

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Anoka County's five-year Consolidated Plan provides a framework for identifying housing, homeless, community and economic development needs, as well as available resources, and tailor's a strategic plan for meeting those needs. This Consolidated Plan covers the five-year period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029 (program years 2025-2029). The Consolidated Plan offers citizens an opportunity to provide input regarding how their local governments 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.

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 Consolidated 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 over the next five years.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The 2025-2029 Anoka County Consolidated Plan has identified the following objectives and outcomes:

1. Support construction and acquisition of housing to create decent and safe housing for lower income persons.

Funded through HOME & CDBG. Affordability of Decent Housing outcome.

2. Preserve and improve housing through rehabilitation of existing structures. Funded through HOME & CDBG.

Affordability of Decent Housing outcome.

3. Promote equal housing opportunities. Funded through HOME & CDBG. Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment outcome.

4. Fund activities that eliminate slum and blight for the creation of new development. Funded through HOME & CDBG.

Sustainability of Suitable Living Environment outcome.

5. Develop and upgrade public facilities and infrastructure to help lower-income persons and those with special needs. Funded through CDBG. Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment outcome.

6. Support economic development in Anoka County to provide new jobs, primarily for lower-income persons. Funded through CDBG. Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment outcome.

7. Fund public service activities serving primarily lower-income persons and those with special needs. Funded through CDBG. Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment outcome.

8. Complete planning and administration projects that support the above objectives. Funded through HOME & CDBG.

9. Evaluate support facilities and service needs of the homeless and those at imminent threat of becoming homeless, and identify appropriate agencies and resources. Funded through Continuum of Care process. Availability/Accessibility of Decent Housing outcome.

3. Evaluation of past performance

During the five years in which the previous Consolidated Plan was active (program years 2020-2024), Anoka County worked with and encouraged applicants to select projects that met the needs and goals identified in the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan. Those goals were later categorized as eligible objectives and outcomes. Unmet needs were addressed with available funds to the fullest extent possible.

Anoka County utilized 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 addressed rehabilitation needs for existing single-family and multi-family housing options. Rehabilitation work addressed health, safety, code and lead-based paint hazards. The rehabilitation program has also partnered to access additional funding offered by the State of Minnesota and the Department of Agriculture to offer options that address housing and maintain affordable housing conditions. Several projects funded included improvements at facilities and shelters serving homeless persons including families, youth, and victims of domestic violence.

Past performance also shows Anoka County committed local HOME funds to improve or maintain affordable housing. HOME funds were committed alone and in coordination with other State and Federal funding to develop new single and multifamily housing units, rehabilitate existing housing units, and to make housing affordable through tenant based rental assistance and down payment assistance programs.

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 to 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 the public service agencies assisted over ten thousand low-income households with basic needs and services. The county continues to support such programs not only with federal CDBG dollars but directly using state and local funds to continue to improve opportunities for households.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

Anoka County used several methods of contact when seeking citizen input to determine what HUD-approved activities should be deemed a “High” priority and funded during the 2025-2029 CON Plan period. Prior to conducting the required 2025 public hearing and public comment period to approve the CON Plan, info and data were gathered as follows:

- A link to our online survey was sent electronically to county staff, municipal staff and elected officials;
- A virtual work session was held on November 6, 2024, stakeholders attending included non-profits, municipalities, and other organizations to discuss and identify the needs and gaps that are barriers to the low-to-moderate income households and provide information on how to apply for CDBG and HOME funds;
- Staff was available to meet with any citizen, business, organization, or government official who requested information or wanted to discuss the priorities and CON Plan;
- Information was presented to county departments including: Human Services, Sheriff, Senior Services, etc. Employees were encouraged to submit completed surveys as they provide daily services to many of the county's low-moderate income residents and a survey link was sent to all county employees on July 31, 2024;
- An online survey was used to gather data to determine what activities were a high priority to the community. Promotion of the survey was done in the county newsletter, social media, website banner ads, posters, postcards, and emailed to public service agencies, developers, area churches, school districts, and past CDBG and HOME funding recipients;
- The survey was made available to the public via the Anoka County website from July 16, 2024 - November 30, 2024. Written copies were also made available by request.

Once the deadline for submitting survey responses passed and the data was tallied, a new “Needs and Priorities Chart” was presented to the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (ACHRA) Board on December 17, 2024, for approval. The ACHRA Board gave their approval and this new “Needs and Priorities Chart” was included as part of the 2025 CDBG and HOME funding applications packet.

The public was given the opportunity to make comments on the 2025-2029 CON Plan at two public hearings; one hearing was held at the ACRHA Board Meeting on March 25, 2025. The other hearing was held on April 21, 2025, and was open to any residents of our HOME Consortium’s jurisdictions. Comments were also accepted during our published Public Comment period which ran from February 21, 2025, until 4:00 p.m. on March 24, 2025.

