

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

1. Introduction

Anoka County's Annual Plan provides a framework for identifying housing, homeless, community and economic development needs, as well as available resources, and to tailor a strategic plan for meeting those needs. This Action Plan covers the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

For Anoka County, submitting the plan is a statutory requirement in order to receive annual funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD sets forth the basic format and content for the Annual Plan. There are three basic statutory goals that entitlement programs must meet: 1) Provide decent housing 2) Provide a suitable living environment and, 3) Expand economic opportunities. This plan details how those three goals will be met by Anoka County.

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.

Anoka County's Action Plan offers citizens an opportunity to provide input regarding how their local government's prioritizes addressing the aforementioned needs and resources. The plan also serves as a guide to community stakeholders including: residents, municipalities, non-profit partners and affordable housing developers.

The Anoka County 2021 Action Plan has identified the following proposed outcomes:

- Affordability of Decent Housing: Anoka County is proposing to use funds to support construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of housing units to create affordable, safe, decent housing.
- Availability/Accessibility/Sustainability of Suitable Living Environment: Anoka County intends to use CDBG and HOME funds for a broad range of housing, programs and services aimed at creating a suitable living environment. Anoka County has set aside \$233,441 for Public Service activities to meet this objective.
- Availability/Accessibility of Economic Opportunity: In the 2017 Action Plan, Anoka County included the implementation and promotion of a county-wide business revolving loan program to provide gap financing to assist with businesses moving into or expanding in Anoka County. Businesses are required to hire 1 FTE per \$35,000 they receive in CDBG assistance. *The county-wide business revolving loan program did not launch yet, and will be carried forward to the 2021 Action Plan.*
- Complete planning and administration projects that support Anoka County objectives: Anoka County is recommending funding for one CDBG planning grant. The grant will assist the Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC) in preparing an update of the Analysis of Impediments of fair housing and other Fair Housing activities.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Anoka County selected projects that met the needs and goals identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Those goals were later categorized as eligible objectives and outcomes. Unmet needs were addressed with available funds to the fullest extent possible. All applicants recommended for funding have had satisfactory funding performance in previous years. Anoka County uses available resources to improve and maintain existing housing stock, to expand development of affordable housing units, and to better the community as a whole by creating jobs and encouraging redevelopment activities through economic development programs. Projects over the past five years have included work to address health, safety, code, and lead-based paint hazards.

For program year 2020, Anoka County committed \$587,642 in HOME and \$1,030,828 in CDBG project funds to improve or maintain affordable housing and offer projects to benefit low- and moderate income households in the County. CDBG accomplishments for Anoka County included: allocating \$237,883 to nine public service activities directed at low-income residents for services such as, but not limited to, assistance to homeless youth, funding food shelves, disability services, meals for senior services, medical / mental services and providing funds for programs and transportation for organizations serving battered / abused spouses.

Projects have addressed rehabilitation needs for existing single-family and multi-family housing options. The county has also partnered with the State of Minnesota and its Department of Agriculture to access funding for additional rehab programs and for repair of well/septic systems. Several projects funded included improvements at facilities and shelters serving homeless persons including families, youth, and victims of domestic violence. Funds were often committed in coordination with other State and Federal funds to develop new single and multifamily housing units, rehabilitate existing housing units and to make housing more affordable.

Accomplishments for CDBG in Anoka County also address various social service needs of low-income residents including activities that provide health and mental health services, disability services and senior programs that reduce isolation by providing group transportation and meal programs. Public service funding has worked with agencies that target the health and well-being of children, youth and families with programs serving homeless persons and battered spouses. Anoka County, through public service agencies, assisted over 10,000 low-income households with basic needs and services.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Citizen Participation Plan is the framework that sets forth the policies and procedures the Dakota County Consortium will follow to provide for and encourage public participation in the development of the jurisdictions' Consolidated Plan and Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH). The goal is to involve and partner with all local citizens, neighborhoods and areas impacted in the implementation of the housing and community development programs provided by the Consortium members. The Citizen Participation Plan also applies to any substantial amendments to the

Consolidated Plan, to the preparation of the Annual Action Plan, to the performance report which evaluates the progress in meeting the Consolidated Plan objectives and to the AFH.

