



2023 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Lauderhill is located in the heart of Broward County, Florida. Established on June 20, 1959, the City holds significant history from its earlier years of beautiful grazing pastures to its name. Since that time, the population has expanded from approximately 100 residents to 73,935 in population (2016-2021 ACS). Today, Lauderhill has an area of 7.84 square miles.

The City of Lauderhill has participated in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as an Entitlement Grantee since Fiscal Year 1995. As a CDBG Grantee, the City became eligible for State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program and later joined the Broward County HOME Consortia.

The program year (PY) 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP) is the fourth year of the Five-Year Consolidated Planning period, which covers Program Years 2020 to 2024. This AAP outlines activities the City will undertake during PY 2023 which runs from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024 that will further address the priorities and goals of the overall Five-Year Plan. Per CDBG regulations, the projects identified in this plan will benefit low- to moderate-income (LMI) residents and low/mod neighborhoods of the City. CDBG has been instrumental in Lauderhill's ability to achieve priority housing and community development goals.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Lauderhill has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data presented in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, this AAP and an extensive community participation and consultation process. Through these efforts, the City has identified four priority needs with associated goals to address those needs over the Consolidated Plan period. The priority needs with associated goals are listed below. In PY 2023, the City will focus on public infrastructure and facilities and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation. For more details on the objectives and intended outcomes of the plan, see section AP-20 Goals.

Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements

1A Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs

Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities

2A Improve Access to Public Facilities

Economic Development Opportunities

3A Provide for Small Businesses Assistance

Affordable Housing Preservation

4A Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Lauderdale, with other public, private and non-profit community housing providers and non-housing service agencies have made significant contributions to provide safe, decent and affordable housing and a suitable living environment especially for LMI individuals and those with special needs in the community. However, the need for essential public services, improvements to public facilities and economic development remain priority needs in the City, as documented by the current Consolidated Plan and the most recent 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER provides an assessment of progress towards the five-year goals and the one-year goals of HUD entitlement grants. According to the 2021 CAPER, the City continued to make significant progress in carrying out its established goals in the 5-Year plan and the AAP. The following highlights accomplishments by priority in PY 2021.

Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements: The City funded public facility improvement activities in PY 2021 which served an estimated 70,950 persons living in low/mod areas citywide. These public improvements were mainly to parks and recreation centers such as Sports Park, West Wind, Maye Jenkins, West Ken, Wolf Park, Lauderdale 6-12 and a new park at 21st and 46th. Specific improvements included resurfacing of tennis courts, improved lighting, removal/replacement of obsolete structures and canopies for added cover. These accomplishments exceeded the AAP goals.

Public Services: The City assisted 58 LMI persons with rental subsistence payments through the CDBG-CV program. City residents continued to experience financial impacts from the pandemic and these payments helped residents to remain in their homes.

Economic Development: The City provided grant writing classes to small businesses in the program year, and these activities were intended to have a citywide low/mod benefit for residents. The City also assisted an estimated 50 small businesses that were negatively impacted by the pandemic with mortgage and rental assistance through the CDBG-CV program.

Affordable Housing Preservation: The City completed housing rehab activities that were created before the Consolidated Plan period. These were general rehab, maintenance, and improvements to public housing units for two LMI residents, and were not included in the accomplishments table below. The City made a substantial amendment to its Consolidated Plan in PY 2021 to include a priority and goal for

housing preservation for the upcoming AAP, and these housing benefits will be included in future CAPER reports.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The citizen participation process adheres to HUD's requirements set within the City's Citizen Participation Plan. This plan seeks to include participation from all City residents, especially low- and moderate-income persons and special needs group within the community. Citizen participation efforts for the development of the PY 2023 AAP included a public comment period and a public hearing to allow members from the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft plan. A summary of these efforts is outlined below:

Public Comment Period: Citizens and interested parties are invited to review and make comments on the draft 2023 AAP. The draft AAP will be available for thirty (30) days beginning **May 31, 2023, to June 30, 2023**. The draft AAP will be available at the at City of Lauderhill City Hall, Grants Division located at 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM. Citizens may also view the plan on the City website at <https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/>. Written comments regarding the program and activities that were funded may be made to Tameka Dorsett, Assistant Grants Manager, by mail at City of Lauderhill, 5581 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Lauderhill, FL 33313, email: LauderhillCARES@lauderdale-fl.gov, or fax: 954-730-3025. A summary of public comments received will be included in the AAP submitted to HUD.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held on **May 30, 2023, at 6:00 PM**. The public hearing will be held at City of Lauderhill City Hall located at 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd, Commission Chambers, Lauderhill, FL 33313. All interested parties are encouraged to attend to offer comments on the proposed AAP.