Anoka County also used resources such as social media and electronic notifications to further enhance the awareness of the Consolidated Plan process to both residents and organizations. Through the use of the County website, Facebook and Twitter accounts we were able to send out notices and information in regards to the process and survey for the plan. Additionally, all public notices are published not only in local print media options, but also supported with a post on the Community Development webpage. This not only provides information to the internal County departments but also allows organizations who may not have been able to attend the work session a direct link to the process and a way to further refer citizens of Anoka County to the county's programs.

5. Summary of public comments

The following comments regarding the 2025-2029 CON Plan or 2025 Annual Action Plan were received during the Public Hearing on March 25, 2025. Elizabeth Showalter, City of Blaine submitted written comments regarding Manufactured Housing being part of the permanent housing stock in the community and how vital it is to include manufactured

housing as a source of affordable housing. The City requested consideration of using CDBG funds to rehabilitate manufactured homes as part of Anoka County's Single Family Rehab Loan Program. David Wyatt, Mediation and Restorative Services (MARS) spoke about the impact of CDBG funds to pay for a part-time staff person to provide \$800,000 in rental assistance to Anoka County residents. Other general comments were received on the 515 Con Plan Survey responses.

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

All comments or views were accepted.

7. Summary

Anoka County, using a variety of methods to broaden public participation, encouraged its residents, developers / housing providers, municipalities, and non-profit organizations to provide input in the development of the activities/priorities of greatest need for our low-to-moderate income citizens during the upcoming 5-year period. Our main data-gathering tool was an online survey which was made available to potential participants starting July 16, 2024, with a November 30, 2024, deadline for submission. The survey link was sent to all county employees on July 31, 2024, which expressed need for their input and encouraged to be forward to community partners. On November 6, 2024, a virtual work session was held for municipalities, housing developers, and other non-profit agencies. This work session, along with individual meetings, emails, online information and other promotional efforts provided opportunities to further gather public input. Once the survey results were compiled a *Needs and Priority Chart* was drafted, approved by the ACHRA Board on December 17, 2024, as the goals and priorities for the 2025-2029 CON Plan.

The Process

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

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

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 Dept / Anoka County HRA

Table 1– Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Anoka County’s five-year Consolidated Plan (CON Plan) provides a framework for identifying housing, homeless, community and economic development needs. Stakeholders including: residents, municipalities, non-profit partners and affordable housing developers, provided input regarding how their local governments prioritizes addressing needs/resources.

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(l) and 91.315(l)

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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)).

In preparing the Consolidated Plan, Anoka County consulted with other public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health services, and social services including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons. Minnesota Department of Health and Anoka County Public Health Department documents were consulted to determine the need for lead-based paint hazard testing. Anoka County also used resources such as its county newsletter, social media and electronic notifications to further enhance the awareness of the Consolidated Plan process to both residents and organizations. Through the use of the County website, Facebook and Twitter accounts we were able to send notices and

information regarding the process and survey for the plan. Additionally, all public notices are published not only in local print media options, but also supported with a post on the Community Development webpage. This process offered stakeholders a direct link to engage their staff and clients with the development of the 2025-29 Anoka County CON Plan.

There is no public housing operating in Anoka County. Anoka County Community Action Program (ACCAP) works in partnership with Anoka County to provide low-income housing options. The Metropolitan Council provides Section 8 Housing Vouchers. The Anoka County HRA operated five senior apartment buildings.

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 the Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care, (SMAC) with Carver, Dakota, Scott and Washington counties. SMAC has created and implemented common policies and procedures for responding to those persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, Anoka County is the grantee for MN homeless prevention programs with an emphasis on assisting persons at risk of homelessness to avoid an episode of homelessness entirely.

Coordination efforts include weekly calls with housing and service providers, county staff and priority-list managers across the Continuum where homeless individuals, families with children, and youth are matched based on established priorities. The following outlines the priorities established by SMAC:

1. Chronically homeless
2. HUD homeless – greatest number of months
3. Minnesota’s definition of homeless – greatest number of months
4. Assessment score of the VI-SPDAT
5. Minnesota’s definition of Long-Term homeless (including those who live with others, or who may be couch hopping).

Veterans are served in a variety of ways: First, veterans who are on the Veteran Registry are discussed bi-weekly with veteran service providers to create housing plans for each veteran on the registry. The second way veterans are served is by being prioritized on the Coordinated Entry (CE)List. SMAC has agreed that if a Veteran is identified through the CE process, they shall move to the top of Priority List to further HUD’s goal of ending Veteran homelessness. Cross collaboration occurs with Coordinated Entry Priority List managers and the MN Veteran’s Registry.