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.

See attached 2021 Summary of Public Hearings & Comments as legally Noticed in Affidavits of Publication.

At the Public Hearing held on February 23, 2021 there was one written public comment received:

Mary Larkin, Apple Tree Dental - thanked trustees for approving thier PY21 CDBG funding request.

During the 30-day public comment period held from February 26, 2021 - March 29, 2021, no public comments were received.

The Anoka County Housing Redevelopment Authority (ACHRA) Board of Trustees took the one written comment into account. However, funding recommendations were not changed.

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

All oral and written comments were accepted.

7. Summary

Comments received were considered by the Anoka County HRA Board of Trustees and factored into the final funding recommendation made to the Anoka County Board of Commissioners.

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	ANOKA COUNTY	Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Anoka County is the lead administrator for CDBG. For HOME funds, Anoka County is a member of the Dakota County Consortium. Other consortium members include: Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties, and the City of Woodbury. Dakota County is designated as the lead agency for the Consortium, assumes the role of monitoring and oversight of the HOME funds. Funds are allocated on a formula basis which Anoka County is responsible for administering in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s national objectives.

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

1. Introduction

Anoka County coordinates with a wide range of public and private partners to provide opportunities that enhance our community.

Anoka County is an active member of the Twin Cities Area Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC). The FHIC is a partnership of local governments, housing professionals and advocates working to affirmatively further fair housing in the Twin Cities. The FHIC completed a major update to its Regional Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice in 2020. The AI focuses on identifying the causes of housing disparities, factors that reduce fair housing choice, the distribution of affordable housing, displacement that disproportionately affects protected classes, the effects of gentrification on protected classes, integration and segregation along with disparities in access to opportunity as defined by HUD.

The largest current displacement threat facing Twin Cities area lower income renters is the rapid erosion in affordability of naturally occurring housing (NOAH) due to the sale and upscaling of apartment units along with widespread rent increases. Anoka County has committed to working with developers to invest in and preserve affordable units throughout the county.

Each April during “Fair Housing Month,” Anoka County provides several public education opportunities for our community to learn about the Fair Housing Act and how to navigate the process when problems arise. Due to Covid-19 our county buildings were closed to the public during April, so information normally displayed in public areas within the building were cancelled and provided virtually..

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)).

There is no public housing operating in Anoka County.

MN Housing Programs: State housing assistance managed by Anoka County Economic Assistance.

Emergency Assistance (EA): Shelter assistance to singles, families, and youth.

MN Supplement Aid (MSA): Disabled adults may qualify based on income.

Housing Supports: Persons with disabilities, aged 65+, low income/assets and live in certain facilities.

Housing Supports for Long-term Homeless Program: People with disabilities with long-term homeless.

Housing Supports for Adults with Serious Mental Illness (HSASMI): Program services to persons with serious mental illness, barriers to housing.

Metro HRA: Manages HUD-funded housing subsidies, such as Section 8, issued to qualified residents.

COC Housing (formally Shelter+Care): Permanent housing subsidy for disabled individuals who meet HUD's definition of Chronic Homeless.

Long-term Homeless Bridges: Assists persons with mental illness.

Rental Assistance in Anoka County (RAAC): Assists eligible households by subsidizing a portion of each tenant's rent.

Bridges: Helps persons with mental illness exiting an institution who would be homeless, pay for housing.

Family Unification Program (FUP): Provides housing to families involved with the child welfare system and youths 18-21 who have aged out of the foster care system.

Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP): Targeted toward households not eligible for county resources and includes:

1. Prevention resources may include: rental security deposit or rent payment assistance for singles, families and youth at 200% FPG or below.
2. Rapid Rehousing may include: housing search assistance, tenant education and/or shallow subsidy for families and youth at 200% FPG or below.