A summary of citizen outreach efforts is described in AP-12 Citizen Participation Process. Proof of citizen participation and notices are attached to the plan in the AD-26.

5. Summary of public comments

A summary of comments will be included after the conclusion of the public comment period and the public hearing. A summary of efforts can be viewed in the AP-12 Citizen Participation Process.

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

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7. Summary

The PY 2023 AAP is the fourth program year of the Five-Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. This AAP was developed through the needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan as well as a citizen participation process to gather feedback from the public for the plan.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	LAUDERHILL	Administration Department/City of Lauderhill

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Grants Division is primarily responsible for the implementation of the Annual Action Plan as well as administering the CDBG program.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Lauderhill has adopted a HUD approved citizen participation plan that identifies when public hearings and other consultations are to take place. During the planning of the Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans, the City coordinated with other housing and support services agencies to ensure available resources are utilized and leveraged. In addition, interdepartmental coordination occurs to define supplementary needs of neighborhoods. The agencies and organizations listed in the consultation outreach table below provided input on the needs of the plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The City will consult with the Broward County and Lauderhill Housing Authorities concerning consideration of public housing needs and planned activities. Both agencies will be provided with information about the City's proposed use of CDBG funds that may affect the residents of any public assistance housing development within City limits, so that the information can be shared with interested residents at the annual public hearings held. The City encourages the participation of residents of public and assisted housing developments, along with other low/mod income residents of targeted revitalization areas in which the housing developments are located.

The Broward County HOME Consortium brings together various cities and the unincorporated areas of the County. Through a partnership with Broward County and various cities, the City receives HOME Investment Partnership funds on a reimbursement basis. Broward County is the lead agency of the HOME Consortium and must develop a metropolitan-wide strategy for addressing the needs of mentally ill, HIV infected persons, the homeless, persons at risk, and their families living throughout the county. To the extent practical, the City of Lauderhill will collaborate with the County in this process. Although the City of Lauderhill is a part of the Consortium, the City is required to submit its own Annual Action Plan to HUD as an Entitlement City for CDBG.

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 Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership (CoC) facilitates the response to all issues regarding homeless persons and those at risk of becoming homeless countywide. Monthly meetings are held in conjunction with the Broward County HOME Consortium meeting to discuss and collaborate on planning activities that will reduce homelessness and prevent those at risk from becoming homeless. A

representative from the City of Lauderhill attends the meetings on a monthly basis. Members of the CoC assist in gathering data and approving reports regarding the needs of the homeless in Broward County.

The CoC Program supports countywide homeless needs to:

- Expand public/private partnerships;
- Expand network of social service providers and volunteers;
- Expand supportive services;
- Prevent homelessness through effective discharge planning;
- Maintain affordable, transitional, and supportive housing;
- Increase income of homeless persons; and
- Improve data collection.

The City will continue to take an active role in the discussions and initiatives set forth by the CoC to address the needs of its homeless population.

The CoC utilizes the Coordinated Entry Assessment System process, which helps to coordinate target homeless groups with housing and community resources. These groups include chronically Homeless Households; children and families; unaccompanied youth ages 18-24; veterans and their families; and at-risk and difficult to serve Individuals who are not chronic. The Coordinated Entry Assessment System helps to prevent these groups from becoming homeless or return to homelessness.

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

See above. The City of Lauderhill does not receive ESG funding. However, the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership (CoC) facilitates all issues regarding emergency shelter county-wide. Monthly meetings are held in conjunction with the Broward County HOME Consortium meeting to discuss and collaborate on planning activities that will reduce homelessness and prevent those at risk from becoming homeless. A representative from the City of Lauderhill attends the meetings on a monthly basis. Members of the CoC assist in gathering data and approving reports regarding the needs of the homeless in Broward County.