Additional coordination occurs during monthly meetings where housing providers, assessors, Priority List managers and county staff discuss best practices and look for ways to continuously improve established policies and procedures for Coordinated Entry. Anoka County staff serves as co-chair on the

SMAC Coordinated Entry System committee. This level of involvement and communication strengthens participation for agencies who are active in serving the needs of homeless persons.

Anoka County also holds Housing Support agreements with community providers who provide services connected with Long Term Homelessness (LTH) funded units (scattered sites); receiving referrals for these individuals through the Coordinated Entry Priority-list.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

SMAC has our 4 regions with up to 3 members from each to serve on the SMAC Board reviewed annually for diversity and representation from persons having experienced homelessness. Responsibilities include:

- Lead organization for the planning, development, and implementation of the response to homelessness in SMAC Plan.
- Drafting / approving documents.
- Strategic planning / goal setting.
- Monitoring / evaluating performance goals for all homeless housing and service providers including all CoC, ESG and FHPAP providers.
- Monitoring / evaluating the performance of SMAC Collaborative Applicant.
- Monitoring / evaluating system-wide goals to end and prevent homelessness.
- Ensuring the availability of data for planning / goal setting.
- Establishing priorities / making decisions regarding allocation of CoC resources.
- Developing written guidelines to define CoC priorities, eligibility standards for the CoC Plan, data collection and reporting requirements.
- Aligning / coordinating CoC and other homeless assistance and mainstream resources.
- Establishing sub-committees and task forces, as needed, to carry out the work of SMAC.
- Enter into contracts and MOU's on behalf of SMAC and monitor performance under these contracts.
- Establish / implement a communications plan to ensure transparency of CoC operations and results to SMAC and the public.

SMAC operates within a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) along with CoC regions in the state, The Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) replacing Wilder Research as the State System Administrator for HMIS. ICA's role includes:

- **Operate the CoC HMIS Data and Technical Standards Compliance:** ICA will ensure that this operation will be in compliance with the HMIS Data and Technical Standards (69 FR 146, March 10, 2010). ICA will review this compliance on an annual basis and report to SMAC Governing Board on the review results with any corrective action if it is required. Policies and Procedures:

ICA will maintain comprehensive HMIS operational policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, a privacy plan, security plan, and data quality plan. These policies and procedures will be reviewed for any needed updates annually. Training and Technical Assistance: ICA will provide regular and ongoing training and technical assistance and support to all homeless system agencies using the HMIS network. Monitor System Participation / Data Quality Performance: ICA will monitor regularly the number of homeless system agencies utilizing the network and report the percentages to SMAC. ICA will work collaboratively with SMAC to develop a plan to address low participation rates, as needed.

- **Reporting / Analysis Performance Reporting**: ICA will coordinate a collaborative effort with SMAC to design a CoC-wide performance outcomes report, consistent with the expectations of the HEARTH Act.

Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA): ICA will manage the collection of all data elements required for the Longitudinal System Analysis and enter the data as required into the HUD Homeless Data Exchange on behalf of SMAC.

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

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 Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - County Planning organization Grantee Department Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The 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 health and mental health care providers. Staff looked to community organizations serving seniors and youth, providing transportation services, the school districts and colleges, faith-based organizations and the Community Action Program (CAP). Efforts were made to address many social and health service needs. Anoka County as a jurisdiction, has services that meet basic living, education and health needs of very low and low-income families within its borders. Some programs participating in the CON Plan process provide one specific service while others provide multiple types of services targeting a variety of low-income households to meet their needs. Housing Providers / Agencies / Organizations / Residents were requested to complete an online survey to identify high priority needs of our community. With input from faith-based organizations and established social services agencies it was identified that many of the services presented as a high priority are similar to the previous five years. Anoka County as a member of a regional fair housing organization, has continued to further update the regions Analysis of Impediments and continues to work with local agencies and jurisdictional partners.</p>
2	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Anoka County Community Action Program, Inc.</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Community Action Program engaged in the Consolidated Plan process as they were identified as both an affordable housing provider and service provider. Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Alexandra House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Promise of Anoka County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
6	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
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
7	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
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Impact Services
	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
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.

9	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 - Victims Planning organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Cars For Neighbors, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Transportation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	MetroNorth Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and 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 Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Mediation and Restorative Services, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	SOUTHERN ANOKA COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Xfinity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys. Xfinity provides coverage to 91% of Anoka County.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF BLAINE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in work session, discussions and surveys.

17	Agency/Group/Organization	Metropolitan Council - Metro HRA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Regional organization Planning organization Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

All agency types were consulted throughout the planning process.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	SMAC	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 education, housing and physical environment.

