maryland, surrounding the City of Baltimore almost entirely, and is bordered by Howard, Harford, Carroll, and Anne Arundel Counties. The county, with a population of over 800,000, is the largest jurisdiction in the Baltimore-Towson Metro Area, and the second largest Continuum of Care in the state of Maryland. The CoC serves 3,000-4,000 people annually across all homeless service programs. The County's Point in Time (PIT) counts total 10-12% of the State's totals annually. Baltimore County's homeless services are funded independently from other counties, yet data shows that those experiencing homelessness in Baltimore County frequently cross borders between the surrounding jurisdictions. The county utilizes best practices learned from communities nationwide to identify local strategies that will prevent more households from becoming homeless. For those who do become homeless, these strategies will reduce the length of time that they experience homelessness. The county will use its HOME funds, CDBG, county General Funds and Payments in Lieu of Taxes to preserve and create affordable rental housing that will be affordable to families with an emphasis on expanding housing opportunities in non-impacted areas and in areas of high opportunity.

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

Since the 1990s Prologue's Street Team, funded through the CoC, has served the most chronic and vulnerable homeless population throughout Baltimore County, providing both outreach and intensive case management. The Team is dedicated to meeting people where they are in order to be responsive to their needs and most importantly to begin the important process of establishing trust in order to build an effective working relationship. A vulnerability assessment is completed to determine severity of service needs and length of homelessness, and a housing plan is developed as part of the case management provided to those willing to accept ongoing services. The ultimate goal is to assist unsheltered homeless individuals and families to obtain mainstream benefits and other resources so that they can secure a stable, safe living environment. Historically, the Street Team has been comprised of a team leader as well as case managers who are responsible for both outreach and for providing ongoing case management to persons "enrolled" in case management services. Most recently, in order to be more responsive to concerns from elected officials, local police, community groups, private citizens, service providers, BDPS, and others, the County provided Prologue with additional funding in order to create a team dedicated strictly to outreach. As a result of this dedicated outreach team, Prologue staff is able to respond to calls regarding homeless unsheltered persons within two days of the

referral.

As part of Prologue's services, they also have an outreach site, open three days a week, in Towson. Persons who are homeless may visit the site to obtain a hot meal, to take a shower, to do laundry, to get personal needs items, to speak with a case manager, or simply as a place to stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. This has proved to be a valuable resource in reaching people and developing relationships. Additionally, Prologue has a staff person who administers SOAR as appropriate in order to secure benefits. The County will continue to support Prologue's efforts, and the efforts of local faith-based groups and others, to reach out to unsheltered persons, to assess their needs, to provide resources and to engage person in plans to obtain housing. To continue Baltimore County's efforts to prevent, prepare for, and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the County will increase its outreach efforts using ESG-CV allocated funds. By allowing nonprofits of the County's Continuum of Care provide outreach services.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The County contracts with two non-profit organizations for the operation of the three largest emergency shelters (Eastside Family Shelter - 235 beds, Hannah More Shelter - 85 beds, and the Westside Men's Shelter -140 beds). Using federal, state and county funding, the County has also supported three additional emergency shelters at the Night of Peace Family Shelter, the Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, and Churches for Streets of Hope. The County supports three transitional shelters in Turn Around, Inc., the Family Crisis Center, and St Vincent de Paul INNterim House. The shelters provide a wide range of programs and services, including but not limited to sleeping accommodations, meals, laundry, shower and other essential services, case management, health and mental health services and referrals, parenting classes, life skills and other workshops, job skills training and employment assistance, child development and recreational activities, housing and budget counseling, tutoring, and more. Due to COVID-19, Baltimore County was forced to reduce its bed capacity at each shelter to ensure that no resident became infected with COVID-19 while in shelter. All singles and families with an increased vulnerability to infection by COVID were housed in hotels. The County was able to maintain a zero positivity rate in our shelters.

