

Notice Posting – Public Hearing and Public Comment Period
CDBG Year 4 Action Plan – Amendment #2
Posted on May 26, 2022

This posting provides a 15+ day notice period for the Public Hearing, which will be on Wednesday, June 15 at 5:30pm, and serves as the notice for a 30-day comment period from Thursday, May 26 to Saturday, June 25.

There has been a neighborhood hotspot for a high-LMI neighborhood in Census Tract 252.02, Block Group 1 (known locally as the Bacon Street or Mission Hill neighborhood), ensuring free internet access for those who live within the hotspot area. The intention was to pay for this with CDBG funds, but the setup was not done correctly. This amendment is to address that error and add the provision of this hotspot under the Public Services project.

This document is a summary of the changes that will be made to the Action Plan – all highlighted text is new. There is some text in brackets, indicating items that will be filled in at the end of the public process (e.g. comments received in the Public Hearing or Public Comment Period).

If you have questions, please contact Abigail Smallwood at abigail.smallwood@biddefordmaine.org or 207-284-9115.

This amendment is being made for several changes: 1a. expansions to the 2- to 4-unit residential rehabilitation program to allow applications from nonprofits both within and outside the designated Census tracts, 1b. to allow applications from eligible owner-occupied properties outside the designated Census tracts, and 2. reassigning a portion of funds from the rehabilitation program to ADA Accessibility Improvements at Biddeford City Hall, for removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly or severely disabled persons to this public facility. In the Grantee Unique Appendices document, there is documentation to show the original rehabilitation program guidelines, supporting the expansion being made.

Second amendment to the Action Plan, made on [date]. There has been a neighborhood hotspot for a high-LMI neighborhood in Census Tract 252.02, Block Group 1 (known locally as the Bacon Street or Mission Hill neighborhood), ensuring free internet access for those who live within the hotspot area. The intention was to pay for this with CDBG funds, but the setup was not done correctly. This amendment is to address that error and add the provision of this hotspot under the Public Services project.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

In the 2021 Action Plan, the City will continue its service delivery through Meals on Wheels, the Apex Community Hub (46 Sullivan Street), and Seeds of Hope, and focus the rest of its funding on the Owner Occupied 2-4 Unit Multi Family Housing Rehab Program. The program will be delivered through a simplified, direct approach using the Citizen Advisory Committee, the two hubs, Biddeford Ready, and a mixture of staff to deliver programs that target the needs of Biddeford's core area.

In November 2020 Biddeford completed its ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan updates. With many accessibility improvements needed in City Hall, some of the Year 4 Housing Rehabilitation Program funds will be diverted for this use.

A second amendment was made to support a hotspot for a high-LMI neighborhood, ensuring free internet access for those who live within the hotspot area. When the hotspot was originally installed, it was meant to be supported with CDBG funds, but the setup was not done correctly. This amendment is to address that error and add the hotspot into the Public Service project.

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.

2- to 4-Unit Multifamily Housing Rehab Program: rehab of 15 units

ADA Accessibility Improvements: 4,597 persons assisted

Public Services

Meals on Wheels: 8,200 meals to 75 homebound seniors

Apex Community Hub: deliver assistance to 20 residents of the LMI Bacon Street neighborhood

Seeds of Hope: operate Winter Warming Center for 15 people experiencing homelessness

Mission Hill Neighborhood Wireless Internet Hotspot: 1,665 persons in Census Tract 252.02, Block Group 1, where the hotspot is located

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

There were staff changes over the 2020 program year, along with the added programs through CDBG-CV, which will continue into Program Year 2021 (PY21). To ensure smooth operation and monitoring of all CDBG programs, the city will continue to focus on a reduced number of community service options, as well as the Owner-Occupied 2- to 4-unit Housing Rehab program. Seeds of Hope ran a successful Winter Warming Center that gave people experiencing homelessness a place to stay overnight during cold or inclement weather. Apex Youth Connection grew their Community Hub in the LMI Bacon Street neighborhood, providing food and other services. Meals on Wheels delivered food to more seniors than projected, particularly due to need from the pandemic. These programs will continue to grow in PY21.

The present market continues to force long-term Biddeford residents out of the community because of accessibility issues and affordability. The old housing stock in Biddeford requires important upgrades, and the 2- to 4-unit rehab program helps residents make those necessary upgrades while maintaining affordability for renters.