Table 3– Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

Anoka County received 11 municipal survey responses offering their opinion of local needs and priorities. During the November 6, 2024, virtual work session, information was provided on what we are seeing through existing projects along with the process of identifying needs and priorities in the county. In an effort to increase participation of other County departments, the Consolidated Plan Survey was sent to all county employees in late July 2024 in which includes all division heads, the Sheriff and Attorney offices.

To obtain and compare non-housing economic development data within the plan, we worked with the County's Jobs and Training Center to ensure data is accurate as to current needs. Emergency Management was consulted for internet, flooding and other disaster information. Also, we were internally able to utilize Public and Community Health to understand the data as it relates to the health of our communities including items such as lead-based paint, radon and clean water needs. The Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority reviewed the selected priorities and adopted them on December 17, 2024, at a board meeting regarding the 2025-2029 CON Plan. Anoka County continues to work cooperating and in coordination with local cities and organizations as well as exchanging information and data with various offices at the State of Minnesota, the Metropolitan Council, Housing Finance agencies, Department of Natural Resources and Agricultural partners.

Narrative

The 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 health and mental health care providers. Staff looked to community organizations serving seniors and youth, providing transportation services, the school districts and colleges, faith-based organizations and the Community Action Program (CAP). Efforts were made to address many social and health service needs. Anoka County as a jurisdiction, has services that meet basic living, education and health needs of very low and low-income families within its borders. Some programs participating in the CON Plan process provide one specific service while others provide multiple types of services targeting a variety of low-income households to meet their needs. Housing Providers / Agencies / Organizations / Residents were requested to complete an online survey to identify high priority needs of our community. With input from faith-based organizations and established social services agencies it was identified that many of the services presented as a high priority are similar to the previous five years. Anoka County as a member of a regional fair housing organization, has continued to further update the regions Analysis of Impediments and continues to work with local agencies and jurisdictional partners.

PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

Encouraging participation from residents and community stakeholders is important. To meet this requirement, an online survey was developed and promoted county-wide. The survey asked Anoka County residents to designate potential HUD activities as either a “High” or “Low” priority in relation to helping low-and-moderate income individuals and the needs they identified within the communities. In an effort to reach as many households as possible, the survey was promoted and distributed to households in the county by various methods: county-wide newsletter, news release, email, web banner ads, posters, postcards, events, distribution to manufactured home communities and other points of contact. Of those completing the survey, 100% of the respondents reported they were Anoka County residents.

Other departments within the county were also given info and surveys to complete, including social services, our Continuum of Care (CoC) group, economic assistance services, senior and youth services, etc. The homeless data that is reported in the 2025-2029 CON Plan came from our CoC group.

Two other opportunities for comment were offered to county residents, agencies and municipalities. A Notice of 30-day Public Comment period was also published and ran from February 21, 2025, through March 24, 2025. Anoka County held a public hearing on March 25, 2025, and offered any interested party the chance to comment in person on the 2025-2029 CON Plan, 2025 Action Plan, and the proposed 2025 CDBG/HOME funding applications. The following comments were received:

Elizabeth Showalter, City of Blaine submitted written comments regarding Manufactured Housing being part of the permanent housing stock in the community and how vital it is to include manufactured housing as a source of affordable housing. The City also requested consideration of using CDBG funds to rehabilitate manufactured homes as part of Anoka County's Single Family Rehab Loan Program.

David Wyatt, Mediation and Restorative Services (MARS) spoke about the impact of CDBG funds to pay for a part-time staff person to provide \$800,000 in rental assistance to Anoka County residents.

Other general comments were received on the 515 Con Plan Survey responses.

Anoka County also used resources such as social media and electronic notifications to further enhance the awareness of the Consolidated Plan process to both residents and organizations. Through the use of the County website, Facebook and Twitter accounts we were able to send out notices and information regarding the process and survey for the plan. Additionally, all public notices are published not only in local print media options, but also supported with a post on the Community Development webpage. This provides information as a direct link to the process and a way to further allow citizens the opportunity to participate and provide information.

The impact of the efforts discussed provided the County a base for the selection of high priorities. Through the collection of responses, we were able to determine a pattern and support for many similar types of projects and public service needs. The needs and priorities that were designated for use in the 2025-29 CON Plan were determined by combining all of the various responses received from agencies, citizens, municipalities and others.

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	Group Meetings	Non-targeted/broad community Cities/Towns within Anoka County	Provided information at One-On-One Meetings. Encouraged completion of online survey.	Prioritized activities & number to fund.	All comments accepted.	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)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Public Service Agencies & Other County Departments.	Provided information at Group Meetings. Encouraged completion of online survey.	Prioritized activities & number to fund.	All comments accepted.	N/A
3	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	One written comment and one oral comment received. There were four members of the public plus a newspaper reporter present for the Public Hearing held on March 25, 2025.	City of Blaine requested Manufactured Homes be considered part of the communities housing stock and be eligible for CDBG rehab loans. David Wyatt, Mediation and Restorative Services (MARS) spoke about positive impact of CDBG funds and thanked the board for funding.	All comments accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
4	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	Consortium-wide Public Hearing held on October 24, 2024	No comments received.	All comments accepted.	
5	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No comments received.	No comments received.	No comments received.	