Many of the households served in Baltimore County are served by the emergency shelter system. However, the cost of serving them with the current emergency shelter model is very expensive. On average, an exit to permanent housing for a family from shelter is over \$43,000, almost three times the cost for them to exit a transitional housing program and many times more costly than the average rapid re-housing program. This high cost can be attributed to the longer lengths of stay in the emergency shelters (higher than the HEARTH Act goal of 30 days) and the number of exits to permanent housing, and other factors including service costs that are not housing focused. To become cost effective and high performing in terms of desired permanent housing outcomes, shelters will become more focused on rapidly re-housing the households they serve. Having an emergency shelter system that is integrated into coordinated assessment but focused on moving households out quickly will also help keep lengths

of stay brief. Services will shift to a housing focus.

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

Baltimore County's 10 Year Plan to Prevent and Reduce Homelessness focuses on the housing first model and permanent housing, and as such, County shelters, as well as the Prologue's Homeless Outreach Team, have shifted to a housing focus. The County is utilizing Federal funding to support established rapid re-housing programs. The programs are designed to move sheltered families from the shelters expeditiously and into permanent housing with time limited supportive services designed to help ensure housing stability. Additionally, the County provides local flex funding to the shelter's Rapid Re-Housing Specialists to assist shelter residents to identify and overcome obstacles to housing and to locate and secure permanent housing. The funds may cover items including, but not limited to housing and utility arrearages, first month's rent and security deposit and essential furnishing. Finally, in order to serve the needs of those that require longer term supportive services, the County also continues to support and expand the supply of both site based and scattered site permanent housing units. Within the next year, the County will implement the use of the Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix to evaluate and rank homeless individuals and families being referred to permanent supportive housing programs. Through HMIS, households will be placed on a waiting list, with those most vulnerable receiving priority for placements. The County is currently in the process of training case managers on the use of this vulnerability assessment tool.

The system-wide shift toward a housing first/rapid re-housing focus required a shift in how emergency shelters do business, from their general operations to their case management services. This new emphasis however has helped shelters serve more people, has reduced the number of people forced to live on the street, and has reduced the amount of time households spend homeless.

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.

A key strategy for ending homelessness is preventing individuals from becoming homeless in the first place. Using federal, state, and county funds, a number of County agencies provide financial assistance

to prevent eviction, as well as to help with preventing the disconnection of utilities. The County uses its own funds to support a shelter diversion program which can find creative solutions to deter individuals and families from going into shelter. Partnering with the St Vincent de Paul, this program enables the County to use shelter beds for those most in need. Diversion case managers work to keep individuals/families in their current housing, unify them with family/friends when possible, move quickly into new housing, or navigate other issues that appear to be obstacles to housing. Financial assistance is provided through a flexible fund to meet the specific and unique needs of individual families, including short-term rental assistance, one-time emergency assistance, transportation funding, security deposits, etc.

The County has several strategies to prevent individuals being discharged from a publicly funded institution (foster care, hospitals, mental health program, jail, etc.) from becoming homeless. The County's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is responsible for implementing discharge planning for children in foster care. The County's goal is to make sure every child has a permanent supportive connection before they age out of care. As policy, if youth leave after they turn 18, they can return until they are 21 and receive aftercare assistance including housing. Baltimore County Department of Planning, in collaboration with Healthcare for the Homeless Baltimore County and DHHS, has policies for discharging homeless patients to medical respite. Historically, the County has 20 convalescent beds set aside for those needing this type of access. Healthcare institutions follow County protocol to call the Homeless Screening Unit and refer patients to shelter. DHHS works with Corrections to address discharge planning for clients. Homeless prevention services are provided to link mainstream resources, workforce development, credit repair and eviction prevention assistance. DHHS's Behavioral Health unit provides in-house case management support to clients with mental illness to assist with the transition, including residential rehabilitation housing beds through a variety of providers.

The county is also placing continued attention on the rental housing needs of low-income families and persons with disabilities. The County is working to create and expand rental housing for low-income families and persons with disabilities in areas of low poverty and high opportunity. Ideally this housing is best when located close to good schools, employment, transportation, and services such as health care centers, libraries, and community centers. The County set a goal of establishing 1,000 new affordable housing units over a 12-year period. Ten percent of these units would be available to disabled households; 50% would be available to larger households and feature three bedrooms. The County agreed to direct 2,000 Housing Choice Vouchers to Very High, High and Moderate Areas of Opportunity over a ten year period, 10 percent of which must be for disabled households. The County also established a mobility counseling program to assist voucher holders. The County also supported source-of-income legislation for the state and enacted its own source-of income law.