In regards to past performance of the planned 2- to 4-unit rehab program, there has been significant turnover of positions in the CDBG program since July 2020, when a longtime CDBG Coordinator retired from the program without having launched the program. Since then, two new staff have on-boarded, both of whom have spent significant time over the past year learning the subtleties of the CDBG program. During PY20, the program design was completed and the program launched. A number of applications began the review process during that year, but no projects were completed, so no funds were expended.

The CDBG-CV program that will continue into PY21 provides assistance to community members experiencing challenges with substance abuse, mental and physical health concerns, or housing insecurity and homelessness. Social service agencies and the police department have seen increased need in these areas since the pandemic started.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Citizen Participation Plan creates opportunities for residents to take part in the planning, development, and implementation of CDBG plans. The Citizens' Advisory Committee, appointed by City Council, assists city staff in implementing the consolidated plan, its programs, and ongoing evaluation of the plan's successes, failures, and adjustments.

The City holds monthly CAC meetings, and has had several advertised public hearings to receive input on CDBG plans and amendments. The first hearing for the Year 4 Action Plan was held on May 17, 2021, and included a comment period starting on March 5. The second hearing was held on June 3, 2021. There was a public comment period from May 14 to June 14, 2021. Through the 2020 program year, the CAC met virtually, including public hearings. It is expected that meetings will continue virtually through at least the first quarter of the 2021 program year, with a gradual shift back to in-person meetings as conditions improve.

Under the direction of the City's Director of Planning and Development, the CDBG Coordinator directs and coordinates all activities of the CAC. The CDBG Coordinator is the contact point for various non-profits (including philanthropic organizations), public housing authorities, businesses, and residents of assisted housing developments, social services (including faith based organizations) and any population that would be eligible for CDBG funding.

The CAC provides comments and/or recommendations in areas such as the assessment of needs, reviewing potential projects, and conducting Public Hearings to keep the citizenry informed.

The CAC is designed and operated to provide outreach to local (and regional institutions when appropriate) groups and citizens. As provided in recent project activity alignments, direct contact with the CAC is through the two Hubs, as well as Biddeford Ready. Through Seeds of Hope and their homeless coalition, the City participates with various service and non-profit organizations focused specifically on the social welfare and housing needs of our low and very low-income individuals, and their families, where appropriate. The City sits on the State's only Continuum of Care, convened by Maine Housing. Biddeford Ready represents a broad coalition of local and regional organizations focused on outreach to low income clientele, specifically families and their children. The City has grown its own social intervention team through the police department, increasing that staff to respond to 24/7 mental health needs during the COVID period. The CDBG coordinator utilizes this network, in total, to reach out to the population (including the immigrant population) as a whole.

The city consults with these relevant parties to share resources, assess needs, and further refine strategies to achieve CDBG goals. A detailed account of these parties can be found in AP-10.

As part of the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan, 44 organizations that serve persons with disabilities were invited to provide input. The list is included in the Citizen Participation document in Attachments.

A substantial amendment was necessary to perform ADA transition plan work and enable nonprofits to apply for housing rehabilitation funding, so the Citizen Participation Plan was followed for a substantial amendment, with a Public Hearing on March 9, 2022 (with fifteen day notice period, posting was on February 15, 2022) and a 30-day public comment period from February 16, 2022 to March 17, 2022.

A substantial amendment was necessary to cover the cost of the neighborhood hotspot located at 46 Sullivan Street. The citizen Participation Plan was followed for a substantial amendment, with a Public Hearing on June 15, 2022 (posted on May 26, 2022, for a 15+ day notice period) and a 30-day public comment period from May 26, 2022 to June 25, 2022.

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.

Public hearings were held virtually by the Citizens' Advisory Committee. Staff reviewed the goals for the 2021 program and answered questions regarding program delivery. Comments received were supportive of the stated plan. All information, including minutes and public comment, can be found in the citizen participation section.

During the public comment period for the substantial amendment, Biddeford Housing Authority provided comment in support of expanding the housing rehabilitation program to include nonprofits. BHA also commented on the same during the public hearing. At the public hearing, one comment was received in support of amendments being made now to begin work and one comment was received to request that any ADA work be coordinated with other construction efforts.

During the public comment period for the substantial amendment regarding the wireless hotspot, [summarize any comments here; or no comments].

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

All comments and views were accepted.

7. Summary

Those who provided comments were supportive of the approach to put the majority of funding into the 2- to 4-unit housing rehab program, which fills a vital need in the community, with the remainder assisting a reduced number of social service agencies.