Table 4– Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

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Needs Assessment Overview

Housing Needs Assessment - Anoka County, located in the State of Minnesota, is an urban county with 21 cities covering approximately 424 square miles. Anoka County is located in the northern suburbs of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Twin Cities area and is bordered by the counties of Wright, Sherburne, Isanti, Chisago, Washington, Ramsey (home to the city of St. Paul), and Hennepin (home to the city of Minneapolis).

The U.S. Census Bureau data indicates that Anoka County has a population of 372,441 (based on 2023 ACS data). The Metropolitan Council estimates that the County's population will continue to grow at a steady rate by the year 2030 to an estimated population of 402,420.

Anoka County conducted a "Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment" in 2023, data shows the rental market in Anoka County is tight with a vacancy rate of 2.4% and for-sale home prices have increased over the past three years. Housing affordability for owned housing and for rental housing continues to decrease for many owner and renter households in Anoka County, but particularly for low- and moderate-income households. . Housing assistance programs are available in Anoka County, however, funding is scarce and often times goes to the most immediate need.

A higher proportion of Anoka County renter households are housing cost-burdened than owner households. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has a general benchmark of 30% of a household's adjusted gross income as affordable. In Anoka County, an estimated 42% of all renter households pay 30% or more of their income for rent. An estimated 23% of all renter households pay 50% or more of their income for rent and are considered "severely" cost-burdened. For renter households with incomes at or less than \$35,000 annually, 82% are cost-burdened (30% or more of income for rent) and 60% are severely cost burdened (50% or more of income for rent). General occupancy rental properties in Anoka County in August/September 2023 includes a total of 14,613 units, including 11,498 market rate units, 2,433 affordable units and 682 subsidized units. Properties surveyed include those with 24 or more units.

Among owner households in Anoka County, 18% of all owner households are cost burdened as of 2023 (paying 30% or more of income on housing) and 6% are "severely cost burdened (paying 50% or more of income on housing). For owner households with incomes at or less than \$50,000 annually, 58% are cost-burdened (30% or more of income for housing costs) and 32% are "severely" cost burdened (50% or more of income for housing costs).

Anoka County needs to increase the production of affordable housing. There are currently 3,083 affordable units in properties that are income restricted. From 2023 to 2030, another 2,006 affordable/subsidized units are needed to meet demand to 2030. To satisfy this need, public and private sector efforts will be necessary.

If the PJ will establish a preference for a HOME TBRA activity for persons with a specific category of disabilities (e.g., persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness), describe their unmet need for housing and services needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2) (ii))

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The Anoka County need for public facilities includes obligations for construction and rehabilitation to assist communities in parks and recreational facilities, neighborhood facilities, senior centers, youth centers, healthcare facilities, homeless facilities and facilities for disabled persons. These non-housing priorities are a valuable asset to communities, providing stability and safety. In addition, other non-housing high priority project areas identified include clean-up of contaminated sites, clearance and demolition along with economic development direct financial assistance for community job creation.

How were these needs determined?

The overall impact of public facilities such as parks and recreational facilities, neighborhood facilities, senior centers, youth centers, healthcare facilities, homeless facilities and facilities for disabled persons has been identified as a high priority as they provide opportunities for a public benefit to low/moderate income households which may not otherwise have access. Recreational facilities, youth / senior centers, along with access to healthcare and facilities for disabled persons can provide lower income neighborhoods with organized activities and increased access to healthy activities for adults and youth.

Anoka County has homeless facilities serving individuals - Stepping Stone Emergency Housing. Hope 4 Youth operates "Hope Place", a 12-unit transitional housing facility and drop-in shelter for youth ages 16 - 24. The YMCA offers homeless youth services to youth under 21. Some female headed homeless families are housed at domestic abuse shelters and Family Promise of Anoka County works with area religious organizations to house families at area churches. Our homeless data shows the need for additional beds and facilities to temporarily house families and youth. Awareness of the homeless population has increased and cities are recognizing the need for placement of the growing homeless youth community. Funding for this type of public facility addresses a community outreach need to place families and youth in a safe overnight environment.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

Anoka County has three settings within its jurisdictional boundaries: urban, suburban and rural. Within each of these settings neighborhoods are facing the needs for improvements, upgrades or installation of infrastructures. In older neighborhoods a percentage of homes utilize lead-pipe plumbing in their residential units to access their main water supply. In the rural areas we work continuously with families to address needs for safe sanitary water and sewer systems. Additionally, as both housing and economic development grow these basic infrastructure components are essential for transportation and livability. Anoka County communities rely on this type of infrastructure to boost the overall productivity and increase opportunities, as well as living standards, for individuals within the community.