The combination of these many-tiered efforts will help low-income individuals and families avoid

becoming homeless.

Discussion

The County has a strong commitment to meeting the needs of the County's homeless citizens and in efforts to divert people from becoming homeless. As the lead agency, the Baltimore County Department of Planning will continue to work with its governmental, faith based, consumer and private citizen partners to address the multivariate needs of this population.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The County outlined its strategy to remove or ameliorate barriers to affordable housing in its Consolidated Plan. The following is a description of the actions that will be taken in CFY 23 to implement the strategy.

Included in the County's Master Plan 2020 a clear statement articulating the County's commitment to expanding fair housing choice for members of protected classes through the creation of affordable rental opportunities in a variety of neighborhoods and include the applicable elements of the Voluntary Compliance Agreement (VCA). The Master Plan must comply with the established review and approval procedures of the Planning Board and County Council.

The County Executive submitted his proposal for the operating and capital budgets for CFY 23 to the County Council. In compliance with the VCA, the County included \$3 million in the Economic Development Financing Fund to support the creation of affordable rental "hard units" in Areas of Opportunity as well as \$300,000 for accessibility modifications needed by Housing Choice Voucher holders. In accordance with the VCA, the County will continue to pursue its goal of accessibility modifications for those voucher holders in need of such modifications. Based on the VCA agreement, the County may provide the use of uncommitted funds to other low income rental families who need assistance to pay for structural housing modifications to meet the accessibility needs of a family member with a disability, but the County continues to focus these funds on voucher families.

The County will continue to use HOME and CDBG to increase access to homeownership and maintain and increase housing for low/moderate income households, and will continue to fund fair housing activities including education and outreach, training, rental testing, sales testing, lending testing counseling, and investigation of complaints and referrals. The contract for fair housing services through a competitive bidding process was approved by the County Council on June 6 and will commence on July 1, 2022. Services will include fair housing outreach, training, rental testing, sales testing, lending testing, investigation of complaints and referrals, and tenant landlord counseling, using a combination of General Funds, CDBG, and ARP-SLFR. This is in direct response to the great impact COVID has had on the eviction threat. These services are currently being provided by the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition, and will continue during the Action Plan period.

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

To address impediments posed by source of income restrictions, Baltimore County Council passed the "HOME Act" on November 4, 2019 which prohibits housing discrimination based on lawful sources of

income. As a result it is now illegal for a property owner to refuse to rent to a potential tenant based on the person's source of income, in the same manner that renters cannot be discriminated against based on their race, sex, religion, and other legally protected groups. Source of income can refer to income from a job, public assistance programs, benefits, inheritance, a pension, an annuity, the sale of a property and other similar financial considerations including participation in the Housing Choice Voucher program. The County will continue to support efforts to educate landlords and lessen opportunities for income discrimination in housing.

The County will continue to use ARP-SLRF, HOME and CDBG to increase access to homeownership and maintain and increase housing for low/moderate income households, and will continue to fund fair housing activities including testing, education and outreach, counseling, investigation of complaints and referrals, and tenant landlord counseling. The contract for fair housing services to the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition through a competitive bidding process was approved by the County Council on June 6, 2022. These services are currently being provided by Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition and this same organization will continue to provide these services in the new fiscal year and beyond.

Baltimore County established an Affordable Housing Work Group with membership from a variety of stakeholder groups, including government, the private sector, advocacy organizations, and County citizens. The work group currently had three subcommittees - education, zoning, and legal/best practices - and is finalizing its report to submit to the County Executive this summer.

Discussion:

Efforts to make changes that affect various public policies such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations and other policies that contribute to the creation of barriers to access affordable housing will involve consistent, outcome directed education for citizens as well as the political realm. Implementation of the Affordable Housing Work Group recommendations is the next step in this effort.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The federal funding which supports the activities identified in this document's federally-funded project list represents just a portion of the efforts necessary to meet the needs of Baltimore County's low to moderate income citizens. In addition to the County's entitlements fund of CDBG, HOME, and ESG, the County adds federal Continuum of Care funds, State homeless funds, and a considerable portion of County funds to support activities like those in the project list.

