



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Suzanne Sherman, City Manager

THRU: Ibis Berardi, Community & Economic Development Assistant Director

DATE: July 18, 2024

RE: Consideration of Program Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Action Plan, final hearing.

SUMMARY:

For PY 2024, the City anticipates receiving \$776,641 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) as a direct entitlement. The City receives HOME funds from HUD as part of the Brevard County HOME Consortium, which is composed of the cities of Cocoa, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Titusville, and Brevard County. The City's allocation of HOME grant funds is \$227,234.

The overall purpose of the CDBG Program is the development of viable urban communities by providing quality housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- and moderate income. Eligible activities include public services, public facilities and improvements, housing, code enforcement, clearance and demolition, economic development, acquisition, and disposition. At least 70% of all CDBG funds must be expended on program activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. HOME Program funds can only be used for housing activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons.

Based on priorities and goals identified in the PY 2022/2027 Consolidated Plan, the City of Palm Bay developed a one-year Action Plan, which identifies community development projects that shall be undertaken between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

As required by HUD and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, an ad was placed in the Florida Today newspaper summarizing the proposed projects and a 30-day public comment period. The 30-day public comment period began May 28, 2024, and ends on July 18, 2024. All comments received will be submitted to HUD.

PROPOSED FINAL STATEMENT OF CDBG PROJECTS FOR PY 2024

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PUBLIC SERVICES:

Catholic Charities of Central Florida (Homeless Prevention)	\$33,250
Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation, Inc., (Non-Emergency Transportation)	\$25,080
Greater Melbourne PAL (Youth Enrichment Mentoring, Palm Bay youth)	\$22,950
Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired (Supportive Services for Blind and Visually Impaired)	\$28,916
Space Coast Area Transit (Bus Voucher Program)	\$ 6,300

CDBG OTHER AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS:

Palm Bay Parks & Facilities	
Liberty Park (Park Improvements)	\$83,480
Palm Bay Aquatic Center (Pool improvements)	\$50,710
Riviera Park (Park Improvements)	\$100,361
Public Works (Sidewalks Construction)	\$270,266

ADMINISTRATION

CDBG Administration and Operational Funds	\$151,328
Fair Housing Education & Outreach	<u>\$4,000</u>
TOTAL CDBG FUNDS	\$776,641

PROPOSED FINAL STATEMENT OF HOME PROJECTS FOR PY 2024

HOUSING: CHDO Housing Activity Acquisition and Rehab	\$204,510.66
HOME City Administration and Operational Funds	\$16,883.49
HOME County Administration	<u>\$5,839.92</u>
TOTAL HOME FUNDS	\$227,234.07

This item was presented to the Community Development Advisory Board on July 17, 2024 for recommendation of HUD's final allocation notice, and Brevard County's HOME Consortium final allocation notice.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Community & Economic Development

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact in FY23/24. Funds will be budgeted in the FY24/25 budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve the City of Palm Bay's PY 2024 CDBG & HOME Action Plan; authorize submission of the Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and authorize the Mayor or City Manager to sign all subsequent certifications and agreements.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. CDBG Action Plan Final Draft PY2024
2. SF 424 PY2024
3. Non-State Certifications
4. Final Statement of CDBG Projects 2024-2025
5. First Public Hearing- FL Today
6. Second Public Hearing- FL Today
7. LowMod Map
8. LowMod Park Location Map
9. Broadband Map