Continuum of Care (CoC): HUD requires CoC-funded projects to participate in the Coordinated Entry System (CES) to comply with the HEARTH Act.

Housing Programs connected through Coordinated Entry (CE): Permanent housing subsidy for disabled individuals who meet HUD's definition of Chronic Homeless and agencies with Permanent Supportive Housing units connected to CE.

Project for Assistance in Transitioning from Homelessness (PATH): Persons with serious mental illness and/or substance-use disorders experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with social service supports.

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.

Anoka County is a member of Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care (SMAC). CoC adopted the Orders of Priority in HUD's Notice CPD-16-11, includes these goals.

1. The CoC strives to end chronic homelessness by:

- Increasing CoC program and non-CoC program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals.
- The CoC encouraged project applicants to designate all beds for chronically homeless to DedicatedPLUS status resulting in 71 beds being dedicated. Additionally, 211 beds were dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness, for a total of 282 beds.
- All CoC projects are committed to dedicating all future turn-over beds to chronically homeless households.

2. Ending Homelessness among households with children:

- Prioritizing for: a history of vulnerability to victimization, number of previous homeless episodes, being unsheltered, having a criminal history, bad credit, little to-no rental history and the Head of Household having a mental/physical disability.
- Prioritizing households with children on the Coordinated Entry Priority List, including youth-headed families.
- Utilizing and implementing written standards outlining the best practices for Rapid Rehousing programs as created in in 2018.

SMAC is addressing the unique needs of unaccompanied youth by:

- Expanding projects to/for youth who may be exploited, human trafficked, identify as LGBT, exiting foster care, or possibly reunified with family.
- Prioritizing for: a history of vulnerability to victimization, number of previous homeless episodes, being unsheltered, having a criminal history, bad credit and/or little to-no rental history.
- Increasing funding for youth services through State and Federal grants.
- Prioritizing youth and youth-headed families to move them quickly into stable housing.
- Partnering with school districts and outreach staff to identify youth who are homeless and providing access to desired services.
- Utilizing the Education Policy to ensure all eligible households are aware of the McKinney-Vento Act and the services available.

3. The CoC will continue to use the following strategies to maintain functional zero as was established and recognized by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness in November of 2020. Ensuring that Veterans have brief episodes of homelessness, occurrences are rare and /or incidents are non-recurring for those identified in the future as homeless:

- Using StandDown events, outreach and Coordinated Entry to identify homeless veterans.
- Coordinating with the VA and the Minnesota Assistance Council for veterans (MAC-V), leveraging SSVF and HUD-VASH, prioritizing Veterans for CE (including non-Veteran specific housing resources), working with County Veteran Services Officers, and using the MN Homeless veteran Registry helps to maximize resources for identified homeless Veterans.
- Utilize the Veteran Registry as a way to coordinate care that was unknown previously.
- Regularly reviewing CoC resources available to meet veteran needs to maintain the functional zero.

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

Anoka County doesn’t receive any direct ESG funding. However, as a part of SMAC the only agency receiving a direct allocation is Dakota County CDA. Therefore, the CoC engages ESG recipients including agencies that receive direct allocations (Dakota CDA) and State recipients in developing plans, funding decisions, performance standards & evaluating outcomes. For State ESG recipients CoC members who do not have a conflict, participate in scoring & ranking recommendations.