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
Lead Agency	BIDDEFORD	
CDBG Administrator	BIDDEFORD	Department of Economic & Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The program's structure will be run through the Department of Planning and Development. The Community Development Coordinator will coordinate the work of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee, the social service subrecipients (including the CV program), and the Consolidated Plan process that will begin near the end of the 2021 program year. The Housing Rehab Director will oversee the 2- to 4-unit housing rehab program and any related tasks.

The Community Development Coordinator and/or Housing Rehabilitation Director will coordinate the ADA work. **The Community Development Coordinator will coordinate the provision of the neighborhood hotspot.**

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Abigail Smallwood, Community Development Coordinator, 207-284-9115

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

Since the adoption of the 2018 Consolidated Plan and housing needs assessment, staff have continued to work with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and the City Council to address the transition going on in the Biddeford housing market. Last year, we adjusted the program to focus on two service hubs (Seeds of Hope and Apex Community Hub) as well as the local Meals on Wheels program, worked with the hubs to learn from similar service delivery programs in Maine, and adjusted the housing rehabilitation program to focus on owner occupied 2-4 unit structures, which constitutes 50% of the housing stock in the target area. Particular attention was paid to the Apex Community Hub, in order to find the best model for service that supported both programming and services provided directly by Apex and referral from Apex to other groups for needs they cannot address.

Meetings continued to be held online, with discussions at public CAC meetings about the second round of CV funds, involvement in the city's comprehensive plan (components of which directly tie in with the programs supported by CDBG funds), the current year's programs, and planning for future initiatives that the CAC would like to address.

Public Hearings were advertised on the City's web site via front page listings (additionally, these listings are sent to those who sign up to be notified of new postings, so those who signed up would receive the notice in an email) and any documentation was included in the notice or on the City's Community Development page.

In consolidating the delivery of services through the hubs, technical assistance was shared with the Seeds of Hope and Apex (Meal on Wheels did not receive technical assistance). Each worked with the City to shape their programs to meet the needs of their neighborhood.

Community engagement during the pandemic is a challenge, but the pandemic (as well as an increasingly younger population) has also increased interest in local government, as people have spent more time at home and in the community. In the 2021 program year, the City's goal is to support this interest with various engagement opportunities, from committee membership to neighborhood meetings to public education on important issues.

For the substantial amendments, there was an initial update given to the Citizens Advisory Committee at its January 12, 2022 meeting, to ensure support of the amendments being made. There was a public comment period open from February 16, 2022 to March 17, 2022, and a public hearing held on March 9, 2022. Nonprofit housing providers were contacted individually to inform them of the public hearing and opportunity to comment.

For the new substantial amendment to support the neighborhood hotspot, there was an initial update give to the Citizens Advisory Committee at its May 11, 2022 meeting, to ensure support of the amendment. There was a public comment period open from May 26, 2022 to June 25, 2022, and a public hearing held on June 15, 2022.

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	The first Public Hearing was held virtually on March 17 at 4:00pm and the general framework for the Year 4 Action Plan was presented and discussed. There were 4 CAC members, 3 staff members, and 4 members of the public in attendance.	Comments were supportive of continuing the model developed in the 2020 program year, focusing on the 2-4 unit program and support for a reduced number of social services.	N/A	

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2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>Citizens Advisory Committee meetings (some as hearings), held virtually, all had CDBG program discussions on the agenda, based on HUD, consultant, and staff findings:</p> <p>October 21 at 4:00; November 18 at 4:00; December 17 at 4:00; January 20 at 4:00; February 17 at 4:00; March 17 at 4:00 (hearing and regular meeting); and April 21 (hearing and regular meeting). Meetings were publicly advertised meetings of the CAC. Meeting notices followed the new CDBG guidelines developed as a result of the pandemic.</p> <p>Attendance included CAC members, staff, and participants in the program.</p>	<p>Discussions included program adjustments, guidance on program delivery, and priorities for future work. Housing is a particular focus of the committee.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>10</p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The second Public Hearing was held virtually on June 3 at 4:00pm and the final draft was presented. There were 3 CAC members, 2 staff members, and 1 member of the public in attendance.	There was a presentation of the program and what the breakdown was between these regular CDBG funds and CDBG-CV funds, but no formal comments were made.	N/A	
4	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	A 30-day public comment period was open from May 14 to June 14.	One comment was received about minor formatting typos in the plan.	N/A	
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The final draft was presented to Biddeford City Council on June 15, 2021. There were no comments from the public or City Council. All Councilors were present and the vote was unanimous in favor of approving the plan.	N/A	N/A	