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The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a web-based software application used to collect demographic information and service outcome information on people experiencing homelessness served in the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership CoC area. HMIS enables homeless service providers to collect uniform Client information over time. This system is part of an essential effort to streamline Client services, inform public policy decision-makers, improve coordination of services among providers of housing and services to homeless Clients, inform advocacy efforts, and assist the CoC in establishing policies that result in targeted services to reduce the time persons experience homelessness. Analysis of information gathered through HMIS is critical to accurately calculate the size, characteristics, and needs of homeless populations. The data collected is necessary to service and systems planning, and advocacy. The CoC uses the ServicePoint software as it's official HMIS software and authorized users can access this system online to make updates and improvements to the information available. The Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership provides training for HMIS for any agency that has been entered into the HMIS End User Agreement.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lauderdale
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Other government - Local Services - Public Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City Administration Department Grants Division is the lead agency of the Consolidated Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	BROWARD COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Other government - County Services - Public Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Broward County is the lead for the Broward County HOME Consortium. The City is a member of the Consortium.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health Continuum of Care
	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

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Homeless Initiative Partnership is the local Continuum of Care in the region. The City consults the CoC for information and initiatives of the CoC.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lauderhill Division of Emergency Management (DOEM)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Hazard Mitigation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Division of Emergency Management (DOEM) is the unit responsible for Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness for the City of Lauderhill. DOEM goals align with the DHS/FEMA Disaster Preparedness cycle. This mindset towards Disaster Management guarantees a proactive approach to addressing all hazards.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Federal Communications Commission Fixed Broadband Deployment
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Narrowing the digital divide
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	To discuss, purchase, implement and negotiate or revamp everything from cellular contracts, landline contracts, public WIFI, hotspots, fiber-optics implementation, broadband access, etc. Also, according to the Federal Communications Commission Fixed Broadband Deployment, the City of Lauderhill currently has four (4) or more residential broadband providers including but not limited to Comcast, AT&T, T-Mobile, and ViaSat, Inc. Currently, the City of Lauderhill 30 FCC registered antenna towers in Lauderhill.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Emergency Management Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Emergency Management Other government - State Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Resilience
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Lauderhill is developing a Storm Stomerwater Management and Flood Protection Master Plan (SMFPMP) for evaluating drainage conditions within the five basins of the City. The Lauderhill Vulnerability Assessment Plan will expand the SMFPMP to meet the requirements of s. 380.093(3)(c), F.S. and include the entire City and all critical assets thereof.

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

There were no agency types intentionally not consulted. All comments were welcome.

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	Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership	The Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership is the Continuum of Care in Broward County. The City refers to and collaborates with the CoC for homeless needs in Lauderhill.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City of Lauderhill works closely with Broward County on the Consolidated Plan. The City is an annual recipient of HOME funds from the Broward County HOME Consortium which distributes funds to member cities to develop affordable housing in the region. The City also works with the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership, which is the lead in the Continuum of Care, helping homeless persons in the region. The City departments maintain open lines of communication to determine community development needs as well as emergency preparedness planning.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The citizen participation process adheres to HUD’s requirements set within the City’s Citizen Participation Plan. This plan includes participation from all City residents, especially low- and moderate-income persons and special needs group within the community. Citizen participation efforts for the development of the PY 2023 AAP included a 30-day public comment period and a public hearing to allow members from the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft plan.

A summary of citizen outreach efforts is described in the table below:

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
1	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>The City will hold a 30-day public comment period from May 31, 2023, to June 30, 2023 to give the public an opportunity to view and make comments on the draft AAP. The draft AAP will be available for thirty (30) days beginning May 31, 2023, to June 30, 2023. The draft AAP will be available at the at City of Lauderhill City Hall, Grants Division located at 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 AM and 6:00 PM and also on the City website at https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/. Written comments regarding the program and activities that were funded may be made to Tameka Dorsett, Assistant Grants Manager, by mail at City of Lauderhill, 5581 West Oakland Park Boulevard, Lauderhill, FL 33313, email: LauderhillCARES@laudershill-fl.gov, or fax: 954-730-3025.</p>	A summary of comments will be included after the conclusion of the public comment period.	All comments are accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>A public hearing was held on May 30, 2023, at 6:00 PM. The public hearing will be held at City of Lauderhill City Hall located at 5581 West Oakland Park Blvd, Commission Chambers, Lauderhill, FL 33313. All interested parties were encouraged to attend to offer comments on the proposed AAP.</p> <p>If citizens wanted to speak at the public hearing in discussion of the proposed AAP, they were encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the hearing by leaving a message at (954) 730-3010, emailing public@laudertfl-fl.gov, or by completing the public meeting comment form (https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/public). Providing their information to the City Clerk's office allowed time to make arrangements prior to the meeting to discuss concerns at the appropriate time during the meeting.</p>	No comments were received.	All comments were accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Lauderhill’s CDBG allocation for PY 2023 is \$700,973. The City proposes to use the funds for public facility improvements and program administration. PY 2023 is the fourth planning year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, and the City anticipates one more year of the annual allocation during the planning period. No program income will be generated through the activities in the PY 2023 AAP.

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	700,973	0	0	700,973	700,973	PY 2023 is the fourth year of the ConPlan. The Expected Amount Available Remaining of the ConPlan is 1x more year of the annual allocation.

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

Federal funds will be used to leverage other resources available to extend the level of assistance the City can provide or scope of project that can be undertaken. The City does not have any funding sources that require a match.

In an effort to leverage funds, the City has combined it's CDBG and General Funds to assist the social service funding process. By combining these two processes, the City can make sure to fund agencies providing high priority need with General Funds that could not be funded with CDBG funds due to the 15% funding cap. This also eliminates the duplication of services. The process of funding social services agencies is as follows: A team, consisting of Council members, City finance staff and CDBG staff, review agency applications using set criteria and performance measurement. Funding recommendations are then presented to the City Commission through the budget process. Awarded agencies are contracted to deliver the specific services to residents of Lauderhill.

In addition to CDBG funds, the City anticipates receiving approximately \$97,000 in State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) funds and \$230,000 in Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds through the Broward County Consortia for affordable housing programs such as housing rehabilitation and purchase assistance programs.

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

All City-owned inventory has been mapped as part of the State's requirement that the City maintain a printed inventory of locally-owned land suitable for affordable housing. The parcels of land that the City owns are committed to public use such as parks, streets, or landscape buffers, or lack the proper zoning. However, recent land purchases in Central Lauderhill by the City of Lauderhill Community Redevelopment Agency and the Lauderhill Housing Authority are suitable for affordable housing and will be incorporated in to an in-fill housing program targeting very, low- and moderate-income families. Every so often, the City Commission will review the inventory of City-owned lands and their suitability for use as affordable housing.

Discussion

The PY 2023 Annual Action Plan outlines the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and how the City will address the needs of LMI and special needs communities with those funds. Through the Broward County HOME Consortium, HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds are awarded to the City for affordable housing programs. Non-federal resources include funding from the State of Florida, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. SHIP funds are allocated to housing in accordance with the adopted Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) adopted by the City Commission. With federal and state funding the City expects to achieve the established housing and community development goals for its low- and moderate-income households in this plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	2A Improve Access to Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks City-wide	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities	CDBG: \$450,875	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70000 Persons Assisted
2	4A Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks City-wide	Affordable Housing Preservation	CDBG: \$250,098	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	2A Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Expand and improve access to public facilities through development activities for LMI persons and for special needs groups (elderly, persons with a disability, victims of domestic abuse, etc.). Public facilities may include neighborhood facilities, community centers and parks and recreation facilities. Public facility improvement activities will have a low/mod area benefit.
2	Goal Name	4A Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab
	Goal Description	Provide homeowner housing rehab activities for the purpose of affordable housing preservation in the City of Lauderhill. Services will be targeted towards eligible elderly households living in the City.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects listed below in this PY 2023 AAP address the community development needs as identified in the strategic plan and a formal citizen participation and consultation process conducted by the City. The projects and programs selected for funding in the program year are described briefly in the following table.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Program Administration
2	CDBG Public Facility Improvements
3	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation

Table 7 – Project Information

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

While the City has four priority needs, due to funding limitations and priorities not all needs can be addressed each year. In PY 2023, the City will focus on public facility improvements at the park pool to address health and safety reasons. The following priorities have been identified to have a high need and may be addressed in the future.

Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improvements activities will receive high priority for funding. Eligible project proposals that benefit low to moderate income areas in the City of Lauderhill will be considered for funding. These types of projects are said to have a low/mod area benefit.

Public services are also a high need, however there is a grant cap of 15% allowed for funding public service activities. Public services will not be funded with 2023 CDBG funds.

Housing rehab for LMI homeowners has been identified as a high need. Housing rehab is an eligible activity under the CDBG program.

Economic development opportunities are also a need in Lauderhill. These activities are intended to assist small businesses for the purpose of job creation and/or retention. Economic development activities services will not be funded with 2023 CDBG funds.

The major obstacle the City faces is not having sufficient funds to address all priority needs in each annual plan. The City will continue to explore additional funding opportunities to leverage the resources it currently has.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks City-wide
	Goals Supported	2A Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$140,195
	Description	Administration of the CDBG program for PY 2023. This activity will provide general management, oversight, and coordination of the program. This activity qualifies under 24 CFR 570.206(a).
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Citywide, low/mod
Planned Activities	Administration of the CDBG program (21A).	
2	Project Name	CDBG Public Facility Improvements
	Target Area	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks City-wide
	Goals Supported	2A Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$380,778
	Description	This project will provide funding for improvements and rehabilitation of public park pool that serves low/mod residents. This activity qualifies under 24 CFR 570.201(c), low/mod area (LMA) benefit.
	Target Date	9/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70000 Persons Assisted This activity will serve the low/mod areas Citywide.
	Location Description	Citywide, low/mod
	Planned Activities	Planned activities are: Public park facility, park pool health and safety improvements and rehab for health reasons (03F)
3	Project Name	CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Central and Eastern Lauderhill Lauderhill Parks City-wide
	Goals Supported	4A Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$180,000
	Description	This project will provide homeowner housing rehab activities for the purpose of affordable housing preservation in the City of Lauderhill. Services will be targeted towards eligible elderly households living in the City.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit
	Location Description	Citywide, eligible
	Planned Activities	Planned activities are: Owner-occupied Housing Rehab (14A) Rehabilitation Administration (14H)

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

Funds will be allocated according to the identified needs of the population that are eligible for CDBG funding. Funds will be allocated on an as need basis bases for the prescribed activities offered in the various Geographic areas of the City. Therefore, funds will be allocated to the area of most need so that it can provide the maximum benefit.

During PY 2023, actions taken that will meet underserved needs include the use of CDBG dollars to fund Public Facility Improvements, specifically the park pool. These activities will include rehab of the pool and several improvements to increase the health and safety or residents using the facility. Lauderhill has a majority low/mod population (62.28%) and this activity is intended to benefit LMI residents Citywide.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Central and Eastern Lauderhill	0
Lauderhill Parks	0
City-wide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

With CDBG and other federal and state funding the City expects to achieve our housing and community development goals for its low- and moderate-income households.

In the program year, there will be a focus on public facility improvements which will target low/mod areas Citywide. The City seeks to assists approximately 70,000 individuals city-wide. This activity qualifies under 24 CFR 570.201(c), low/mod area benefit.

When the City funds activities that serve individuals, these eligible beneficiaries must meet certain income requirements under the guidelines of the CDBG grant program.

Projects with direct services such as public services or direct housing benefits are not distributed geographically, but must serve households who are low- to moderate-income or the special needs community.