Additionally, in response to COVID-19 pandemic, the County has specific funding dedicated to pandemic response. This includes CDBG-CV, ESG-CV, State of MD CDBG-CV, US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program direct County funding, State of Maryland US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program, American Rescue Plan Act – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and the expectation of upcoming HOME-CV funding. Combined these funds have provided approximately \$80 million to Baltimore County in response to the pandemic, with an anticipated \$16 million in the pipeline for SLFR-funded projects. The vast majority of these funds are dedicated exclusively to rental assistance and eviction prevention. Plans for some of the above-mentioned funds were included in the FFY 2019 and FFY20 Action Plans, as appropriate.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Federal funds alone are not enough to meet the need of Baltimore County's citizens. The County leverages these federal funds with State and County monies while encouraging our nonprofit partners to seek private funders as we all work together to meet the needs of our low and moderate income citizens. To this end, the County uses State Emergency Assistance Program dollars in its eviction prevention efforts, State funding from the Homeless Solutions Program to assist homeless/transitional shelters and homeless youth programs in the County. The County provides substantial funding to the Maryland Food Bank as well as the County's community action agency and a host of other nonprofit agencies working with low and moderate income County citizens.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As mentioned several times throughout this document, the County's Voluntary Compliance Agreement sets out a road map for construction of affordable rental housing for larger families, citizens living with a disability, and those least likely to seek out affordable housing in Opportunity Areas. As part of this effort, the County will: increase the total number of affordable rental units including an expansion of those that are wheelchair accessible with accessible public and common spaces, make housing modifications/accessibility repairs to assist special needs populations and the elderly remain in their homes, support permanent supported housing for individuals, families and the chronically homeless, remediate environmental toxins like lead and mold from homes, support Fair Housing efforts, assist homebuyers through pre purchase and post purchase counseling and mortgage write down, and

increase the overall supply of affordable rental housing through new construction, substantial rehabilitation or acquisition. The implementation of the Affordable Housing Workgroup recommendations are also expected to guide and lead to the creation and preservation of the County's affordable housing stock. One hundred percent of the County's entitlement funds in this area are expected to serve the County's low and moderate income citizens. As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the County has also amended its FFY2019/FFY2020 Action Plans in response to federal stimulus funds targeted to helping individuals and families maintain housing or gain quick entry into housing as part of the pandemic response.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

In August 2013, Baltimore County began educating county citizens about lead-based paint (LBP) risks associated with housing units built prior to 1978 and began to remediate homes containing lead. The County's goal is to increase the access and availability of lead safe and lead free housing for low and moderate income County households. In accordance with the Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992; before any construction activities are undertaken the County requires that a certified Maryland Risk Assessor test each applicable residence for the existence of LBP and to prepare a risk assessment report which dictates the required methods for addressing the LBP hazard. Per the State of Maryland's Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing law, owners of rental properties are required to register their units with Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), distribute specific educational materials to prospective tenants and to meet specific LBP hazard reduction standards. In addition, all contractors performing lead paint abatement activities must be trained by a MDE accredited/licensed training provider and must receive accreditation to perform lead paint activities.

In January 2021, the County received word that it was awarded funding of \$2 million to remediate homes with lead in the County. New staff are hired and over \$1 million in funds have been encumbered. Over \$900,000 is available during the Action Plan period to remediate homes with lead.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

As part of the public comment process for this Action Plan, the needs of the poverty-level families were discussed and the need for additional funding supported. Beyond the projects identified in this Action Plan, the need for continued county funding of a variety of non-profit efforts to assist children and their families living in poverty is also recognized. Other efforts during this Action Plan period include Churches for Streets of Hope (homeless), the Community Assistance Network (eviction prevention, food bank, financial literacy), Episcopal Housing's St Francis Community Center program (eviction prevention), the Family Crisis Center (domestic violence), St Vincent de Paul - INNterim House (transitional shelter), Maryland Food Bank, Night of Peace (emergency shelter), Prologue (homeless outreach), St Vincent de Paul (shelter diversion for families), Deltas (afterschool), Jewish Community

Services (homeless prevention), Pro Bono (mental health counseling).