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	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The substantial amendments were presented at a public hearing on March 9, 2022. There were 5 CAC members, 2 staff persons, and 2 guests in attendance.	Comments received were in support of the amendments, with one recommending that any ADA work be coordinated with other construction projects.	N/A	
7	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	A 30-day public comment period was open from February 16, 2022 to March 17, 2022. Nonprofit housing providers were contacted individually to inform them of the opportunity to comment.	There was one comment received from Biddeford Housing Authority in support of the amendment to include nonprofit providers in the housing rehabilitation program.	N/A	

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	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The substantial amendments were presented at a public hearing on June 15, 2022. There were # CAC members, # staff persons, and # guests in attendance.	[any comments or N/A]		
	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	A 30-day public comment period was open from Friday, May 26 to Saturday, June 25.	[any comments or N/A]		

Table 2 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

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	439,734	0	598,186	1,037,920	439,734	Of the annual allocation, 15% will go toward public services (three agencies), 20% toward admin, and remaining funds plus rollover will be focused on the owner occupied 2-4 unit program. An amendment was made to this initial plan to divert a portion of the 2-4 unit program funds to ADA transition plan items / accessibility improvements. An amendment was made to divert a portion of the social service funds to the neighborhood hotspot.

Table 3 - 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

The CDBG, Lead, and Maine Housing funds have been used together to target CDBG eligible neighborhoods with housing improvements through investment.

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

There is a property in one of the target downtown tracts that will be used for a 33-unit family housing development.

Discussion

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	Housing	2018	2023	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITYWIDE	Housing	CDBG: \$676,014	Rental units rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
2	Social Services	2018	2023	Non-Housing Community Development Social Services	CITYWIDE	Social Services	CDBG: \$65,960	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1,715 Persons Assisted (previously 90) Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 15 Persons Assisted
3	Administration	2018	2023	Administration	CITYWIDE	Administration	CDBG: \$87,946	Other: 1 Other
4	Public Infrastructure	2018	2023	Public Infrastructure	CITYWIDE	Public Infrastructure	CDBG: \$208,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4597 Persons Assisted

Table 4 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing
	Goal Description	Funds will support the rehab of owner-occupied 2-4 unit buildings in the target area. There is a rehab specialist to assist with projects, applicants must meet income requirements, and property owners are required to maintain affordability on rehabbed units for 10 years.
2	Goal Name	Social Services
	Goal Description	Funds will support three social service agencies: two hubs that serve target CDBG areas and a Meals on Wheels program. The hubs provide a variety of services to low- to moderate-income individuals and families. Additional CDBG-CV funds will be used for a community support program addressing substance use, mental health concerns, and housing insecurity and homelessness. Additionally, funds will support provision of a neighborhood hotspot in Census Tract 252.02, Block Group 1 (known locally as the Bacon Street or Mission Hill neighborhood).
3	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administration is to be funded for office staff, equipment, supplies, and any other administrative expenses.
4	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Funds will support accessibility improvements to Biddeford's City Hall building, as identified in the city's ADA transition plan. Removal of barriers will allow improved access for persons with disabilities.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Programs supported will be the three social service agencies, housing rehab, and ADA accessibility improvements.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation
2	Public Services
3	Public Infrastructure
4	Administration

Table 5 - Project Information

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

The City continues to focus its efforts on target Census tracts, supporting two hubs and rehabilitation of owner-occupied 2- to 4-unit structures to preserve safe, healthy, and affordable housing. These are priorities due to high rates of LMI households in these tracts and health and safety issues in housing. COVID has been an obstacle to in-person outreach, which is more effective in connecting with and helping those who need assistance. Housing costs are also rising, making it challenging to preserve affordability.

The ADA Accessibility Improvements project is being added in order to address findings from the ADA Transition Plan, and the Housing Rehabilitation project is being updated to allow nonprofits and eligible properties outside the target Census tracts to apply.

The neighborhood hotspot project is being added in order to properly support the provision of this service to Census Tract 252.02, Block Group 1 (known locally as the Bacon Street or Mission Hill neighborhood), which is 97.6% low-to-moderate income persons.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$676,014
	Description	Housing Rehabilitation will focus on 2- to 4-unit structures in eligible Census tracts, with 51% of the units being affordable at 80% of median income for 10 years (\$519,268). There will also be Delivery Costs associated with this project (\$114,000).Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15 housing units with at least 8 units retaining 80% affordability
	Location Description	Priority 1, CDBG designated census tracts of 252.01 and 252.02. Priority 2, Citywide.
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of units in accordance with CDBG rules, and associated program delivery costs, following this priority list: 1. owner occupants of 2- to 4-unit residential rental properties in eligible Census tracts 2. nonprofit owners of 2- to 4-unit residential rental properties in eligible Census tracts 3. owner occupants or nonprofit owners of 2- to 4-unit residential rental properties outside of eligible Census tracts
2	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Social Services
	Needs Addressed	Social Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,960