The City has developed programs for minor home repair, emergency hurricane assistance for elderly and handicap, emergency rehabilitation assistance for elderly and handicap and rental assistance for families seeking to become homeowners. These programs are funded by the Community Development Block

Grant (CDBG) funds, Community Development Block Grant Supplemental Disaster Funds, and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds allocated to the City through its participation in the Broward County HOME Consortium. Nonfederal resources include funding from the State of Florida, State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. SHIP funds are allocated to housing in accordance with the adopted Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) adopted by the City Commission. Housing programs will target eligible LMI individuals and family households. In addition, the City will expand on its effort to work with area agencies to further promote and develop coordination between housing and service agencies. For example, the City will continue to work with the Lauderhill Housing Authority and provide financing for both owner-occupied and rental low to moderate income housing opportunities. Also, we will enhance our relationship with area housing counseling agencies and community service agencies to assist in providing services to those in need.

Discussion

N/A

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

Introduction

Triennially, the advisory committee shall review the established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and adopted local government comprehensive plan of the appointing local government and shall recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate. The recommendations may include the modification or repeal of existing policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions; the creation of exceptions applicable to affordable housing; or the adoption of new policies, procedures, regulations, ordinances, or plan provisions, including recommendations to amend the local government comprehensive plan and corresponding regulations, ordinances, and other policies. At a minimum, each advisory committee shall submit a report to the local governing body that includes recommendations on, and triennially thereafter evaluates the implementation of, affordable housing incentives programs to ensure an integrated approach to the work of the advisory committee.

The City will also continually address barriers to affordable housing through inter-city department cooperation. The process for removing barriers to affordable housing will be expedited by the Building Division. All affordable housing projects introduced to the City will be reviewed by Planning and Zoning Division who relays information to the City Manager to begin the process of permit expediting. The City Manager is fully involved in the process to ensure the permitting process is expedited.

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

The City of Lauderhill will implement the following to remove barriers to affordable housing:

- Expediting the approval process of development orders or permits for affordable housing projects, as defined in s. 163.3164(7) and (8).
- Modification of impact fee requirements, including reduction or waivers of fees and alternative methods of fee payments for affordable housing.
- The allowance of increased density levels for affordable housing.
- Reservation of housing infrastructure capacity for low and very low income persons.
- Allowance of affordable accessory residential units in residential zoning districts.
- Reduction of parking and setback requirements for affordable housing.
- Allowance of zero-lot- line configurations for affordable housing.
- Modification of street requirements for affordable housing.
- Establishment of a process by which the City considers, before adoption, policies, ordinances,

- regulations or plan provision that increase cost of housing.
- Preparation of a printed inventory of locally owned public land suitable for affordable housing.

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

Introduction

The following section identifies other actions that will be undertaken during PY 2023.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The activities in this PY 2023 AAP work directly to address the underserved needs in Lauderhill. The City will focus on improvements to facilities that benefit low/mod areas in Lauderhill. The PY 23 public facility improvement activity will include rehabilitation of a public park pool that serves low-to-moderate income residents. The City seeks to assist approximately 70,000 individuals city-wide through this activity.

Safe and decent affordable housing is a major need for the City. The City utilizes multiple funding sources such as CDBG, HOME, and SHIP to address these needs. Through these programs, the City provides tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) to prevent homelessness, purchase assistance to increase homeownership, and owner-occupied rehab to preserve housing stock.

As the general lack of funds to address all identified needs in the City is the main obstacle in meeting underserved needs, the City will continue to explore additional funding sources to leverage its Federal, state, and local resources.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Lauderhill works closely with the Broward Continuum of Care and the Broward HOME Consortia in assisting the homeless by providing affordable housing units. The City continues to allocate CDBG, HOME and SHIP funds towards the owner-occupant rehabilitation, purchase assistance, and tenant based rental assistance (TBRA).

The City will provide homeowner housing rehab activities for the purpose of affordable housing preservation in the City of Lauderhill. Owner-occupied rehabilitation services include: correct code enforcement violations, health and safety issues, electrical and plumbing as deemed health and safety, repair or replacement of roofing, repair or replacement of windows and doors, and/or repair or replacement of air conditioning units. Services will be targeted towards eligible elderly households living in the City. The City will continue to promote affordable housing with the continued implementation of approved incentives and strategies outlined in its Local Housing Assistance Plan. Funding will also be provided for subsistence payments to help prevent homelessness.