In addition to the programs above, the County's Department of Social Services continues to address poverty concerns by providing cash assistance, housing and energy assistance and food assistance to low income, needy County residents. The Housing Choice Voucher Program continues to provide housing vouchers for those most in need and the County's Departments of Economic and Workforce Development (DEWD), public schools, libraries and community colleges also continue support services to prevent individuals and families from falling into poverty as well as efforts to assist those living in poverty. DEWD provides a holistic customer service model for delivering workforce services to unemployed and underemployed adults through three career centers and the upcoming purchase of two mobile career centers to provide workforce services in the heart of communities. As an outgrowth of COVID, the County established virtual customer services to engage with customers early in the process, providing a more robust and defined system of partners to offer complementary services, while focusing career pathways that support self-sufficiency and living wages. Staff serve targeted populations more effectively and efficiently by providing wrap around case management and assisting job seekers in alleviating barriers, connecting to career pathways, and employment that is at or above their previous wage to promote self-sufficiency on a career path with advancement and career success. Staff work directly with 150 individuals a year and fund occupational skills training that leads to industry recognized credentials and employment/careers.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development administers housing and community development funds associated with entitlement funds of CDBG, ESG and HOME, the Continuum of Care funding, and the Housing Choice Voucher program. The Baltimore County Department of Housing and Community Development joins with a host of governmental and private nonprofit partners to promote and develop affordable housing, sustainable communities and strong neighborhoods throughout the County. The County's Continuum of Care will continue to operate through the Baltimore County Homeless Roundtable to provide a coordination of services and programming in a joint effort of governmental service providers in social services, health, planning, emergency services as well as faith based organizations, nonprofit serves, consumers and private citizens. Additionally, the Voluntary Compliance Agreement guides the County's Department of Housing and Community Development as it works with developers and landlords to increase the number of affordable housing units during the remaining Consolidated Plan period.

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

Baltimore County plans to continue its citizen input process before making funding decisions to ensure the needs of low and moderate income persons, homeless persons and those with special needs have the opportunity to voice their needs and concerns. The Baltimore County Homeless Roundtable will

continue to meet and plan for ways to address the needs of the County's homeless citizens and preventing others from becoming homeless. The County's Commission on Disabilities will continue to meet and plan for ways to address the needs of the County's citizens with disabilities. The County plans to continue its regional involvement in fair housing efforts with Baltimore City as well as Anne Arundel, Harford, and Howard Counties.

In response to the COVID pandemic, the County partnered to use County and State CARES Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) in its use of CARES Relief funds, followed by U.S. Treasury ERAP funds to support a joint initiative of Baltimore County and the United Way of Central Maryland (UWCM) known as STEP. In FY21, the Strategic Targeted Eviction Prevention (STEP) pilot directed \$4 million in CRF rental assistance to 935 households in 10 weeks. The STEP design was a joint effort with landlords, nonprofits, and government to prevent evictions in targeted zip codes based on objective data to the most vulnerable communities and households. The program bundled eviction prevention payments from multiple households into a single payment. Tenants were engaged through landlords who collected the information and passed eligibility information on to government providers. The County continues working with UWCM and landlord to design the third phase of the STEP program using US Treasury ERAP 2 funds coming from the Treasury to Baltimore County via the State of Maryland. Through January 2022, with CRF and ERAP1, the STEP program assisted over 3100 County households remain stably housed and avert eviction.

Discussion:

The County will continue its efforts to meet the needs of the County's low and moderate income citizens through a variety of actions to develop programs, services and processes that support the ultimate goals of decent housing in a suitable living environment for our citizens.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

This section details specific program requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

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.	97.00%

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:

The County is not using other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

Information on the County's HOME-funded programs is summarized below. Further explanation, as well as how to obtain applications, can be found on the County's website at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/planning/housingopportunities/index.html.