State ESG performance standards were developed with CoC representatives from around the state, & reflect the purpose of ESG shelter, prevention & rapid re-housing funds to: 1) keep people safely sheltered 2) re-house homeless persons 3) ensure persons have stable housing. Performance reports are sent to the CoC for review of sub-recipient performance. With the development of a new and expanded HMIS CAPER, there will be additional opportunities to work with CoC to evaluate performance standards and outcomes. The CoC regularly discusses & evaluates the role of ESG-funding within its homeless response system utilizing CE and HMIS data.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	ANOKA COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County Major Employer

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy</p>
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<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Anoka County engaged and requested input from a range of housing and social service providers including area food shelves and meals on wheels programs, domestic violence caregivers, homeless shelters, general and mental health care providers. Staff looked at agencies that helped seniors and youth, transportation services, area school districts and colleges, faith-based organizations and the local Community Action Program (CAP). Efforts were made to address many social and health service needs. Anoka County as a jurisdiction has services that address basic living, education and health for very low and low-income households. Some programs participating in the consolidated plan process provide one specific service while others such as the CAP provide multiple types of services targeting a variety of low income households and their needs. The Community Action Program (CAP) engaged in the Consolidated Plan process as they were identified as both an affordable housing provider and service provider. Anoka County hosted work sessions to discuss the needs and gaps of existing projects/programs and the process of identifying priorities in Anoka County for the next five years. Each agency was requested to complete a survey with the identified needs of social and community services that residents are using or need. With input from faith-based organizations and established social service agencies it was identified that many of the services presented as a high priority are similar to the past five years. Since Anoka County participates as a member of a regional fair housing organization, it has continued to further update and develop an Analysis of Impediments and continues to work with local agencies and jurisdictional partners.</p>	
2	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Alexandra House</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Planning organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Stepping Stone
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	North Suburban Counseling Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities 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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	NUCLEUS CLINIC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency
	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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Lee Carlson Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities 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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	MEALS ON WHEELS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities 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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	NORTH METRO PEDIATRICS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency
	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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	SOUTHERN ANOKA COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	YMCA METRO MINNEAPOLIS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services - Victims Planning organization Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth 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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Cars For Neighbors, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Metropolitan Council - Metro HRA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Regional organization Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing 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?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

N/A - Identified and included a wide range of local agencies.

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	Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care (CoC)	Goals address all of the homeless services/homeless data in Strategic Plan.
Community Health, Data Book	Anoka County Community Health and Environmental Services	Goals address not only the general health status of Anoka County residents but also all factors that either promote or serve as barriers to achieving the best health status possible. Data includes Anoka County as a place and as people reviewing quality of life standards such as education, housing and physical environment.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

Efforts were made to consult a wide range of community organizations.

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

Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to provide input into all aspects of the Consortium's consolidated planning activities – from assessing needs and setting priorities through performance evaluations. The CPP outlines the Consortium's responsibility for providing opportunities for active participation from citizens of all income levels to contribute information, ideas, and opinions about ways to improve our neighborhoods, promote housing affordability, and enhance the delivery of public services to area residents. In developing its Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Substantial Amendments, CAPER and AFH, the Consortium will take appropriate actions to encourage citizen participation by all residents of the Consortium-member communities, emphasizing the involvement of:

- Low-and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in areas where federal funds are proposed to be used;
- Residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods;
- Minorities;
- Persons with Limited English Proficiency;
- Persons with disabilities;
- Residents of public and assisted housing developments; and
- Local and regional institutions, the regional Continuum of Care (known as SMAC) and other organizations including businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and community and faith-based organizations.

Several opportunities for comment were offered to county residents, agencies and municipalities. Anoka County held a public hearing on February 23, 2021 and offered any interested party the opportunity to comment on the draft 2021 Action Plan and the proposed 2021 CDBG/HOME funding applications. A Notice of Public Comment period was published and ran from February 26, 2021 through March 29, 2021.