The City has HOME funds from the Broward HOME Consortium that will be used to provide purchase assistance, service delivery costs, and TBRA. The Purchase assistance will assist a minimum of five (5) low to moderated-income potential homebuyers with a deferred forgivable loan to be applied towards down payment and/or closing costs, for the purchase of eligible housing, including single-family, townhomes,

condominiums, or villas. TBRA funds are estimated to provide rental assistance to at least 10 low-income households that are at risk of homelessness. SHIP funds will also fund activities that develop and preserve the affordable housing stock in Lauderhill.

The City is also taking applications for housing assistance in the form of rental and mortgage assistance payments through its ARPA program. This program is specific to those whose income have been directly affected by COVID-19. Eligible applicants must provide documentation of loss of income due to COVID-19. A copy of the ARPA program application as well as eligibility information can be downloaded on the City's website at: <https://www.lauderhill-fl.gov/departments/city-manager-administration/housing-grants>

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City's approach to Lead-Based Paint compliance has been to identify the presence of hazards through inspections as part of the Home Repair and Purchase Assistance programs. Lead-based paint hazards are handled on a case-by-case basis by requiring the initial inspector to complete a lead-based paint test through the use of proper techniques and safe work practices in compliance with EPA regulations when handling paint of lead hazard. There were no hazards reported during this year.

For homes built prior to 1978 participating in CDBG and HOME programs, the EPA's Protect Your Home pamphlets are provided to either homebuyer or homeowner. Visual inspections by a certified professional are provided and inspection reports are documented and kept in each client's file.

The City is enforcing EPA's standards by hiring residential LBP inspector to have proper LBP licensing to work on projects in Lauderhill and safe work practices are required to be strictly followed.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Public improvements to low/mod areas will help to revitalize the area and bring in new public and private investments. Other activities include the City's economic development/antipoverty strategy, which is to foster growth and job creation for the City's low- and moderate-income households. Our goal is to increase job training, employment readiness skills and education opportunities for low- and moderate-income households and match employment openings with the local workforce. One of the ways this is being accomplished is through the collaboration the City has established with the Lauderhill Chamber of Commerce.

The Community Redevelopment Agency serves its businesses and communities by offering specific programs designed to help revitalize and improve the communities and businesses in its defined areas. The City of Lauderhill and OIC of South Florida (OIC-SFL), a nonprofit workforce development organization, partner to offer free Career Readiness Workshops to Lauderhill residents. The workshops covered various topics such as resume building, networking to find your next job opportunity, and identifying your ideal

career path.

The City's anti-poverty strategy will also include the Section 3 Policy, which will provide economic opportunities for the residents of the area or intended population receiving funding. Activities that support and assist small business in target areas have the added bonus to address both the need and economically support the target population. The City will continue to support small business development through activities such as continuation of commercial rehabilitation, job incentives programs, technical assistance and business planning and marketing directed towards job creation.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Lauderhill will continue to take strides towards improving our instructional structure during this Program Year. The Grants Division staff will maintain an open dialogue with the following departments: Administration, Finance, Public Works, Parks and Leisure Services, Building, Code Enforcement, Police, and Fire. The City will also collaborate with the Lauderhill Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for the City's housing needs.

The City will continue to participate in the Broward County HOME Consortium and manage its current State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. The City will also attempt to partner with local for-profit and non-profit organizations, lending institutions, public housing authorities, educational institutions, and other governmental agencies to implement federal and state funded programs as well as to continue preserving, providing, and expanding affordable housing opportunities for very low- and low-income persons. The Grants Division under the guidance of the Administration Department will serve as the lead department responsible for implementing the City of Lauderhill's Program Year 2023 Annual Action Plan.

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

The City of Lauderhill participates in County/City Committees created to coordinate public, private, and community-based efforts to expand affordable housing and economic development initiatives through research and program development activities that support community development joint ventures between the private and public sectors.

The City will enhance its coordination by collaborating with the public/private housing and social services agencies such as the Lauderhill Housing Authority, Broward County Continuum of Care, 211 Broward, Broward County Housing Finance and Community Development Division, Lauderhill Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and Lauderhill Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The following section identifies program specific requirements for the Community Development Block Grant Program in PY 2023. The City does not anticipate it will receive any program income as a result of program activities identified in the plan.

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.	100.00%