Settlement Expense Loan Program - This program is an effort to encourage first time homebuyers to consider home ownership in existing residential communities in Baltimore County. The program is administered by nonprofit groups who offer homebuyer workshops and home ownership counseling to potential homeowners in search of settlement expense loans up to \$10,000. Households whose income is at or below 80% of area median as adjusted for household size are eligible for these loans on a first come –first serve basis. Information can be obtained on Baltimore County website, through contracted non-profit organizations, or by calling 410-887-6055 to request information to be mailed and/or emailed.

Homeowner Rehab - Assistance is in conjunction with Baltimore County's Single Family Rehabilitation Program, a program earmarked for homeowners that are at least 80% or below of area median income. If homeowner income is below 50% (and/or below 30%) of area median income, and extensive work is required, HOME funds will be used to assist these households - not exceeding maximum subsidy limits. In these cases, HOME are used to leverage other funding, or if units are deemed to have extensive safety issues, during underwriting or initial site visit to the unit of the homeowner by the Rehabilitation Specialist. Initial inquiry is made by the homeowner to the phone number above. An initial application is mailed to the homeowner to complete and return to our office. At time of underwriting and the review of documentation submitted, the use of HOME funds may be deemed appropriate when the unit is severely in need of restoration, income limits match better than those for state, or CDBG).

Development Projects – For developers interested in project development in Baltimore County, a courtesy meeting/ pre- committee meeting is scheduled. Developers are provided a copy of the Developer's Guide for review and are encouraged to apply for financial assistance. Should potential developers have questions or need clarity beyond the guidance provided in the Guide, they are encouraged to email questions directly to the Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development and/or the Housing Finance Chief. The Guide is available on the website mentioned above or can be sent via US mail or email. Included in the developers guide is a copy of the financial application which can be requested at any time as long as funds are available.

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:

Baltimore County follows the recapture guidelines as specified in the HOME regulations found at 24 CFR 92.254. For assistance provided to homebuyers through down payment assistance, if the Property ceases to be occupied by the homebuyer as the homebuyer's principal residence, or is sold, or otherwise transferred prior to the end of the Period of Affordability or (an "Event of Conveyance"), the Loan, or a portion thereof, shall be immediately due and payable out of the Net Proceeds. The amount of the Loan to be repaid to the Beneficiary shall be reduced proportionately, based on the time the property has been owned and occupied by the Buyer measured against the Period of Affordability, according to the schedule established.

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:

All housing assisted with HOME program funds in Baltimore County must meet the definition of "modest housing," as defined by HUD. As established by HUD, the purchase price of HOME assisted housing may not exceed 95% of the median purchase price within the statistical area.

Baltimore County Settlement Expense Loan Program (SELP) ensures affordability of units acquired through its mortgage and/or regulatory agreement recorded in Maryland State Land Records. Homeowner assisted units through the Single Family Rehab Program will have their affordability captured in Maryland Land Records in the Deed of Trust and Loan Agreement. For development projects assisted with HOME funds, the recordation of the affordability is included in the recorded loan instruments as Declaration of Covenants, Deed of Trust and Loan Agreements.

In addition, all transactions have a Promissory Note included in the file that is not required to be officially recorded as above, but is maintained in each HOME assisted file for the purposes of early payoff or to determine recapture amount to be returned to Baltimore County if applicable. In the case of recapture, the amount subject to recapture is that of the direct subsidy to the homeowner. Depending upon the amount of funds disbursed, the period of affordability will run in accordance with HOME requirements stated in 24 CFR 92.254 for a period of five to 20 years. Exceptions can be granted based on the amount of assistance. The unit recapture can be extended to 20 years or the life of the borrower's ownership of the unit. If the unit is sold by the borrower, or its estate, all funds assisting the unit will be recaptured (in this instance Baltimore County is in first lien position).

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:

Baltimore County does not plan to refinance any existing debt with HOME funds. Any HOME

Program funds recaptured will be used to support and assist other eligible HOME Program activities.