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	Minorities Persons with disabilities Anoka County residents, general public	At the February 23, 2023 Public Hearing there was one written public comment received.	Mary Larkin, Apple Tree Dental - thanked trustees. PY21 CDBG funding request was recommended.	All comments were accepted.	
2	Internet Outreach	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No comments received.	No comments received.	No comments received.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community Anoka County residents, general public	No comments received	No comments received	No comments received	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Anoka County is a member of the Dakota County HOME Consortium. Other consortium members include: Dakota, Ramsey and Washington counties and the City of Woodbury. Dakota County is designated as the lead agency for the Dakota County HOME Consortium, and assumes the role of monitoring and oversight of the Consortium's HOME funds. Funds are allocated on a formula basis in which Anoka County is responsible for administering the funds in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's national objectives.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,556,278	50,000	0	1,606,278	0	
Other	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Housing	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 1 - 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

Anoka County is a participant in the Dakota County Community Consortium. HOME-funded projects require a 25% match. Activities include funding for Twin Cities Habitat to acquire / rehab affordable single family homes. Public Service CDBG funding recipients are evaluated on community need, con plan priority along with the organization's ability to contribute and sustain the activity.

Program Income: All program income received will be allocated to another qualified activity within the CDBG or HOME programs. Future income is anticipated from home rehab payoffs, revolving loan program funds, and down payment assistance repayments. Once program income is received it is applied to the next qualified activity disbursement request. Program income is not included as an expected resource as the amount of program income received can vary significantly from year to year.

NOTE Program Income: Per the explanation above, the \$50,000 listed in the "Expected Amount Available" column above is not allocated to an activity in the PY 2021 Action Plan.

Matching Funds: To meet the requirements of the HOME program, projects funded with HOME funds are required to identify sources of match at the time of application. In order for the match requirements to be met, the funded projects must provide at least 25% in non-federal funds. Projects such as acquisition, rehabilitation, housing construction, and tenant based rental assistance, provide documents at the time HOME funds are used or during the development phase. Match identified by project applications come from private funding. If the project is funded, the percent of matching funds identified in the application is included as a requirement of the funding agreement.

NOTE: Carryover project from PY17/PY18. Establish Revolving Loan Fund: \$500,000 EN funds to establish county-wide revolving loan program as noted in discussion below.

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

N/A

Discussion

NOTE: Carryover project from PY17/ PY18. Prior year EN funds (\$600,000) will be used to establish a county-wide business revolving loan fund to create local jobs.

NOTE: Carryover project from PY20. Prior year CDBG funds (\$327,000) will be used for a county-wide single family home rehabilitation loan program.

NOTE: Program Income. The \$50,000 listed in the "Expected Amount Available" column above is not allocated to an activity in the PY 2021 Action 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

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Planning and Administrative Projects
	Goal Description	Administer and plan for CDBG funded activities.
2	Goal Name	Promote Equal Housing Opportunities
	Goal Description	Promote and Advance Fair Housing.
3	Goal Name	Facilities and Services for Homeless
	Goal Description	Invest CDBG Funds in Homeless Facilities.
4	Goal Name	Public Service Activities
	Goal Description	Invest CDBG funds in Public Service activities to benefit community.
5	Goal Name	Support Economic Development
	Goal Description	Establish a County-wide Business Revolving Loan Fund.
6	Goal Name	Preserve and Improve Housing
	Goal Description	Continue County-wide Home Rehabilitation Loan Program.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

This 2021 Action Plan will be year two of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The process included funding application development, public meetings, technical assistance, and public review of proposed projects. All projects selected for funding meet federal regulations and are Con Plan "High" priorities. The Action Plan includes receiving an estimated \$50,000 in unallocated program income.

#	Project Name
1	Planning and Administration
2	Fair Housing Activities
3	Homeless Facilities
4	Public Service Activities
5	Economic Development
6	Housing Preservation