Description	Biddeford will support three Public Service agencies with the maximum 15% of program funds (\$65,960). Seeds of Hope will run an Overnight Warming Center during the winter months for people experiencing homelessness, estimate of 15 people to be served (\$21,600). Southern Maine Agency on Aging will operate its Meals on Wheels program, providing meal delivery to 75 eligible seniors and persons with disabilities (\$13,000). Apex Youth Connection will run an after-school program out of the 46 Sullivan St Hub in a high-LMI neighborhood, estimate of 15 students aged 8 to 12 to be served (\$31,360).												
Target Date	6/30/2022												
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Seeds of Hope - 15 people experiencing homelessness Meals on Wheels - 75 eligible seniors and persons with disabilities Apex - 15 students 15 students aged 8 to 12 Neighborhood Hotspot - the hotspot will benefit persons within Census Tract 252.02, Block Group 1, locally known as the Bacon Street neighborhood, with a total population of 1,665.												
Location Description	Seeds of Hope operates at 35 South St. Meals on Wheels operates citywide, with offices at 189 Alfred St. Apex Youth Connection operates this program at the Hub at 46 Sullivan St, and their headquarters is at 45 Granite St.												
Planned Activities	Seeds of Hope - Overnight Warming Center during the winter months for people experiencing homelessness Southern Maine Agency on Aging - Meals on Wheels program, providing meal delivery to eligible seniors and persons with disabilities Apex Youth Connection - after-school program out of the Neighborhood Hub in a high-LMI neighborhood Hotspot extension installation, maintenance, and internet service for Census Tract 252.02, Block Group 1.												
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Target Area	CITYWIDE												
Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure												
Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure												
Funding	CDBG: \$208,000												
Description	The city will make ADA accessibility improvements at City Hall, as identified in the ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.												

	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The ADA improvements will benefit persons with disabilities citywide, a population of 4,597 people.
	Location Description	City Hall, 205 Main Street
	Planned Activities	Installation of ADA signage and accessibility improvements to bathrooms, service counters, offices/assembly areas, and stairs.
4	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$87,946
	Description	Administer the CDBG program
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City based
	Planned Activities	Provide administrative oversight and support administrative costs of the CDBG program

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

For both owner-occupied and nonprofit-owned 2- to 4-unit residential buildings, assistance is directed within the CDBG eligible census tracts as the first priority (with greater than 51% LMI), with rehabilitation permitted outside of these tracts as a second priority. Social Service assistance is directed within the CDBG eligible census tracts (with greater than 51% LMI).

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CITYWIDE	22

Table 6 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

All projects this year are targeted for our CDBG eligible tracts, with the highest rates of low- and moderate-income (LMI) households. There will be focused delivery of services through the two hubs, as well as by Meals on Wheels. The housing rehabilitation program represents targeted investments that preserve affordable housing, improve the quality of the home, and increase base value, leading to private neighborhood re-investment. With the amendment to allow nonprofits to apply for rehab funds, the priority location is the identified Census tracts, but eligible properties outside the Census tracts can be considered. Additionally, there is an amendment to allow eligible owner-occupied properties outside the Census tracts to apply.

There is an amendment to support a neighborhood hotspot in Census Tract 252.02, Block Group 1 (known locally as the Bacon Street or Mission Hill neighborhood). This is a targeted area of interest for CDBG support because of its high LMI population.

Discussion

The CDBG program has refined its goals and objectives to provide direct investment into CDBG eligible tracts to meet the needs of LMI households and address issues associated with increasing homelessness and other economic related issues. Continuing this targeted approach will ensure timely reporting.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The goals, objectives, and overall benefit of this AAP represent Year 4 of the Consolidated 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.	0.70%

The goals, objectives, and overall benefit of this AAP represent Year 4 of the Consolidated Plan. The origin year grant amount is \$439,734. Biddeford will continue to support a reduced number of subrecipients and the 2-4 unit rehab program. This will ensure effective delivery of services to LMI individuals and households, and the preservation of housing stock and affordability. Biddeford will also address ADA accessibility improvements and will provide a hotspot in the Mission Hill / Bacon Street neighborhood. The Overall Benefit is based on program years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Biddeford did not undertake any substantial amendments during the prior program year (PY20).