How were these needs determined?

Public improvement concerns were evident in the community engagement survey completed as current concerns and priorities fell upon neighborhoods basic structures.

Working with the communities and economic development programs it was identified as essential to increase, maintain and improve the infrastructure to further housing and job opportunities. Sites which have been deemed unsafe and in need of contamination clean up exist not only within industrial areas but are affecting surrounding neighborhoods. Using this priority communities will be able to improve the quality of water, soil and redevelopment sites to increase job development and further improve neighborhood health conditions.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

Public services that were identified as a high need within Anoka County include services for crime prevention, substance abuse, youth, seniors, transportation, food banks, domestic violence services, abused/neglected children, health services including mental health, employment training, and emergency housing payments to create additional affordable housing.

In communication with communities, residents and public service organizations it was identified that these are the current gaps within the jurisdiction overall. The public services identified as a need within the communities are both stand-alone services and at times, correlated needs within the populations served. The high priority public services identified in the Anoka County CON Plan are services instrumental to meeting the basic needs of households, enhancing self-sufficiency and increasing access to basic care.

How were these needs determined?

The public service needs were determined by engaging Anoka County residents, municipalities, and public service organization in the citizen engagement survey. High priorities were summarized within the outcomes of the survey.

Based on the needs analysis above, describe the State's needs in Colonias

Housing Market Analysis

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Housing Market Analysis Overview:

Supply and Demand - The current supply of housing stock in Anoka County is primarily a mix of single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums. Single-family detached homes are the dominant type of owner-occupied housing in Anoka County, with 83% of owner-occupied homes single-family detached. Single-family attached homes account for the second highest share at 11%.

Single Family Homes - According to the Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors, which monitors the majority of home sales in the Twin Cities Metro Area, the median resale single-family price in 2023 was \$416,870, up 46% from 2018. Anoka County posted the second lowest median resale price in 2023 (\$378,000), just in front of Ramsey County at \$329,000. Market times for existing homes continue to post new lows in the Twin Cities Metro Area and entry-level for sale homes are often in bidding wars. The median sales price for new construction single-family homes is at \$500,000 in the Metro Area. Population during this past decade increased by 10% from 2010 to 2020. Population growth is expected to continue to 2040, with forecasted growth of 8.7% from 2020 to 2030 and 10.3% from 2030 to 2040.

Rental Homes - Anoka County needs to increase the production of affordable housing. There are currently 3,083 affordable units in properties that are income restricted. From 2023 to 2030, another 2,006 affordable/subsidized units are needed to meet demand to 2030. To satisfy this need, public and private sector efforts will be necessary.

Demand for an estimated 6,937 rental units in Anoka County from 2023-2030 and 9,757 units from 2030 to 2040. Demand is divided between market rate, affordable and subsidized. Cities demonstrating high demand for rental housing include Blaine, Coon Rapids and Fridley. Our competitive inventory identified a low 2.4% vacancy rate among market rate general occupancy properties as of 3rd Quarter 2023. Due to the age and positioning of most of the existing rental supply, a portion of units are priced at or below guidelines for affordable housing, which indirectly satisfies demand from households that income-qualify for financially assisted housing. In Anoka County, 23% of renter-occupied units are in structures of 50 or more units.

Manufactured Homes - After single-family homes, mobile homes comprise the second most common owner-occupied housing type in Anoka County, comprising 4% of owner-occupied units. Mobile homes provide an affordable option as compared to traditional stick-built housing. Mobile homes or manufactured homes are seeing a resurgence in response to very high home prices for existing and new construction.

Senior Housing - There is significant growth in in the senior population in Anoka County, especially among seniors ages 65 to 74. In addition, homeownership rates among seniors 65+ are high in 2020. High homeownership rates among seniors indicate there could be lack of senior housing options, or simply that many seniors prefer to live in their home and age in place. Because of the rising population of older adults, demand for alternative maintenance-free housing products is rising. In addition, demand for home health care services and home remodeling programs to assist seniors with retrofitting their existing homes should also increase.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

Introduction

Anoka County has a relatively diverse economy, with a majority of jobs located in Education and Health Care Services, followed by Manufacturing.