Table 3 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities for Program Year 2021 CDBG funds match the priority needs of the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administrative Projects
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$308,255
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the daily administrative needs to maintain the CDBG grant and its regulations within the Anoka County Community Development Department.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A - Provide oversight and administration for CDBG program.
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	21A-General Administration
2	Project Name	Fair Housing Activities
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Promote Equal Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	Engage in and actively promote activities that advance Fair Housing. Anoka County is focused on these Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: 1)Insufficient interest in fair housing 2)Lack of sufficient outreach and education 3)Insufficient system capacity 4) Lack of effective referral system 5)Lack of understanding of fair housing 6) Discrimination and harassment in rental markets 7)Discrimination of Section 8 Voucher Holders. Anoka County is focused on the following Actions to Address the above Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: 1) Stimulate additional fair housing outreach and education activities 2) Enhance coordination of fair housing activities, including better referral system 3) Enhance homebuyer education 4)Encourage inclusive housing location policies for both private and public housing providers 5)Enhance outreach and education to rental housing providers and continue supporting compliant-based testing and enforcement 6)Encourage local government actions that more affirmatively further fair housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Engage in and actively promote activities that advance Fair Housing, in Anoka County and in the Twin Cities Metro Area.
	Location Description	County-wide and metro region-wide.
	Planned Activities	21D- Fair Housing Activities
3	Project Name	Homeless Facilities
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Facilities and Services for Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000
	Description	Rehabilitation of The Dwelling Place domestic abuse transitional shelter housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	16 households will benefit from rehabilitation of transitional housing at Sandys Place.
	Location Description	Confidential domestic abuse transitional housing.
	Planned Activities	Facility improvements at domestic abuse transitional housing.
4	Project Name	Public Service Activities
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Public Service Activities
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,590
	Description	Provide public service funds to the activities listed.
	Target Date	6/30/2022

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Estimated 7426 low/mod income persons served by the eight public service activities listed:</p> <p>ACCAP Chores & More = 296 persons /</p> <p>Apple Dental = 4111 persons /</p> <p>Cars for Neighbors = 45 persons /</p> <p>Elevate Hope House = 8 persons /</p> <p>Hearts & Hammers = 16 persons /</p> <p>Impact Services = 300 persons /</p> <p>SACA = 1,750 persons /</p>														
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>ACCAP-1201 89th Ave NE, Ste 345, Blaine / Apple Tree Dental-Springbrook Drive, Coon Rapids / Cars for Neighbors-12527 Central Ave NE, Ste 110, Blaine / Elevate Hope House -Ham Lake / Hearts & Hammers - 2599 Fairview Ave No, St. Paul / Impact Services - 3960 Coon Rapids Blvd, Coon Rapids / SACA-627 38th Ave NE, Columbia Heights / The Salvation Army- 1201 89th Ave NE, Suite 130, Blaine.</p>														
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>ACCAP-Program assists seniors (62+) with housekeeping, minor home repairs, snow removal and mowing/yard assistance so they can remain in their homes / Apple Tree Dental- equip mobile dental offices with dental chairs, power carts for compressed air, water & vacuums used in providing oral care to low-income individuals, families, elderly and disabled patients / Cars for Neighbors-provide car repair services to low/mod households / Elevate Hope House-purchase van / Hearts & Hammers-Home exterior rehab/improvement projects for 8 senior households that revitalize weatherproofing, security and accessibility for low-income and/or vulnerable homeowners / Impact Services-provide a daily hot nutritious meal and wellness check for senior citizens / SACA-purchase food, pay utilities and partially fund the salary for SACA Delivery Coordinator / The Salvation Army- purchase food items for the food shelf.</p>														
<p>5</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="126 1417 475 1474">Project Name</td> <td data-bbox="475 1417 1541 1474">Economic Development</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="126 1474 475 1530">Target Area</td> <td data-bbox="475 1474 1541 1530">Anoka County</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="126 1530 475 1587">Goals Supported</td> <td data-bbox="475 1530 1541 1587">Support Economic Development</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="126 1587 475 1644">Needs Addressed</td> <td data-bbox="475 1587 1541 1644"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="126 1644 475 1701">Funding</td> <td data-bbox="475 1644 1541 1701">CDBG: \$600,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="126 1701 475 1757">Description</td> <td data-bbox="475 1701 1541 1757">Establish county-wide Business Revolving Loan Fund (\$600,000)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="126 1757 475 1801">Target Date</td> <td data-bbox="475 1757 1541 1801">12/31/2022</td> </tr> </table>	Project Name	Economic Development	Target Area	Anoka County	Goals Supported	Support Economic Development	Needs Addressed		Funding	CDBG: \$600,000	Description	Establish county-wide Business Revolving Loan Fund (\$600,000)	Target Date	12/31/2022
Project Name	Economic Development														
Target Area	Anoka County														
Goals Supported	Support Economic Development														
Needs Addressed															
Funding	CDBG: \$600,000														
Description	Establish county-wide Business Revolving Loan Fund (\$600,000)														
Target Date	12/31/2022														