Continued Answer from earlier question - example of Baltimore County Language:

For assistance provided to homebuyers through new construction or rehabilitation, if the Property ceases to be occupied by the homebuyer as the homebuyer's principal residence, or is sold, or otherwise transferred prior to the end of the Period of Affordability or (an "Event of Conveyance"),

(A) Each Eligible Homebuyer purchasing the Unit, shall receive a loan from the Borrower (hereinafter referred to as "Owner's Loan") from the proceeds of the Loan which shall be evidenced by a promissory note together with a regulatory agreement that shall be recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, and shall run with the land and be binding on successors and assigns of the Eligible Homebuyer. The Regulatory Agreement shall restrict transfer of the Unit or the disposition of net proceeds of sale in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

(B) Owner's Loan Terms - The Owner's Loan shall be repaid according to the following schedule:

(a) If the Eligible Homebuyer refinances the first mortgage, and such refinancing involves an equity withdrawal, the Eligible Homeowner will be required to repay the Owner's Loan to the County to the extent of the withdrawal. To the extent that repayment is not required as a result of refinancing, the resale restrictions imposed upon the Unit will remain in force according to the terms of the Act.

(b) Where an Event of Conveyance (including sale, lease or other transfer) transpires during the Period of Affordability, the County shall be repaid all or a portion of the Owner's Loan out of the Net Proceeds (defined below) of the sale. The amount of the Owner's Loan to be repaid to the County shall be reduced proportionately, based on the time the Eligible Homebuyer has owned and occupied the Unit measured against the Period of Affordability.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Baltimore County will use the bulk of its Federal Fiscal Year 2021/County Fiscal Year 2022 ESG funds for rapid rehousing programs run by two nonprofits – St Vincent de Paul of Baltimore and Episcopal Housing Services - and for Street Outreach run by Prologue. As per agreement with our CoC Roundtable, the County also reserves the right to fund homelessness prevention and emergency

shelter should the need arise during the program year. Written standards for ESG are attached.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Baltimore County was also awarded ESG-CV funds to prepare, prevent and respond to the National Emergency declared in March of 2020. The County will use those funds to assist residents in need of rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, outreach services, and, potentially, emergency shelter.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Baltimore County CoC has received HUD Technical Assistance since September 2021 and will continue to receive assistance through the end of calendar year 2022. This support has been critical to the CoC's work to revise its Coordinated Entry (CE) system. With the help of HUD TA, the County will have a fully integrated CE system and prioritization tool that will ensure the County prioritizes the most vulnerable with the highest service needs for the most resource-rich housing interventions. The County has funded an expanded CE response team using the County's ESG-CV funds to ensure immediate response to calls and referrals beyond emergency sheltering. By the end of calendar year 2022, all emergency housing resources (outreach, shelter diversion, eviction prevention, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing) will be integrated into the CE system.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

In partnership with the Baltimore County Homeless Roundtable, Baltimore County continues to use its existing processes for making sub-awards. All interested parties must apply for funding by developing a scope of work, program budget, and completing the Baltimore County Application for Financial Assistance. Applications are reviewed by a review committee comprised of members who are not associated with any of the applicant organizations. Review committees consist of county staff and private citizens. Review committees make a first round of recommended awards and approved award recommendations are sent to the Baltimore County Grants Review Committee. Recommended projects then go to the Baltimore County Council and County Administrative Officer for final approval.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

In collaboration with the Roundtable Committee and the Baltimore County Communities for the

Homeless, a 15 member consumer advisory board provides guidance to our program delivery and design. It is comprised of formerly homeless and/or currently homeless individuals and provides feedback on the progress of the county's 10-year plan to end homelessness as well as plans to utilize new funding targeted to citizens experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Baltimore County is working closely with HUD Technical Assistance to revise and build out program-specific system performance measures. The CoC's Data Committee have drafted the following measures to be presented to the full CoC for approval and adoption this summer. The Data Committee has created data dashboards to show quarterly progress toward each measure below in support of data transparency. Proposed measures are:

Emergency Shelter:

- 65% or higher, exits to permanent housing
- Median length of stay 90 days or less.

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH):

- 90 days from entry to housing through RRH program
- 90% or more exiting to permanent housing

Street Outreach (SO):

- 30% exiting SO to permanent housing
- Median length of stay, 180 days or less

Attachments

Included in Final Only

Citizen Participation Comments

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Grantee Unique Appendices

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

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