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Create or retain 17 jobs offered to low / moderate income individuals.
	Location Description	Program administrator to be determined. Jobs created or retained county-wide.
	Planned Activities	Create or retain 17 jobs offered to low / moderate income individuals. Program administrator to be determined. Jobs created or retained county-wide.
6	Project Name	Housing Preservation
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Preserve and Improve Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Homeowner Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$327,000
	Description	Fund Anoka County Home Rehabilitation Loan program to provide loans for low / moderate income households for health and safety improvements.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provide loans to income qualified households up to \$24,999 for single family home health and safety repairs or improvements. Approximately 14 low / moderate income households will benefit.
	Location Description	County-wide loan program
Planned Activities	Provide loans to income qualified households up to \$24,999 for single family home health and safety repairs or improvements.	

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

Anoka County, as an Urban County, is located in the northwest corner of the seven-county Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan regional area. It is the third largest in land mass in this region and the fourth most densely populated with 831 people / square mile. Per MN Compass 2017 estimates, Anoka County is home to 351,373 residents and is comprised of 20 cities and one township. One in ten, or 10.7%, of households speak a language other than English at home. The median age in Anoka County is 38.4 years.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Anoka County	100

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Anoka County allocated funding based on its annual competitive application process. This process works with municipalities and organizations to determine the allocation priority and need. A deadline was set for projects and public services applications to be submitted and were then reviewed to determine if they met federal regulations and Action Plan requirements. Anoka County reviewed the 2021 applications based on the applicant's capacity, past experience and project readiness to utilize funding.

Applications reviewed were scored on details related to relocation, environmental requirements and monitoring compliance. All activities funded meet a high priority as designated in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Funding allocations and investments are limited, so Anoka County works at prioritizing requests to ensure investments are geographically meeting underserved populations.

Discussion

AMEND PY19 ACTION PLAN to include CDBG-CV funds will be used for COVID prevention, response and recovery. Anticipated uses of funds include, but are not limited to: homeless assistance, rental assistance, small business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs. CDBG-CV funds will be invested in PY20 & PY21.

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

Introduction

Anoka County does not have authority over land use and development. Municipalities and the Metropolitan Council control local and regional land use policies. Affordable housing tends to be in larger cities that have better access to public transportation.

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

Anoka County works closely with all units of government throughout the county to support all affordable housing. This includes support of new rental construction, tenant-based rent assistance, new owner construction (e.g. Habitat homes), special needs housing, housing rehabilitation along with supporting the expansion and preservation of affordable multi-family housing units.

Discussion

Addressing underserved housing needs has become increasingly more difficult. To make housing affordable to very low-income households, substantial subsidies are needed. Appropriations for housing programs have seen reductions or remain flat and are not at levels sufficient to support affordability gaps.

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

Introduction

Additional CDBG-V funds will be invested in PY21 for COVID prevention, response and recovery.

Anticipated uses of funds include, but not limited to homeless assistance, rental assistance, business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Programs that are expected to address the obstacles of those with underserved needs include not only the creation and stability of housing but also public service activities that will specifically address low to moderate income households in need of care for senior services, transportation or health. Through the use of CDBG/HOME funds housing opportunities are being created for very low income households in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. The services for households with mental health are able to connect to resources related to healthy living, food and medical care.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Anoka County with the use of program year funding will foster and maintain affordable housing through a collaboration with local nonprofit housing organizations. Existing housing stock will be maintained through our CDBG single-family housing and multi-family housing rehabilitation programs. The CDBG single family housing program works directly with the existing housing supply for low to moderate income homeowners who struggle to make repairs related to health and safety measures.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Action to address the LBP hazards in Anoka County include several educational and action steps structured around the type of situation a household is in. In working with home buyer programs, buyers are notified through the use of educational materials of the dangers and needs of homes built prior to 1978. This process is within real estate documents and disclosures and supported by information from the EPA and the Department of Health. Anoka County and its partners administer housing rehabilitation programs in which we are able to directly address items within the home that test positive for levels of lead-based paint and product materials.

Lead-based hazard testing is conducted on all rehabilitation projects where the housing unit was built before 1978. Rehabilitation programs require a clearance test at the completion of all work to ensure not only that the known lead-based paint issues have been addressed but to ensure that further dust contamination did not occur within the area. In the administration of rental programs such as tenant based rental assistance or others, a visual inspection of all units for lead hazards is completed. If an area of paint is in poor condition or to be disturbed we work directly with property owners to safely remediate and improve the condition of deficient areas. Additional opportunities to educate households are taken through local events to promote a healthy home and increase awareness of lead safe practices for renovation.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

One of the barriers identified through the Needs Assessment was a lack of employment opportunities with living wages. Currently, the jobs people acquire do not pay them enough to be able to afford a market-rate unit. Additionally, the Needs Assessment identified transportation within the county as a barrier. There is a lack of public transportation routes especially in the northern half of the county. Applications that targeted some of these barriers were funded such as the Cars for Neighbors program which provides free vehicle repairs to low-income households thereby ensuring safe dependable transportation to jobs, medical appointments and other daily tasks.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

As noted in SP-40 of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, gaps are found in the institutional delivery system when important public service activities are presented to the Anoka County Community Development Department for funding and the activity must be denied because it's not deemed a "high priority" in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. When these situations arise, Anoka County Community Development notes the activity and may offer it as a possible high priority in the next Five-Year Consolidated Plan as long as citizen participants favor it.

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

Anoka County Community Development, along with private developers, non-profit organizations, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's), the 21 cities within the County, private business, and SMAC work closely with each other to foster a coordination of efforts and services. Anoka County will enhance coordination by continuing to network and seek out new partnership opportunities.

As mentioned previously, SMAC has developed a coordinated assessment tool, which has proven successful in providing services regarding homeless prevention, supportive services, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. The coordinated assessment is fairly new and will enhance coordination.

Discussion

Fair Housing: With the release of HUD's Roadmap to Prosperity and an updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, we anticipate a robust discussion with new partners willing to join the conversation. This will help build institutional structure for future years. Anoka County will continue working with the region's Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC) to address housing discrimination, gentrification and displacement, barriers to housing choice and conditions of segregation and integration in the seven-county Twin Cities housing market area. The FHIC has hired consultants dedicated to community engagement in suburban areas along with a consulting group focused on housing displacement prevention while maintaining quality affordable housing.

Additional CDBG-CV funds will be invested in PY21 for COVID prevention, response and recovery.

Anticipated uses of funds include, but are not limited to: homeless assistance, rental assistance, small business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The Projects Table identifies those activities / projects the county expects to fund throughout the year using available CDBG funds. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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	50,000
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:	50,000

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.	70.00%

Discussion

There are no urgent need activities identified in Anoka County.

Additional CDBG-V CARES Act funds were awarded to Anoka County. The CDBG-V will be used for COVID prevention, response and recovery.

Anticipated uses of funds include, but are not limited to homeless assistance, rental assistance, small business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs. The PY19 Action Plan was and will be amended to reflect actual activities as our high priority community needs are determined. Most activities are likely to take place in PY20 and PY21.