- The largest proportion of workers living in Anoka County commute to work in Minneapolis (16.4%) and St. Paul (6.6%), followed by Coon Rapids (5.6%) and Blaine (5.5%).
- An estimated 38.5% of resident workers in the county travel less than ten miles to their job, while another 48.6% have a commute distance from 10 to 24 miles. An estimated 9.0% commute between 25 and 50 miles, while 3.8% commute more than 50 miles to their place of work.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	288	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	12,486	0	10	0	-10
Construction	8,357	0	6	0	-6
Education and Health Care Services	30,362	0	23	0	-23
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	3,481	0	3	0	-3
Information	490	0	0	0	0
Manufacturing	23,307	0	18	0	-18
Other Services	4,569	0	4	0	-4
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	11,866	0	9	0	-9
Public Administration	4,779	0	4	0	-4
Retail Trade	17,011	0	13	0	-13
Transportation and Warehousing	10,512	0	8	0	-8
Wholesale Trade	1,993	0	2	0	-2
Total	129,501	0	--	--	--

Table 11 - Business Activity

Data Source Comments: Census of Employment & Wages First Quarter 2022 to First Quart 2023

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	203,141
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	142,228
Unemployment Rate	3.90
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	9.15
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.00

Table 12 - Labor Force

Data Source Comments: ACS 2019 - 2023

Occupations by Sector		Number of People
Management, business and financial	13,064	
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,121	
Service	71,395	
Sales and office	8,683	
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	9,448	
Production, transportation and material moving	23,092	

Table 13 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source Comments: ACS 2019 - 2023

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	77,700	60%
30-59 Minutes	45,325	35%
60 or More Minutes	6,476	5%
Total	129,501	100%

Table 14 - Travel Time

Data Source Comments: ACS 2019 - 2023

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	7,544	309	2,263
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	38,673	1,160	8,430
Some college or Associate's degree	60,797	1,823	8,268
Bachelor's degree or higher	60,060	1,201	5,345

Table 15 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source Comments: ACS 2019 - 2023

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	244	578	648	1,672	1,724
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,447	1,333	2,227	3,163	2,739
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	3,607	10,937	9,695	28,007	18,904
Some college, no degree	9,859	10,688	10,408	22,941	11,553

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Associate's degree	2,116	7,289	7,622	12,465	3,754
Bachelor's degree	2,750	12,766	11,789	20,851	6,709
Graduate or professional degree	95	2,981	4,963	7,140	4,153

Table 16 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source Comments: ACS 2019 - 2023

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	39,446
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	45,834
Some college or Associate's degree	55,482
Bachelor's degree	73,984
Graduate or professional degree	93,408

Table 17 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source Comments: ACS Data tables pulled 2019-2023. Sources could be off due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The major employment sectors in Anoka County are Education and Health Care Services and Manufacturing Services which makes up 50% of the labor workforce within the Anoka County jurisdiction. These major employment sectors are out of balance between the labor force and the number of the jobs available. In Education and Health Care Services, there are over ten thousand more workers than there are jobs available within the Anoka County jurisdiction. Another employment sector that identifies a higher number of available workforce is the Professional, Scientific, and Management fields again showing a gap exceeding ten thousand between the workforce and the jobs available in this area. These numbers are significant as it identifies that a high number of Anoka County residents would be leaving the area for employment opportunities in these fields. Within the Manufacturing business sector, it is an ongoing concern that there is a higher number of jobs within this sector without the available labor force to fill the demand. This can be supported with the Occupations by Sector as it identifies that within the occupational

sectors, the individual choices are exceeding 64% for types of employment in jobs related to management, business, financial, sales or office duties. This continues to leave industrial and manufacturing positions unfilled by county residents.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

The business communities continue to show a need in the manufacturing workforce. Local workforce demands for these positions is the ability to fully train an individual in the technical skills of those positions. To fill local workforce demands, local college programs are collaborating with county, municipal and school district opportunities to provide training and education starting at the high-school aged youth level. Within the current labor market it is identified that the majority of those employed have at least some post-secondary training. Although the highest population employed holds some college or an associate's degree, they are also the highest population unemployed closely followed with those supporting only a high school graduation. The need to further higher education supports not only the local business community but additionally the household's ability to raise median earnings. With a high number of persons leaving the area for employment Anoka County and its affected communities continue to sustain the transportation infrastructure. Ongoing needs of traffic movement, public and private transportation initiatives and opportunities for commuting are evolving as these communities grow.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period.

Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

According to data provided, over 50% of the Anoka County workforce is between the ages of 35-65 years old. Within this demographic group only 38% have higher than a high school education. This identifies the need to continue higher education opportunities as the number of individuals with higher than a high school education decreases in ages 18 to 34. State unemployment data shows that those in the 16-24 years age groups still struggling. There is also a disparity in employment for African Americans with a higher percentage still unemployed compared to white. Programs are needed to continue supporting ongoing higher education not just maintaining the current level of individuals holding an associate's degree or higher degree but to increase that number.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Within the jurisdictional boundaries of Anoka County there are several institutions of higher education. The community college and technical college work directly with the school districts within Anoka County to offer higher education programs to high school youth. The local colleges

offer degree programs that support the local workforce of education, business, health care and industrial needs. It has been identified by the colleges, by working with local businesses that there is a shortage of skilled labor needed for today's manufacturing and industrial tasks/jobs. The colleges are working closely with these businesses to support the needed labor training to lessen the gap by creating training specific programs for job readiness.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

Anoka County and several of the municipalities are stabled Economic Development authorities. This public initiative acts as a catalyst for responsible economic growth that improves the quality of life for the county and the cities within. The Economic Development authorities work individually and collaboratively to promote revitalization, commercial development and improvements, business expansion to increase the number of jobs and opportunities with the jurisdiction. Several efforts are underway with opportunities for businesses to obtain direct and indirect investments into the community to create and sustain job opportunities. Major initiatives that focus on businesses include loans, locality retention programs and redevelopment of industrial sites, all of which influence and impact the local job economy. Programs for direct business loans include funding from local, state and federal programs. A countywide Economic Gardening program has been established and designed to grow businesses in place. Keeping a business in place creates the stability in the workforce while allowing the business to expand meeting agency needs.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)?

No

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

Within the jurisdictional boundaries of Anoka County there are several institutions of higher education. The community college and technical college work directly with the school districts within Anoka County to offer higher education programs to high school youth. The local colleges offer degree programs that support the local workforce of education, business, health care and industrial needs. It has been identified by the colleges by working with local business there is a shortage of skilled labor for the needs of today's manufacturing and industrial opportunities.

The colleges are working closely with these businesses to support the needed labor training to lessen the gap by creating training specific programs for job readiness.

Discussion

ACS Data tables pulled 2019-2023. Note, sources could be off due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Areas of low-income concentration in Anoka County include the cities of Anoka, Fridley, Coon Rapids, Hilltop and Columbia Heights. The low-income status is defined as being below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The most recent data available on the city level for income is from the 2018 American Communities Survey, and the measure that was used is the city median income. Therefore, if a city's median income fell below the county's 2019 80% AMI or below \$80,000, it was "concentrated" and designated as low income. Issues like overcrowding are more present in areas like Columbia Heights, Anoka, and Hilltop due to the older, and often smaller housing-stock present in the area. This issue correlates to some of the low/moderate census tract areas.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The Demographic Profile shows Anoka County has a very low minority population. Therefore, areas of minority concentration are defined as any city where minorities make up more than 10% of the population. The cities of Columbia Heights (39.8% minority), Fridley (32.4% minority), and Hilltop (17.4% minority) have the highest minority concentration in Anoka County. These three cities are in the southern-most part of Anoka County and are closest to the urban core cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

Characteristics can include:

- Large number of mobile home/manufactured home units
- Lacks complete kitchen facilities
- Overcrowded households
- Cost burden households
- High level of lead-based paint as there are many older (pre-1978) homes

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Current community assets within these areas include individuals, associations, institutions, and physical assets. Individuals within these areas are not only a multi-generational but included many races and cultures. With a diversity in age and cultural needs these communities have expanded opportunities by partnering with associations to address current and future needs of the citizen for places of worship, neighborhood groups and cultural centers. Continued growth and development of Anoka County including these communities offer direct and indirect opportunities for direct access to one or more institutions such as higher education colleges, hospitals and libraries. These assets provide direct

services to these areas. Directly within each community are individual assets such as parks, business and industry. Each area has established public safety and fire prevention facilities that allow for a timely emergency response. Additionally, each has incorporated within its area open space, parks and community center programs that allow citizen engagement in social, educational and recreational activities.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

The areas discussed each have housing, business and infrastructure needs and a plan for ongoing strategic opportunities. They continue to work to address affordable housing and housing quality issues. The communities identified have an aging housing stock. Utilizing programs that rehabilitate existing housing allows issues such as lead-based paint, code deficiencies, health and safety to be fixed. Areas have also developed infill programs to address units being removed due to substandard conditions and new development needs. Aging public facilities and infrastructure, or the need for development of new facilities or infrastructure, has also been identified. Long term needs continue to be included in plans to support the existing structures and services as well as have room for development and expansion as community needs change. Anoka County continues to work with these areas and their local plans for housing programs, workforce development, infrastructure and public facility needs.

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

According to the FCC Fixed Broadband Deployment Map, Anoka County has many different broadband providers available throughout the county who offer a variety of delivery methods (Satellite, fixed wireless, etc.) According to the Blandin Foundation: "Anoka County is in position to potentially meet state broadband speed goals. They rank #18 in terms of broadband access at speeds of 25/3 (Mbps down/up) and rank #7 at speeds of 100/20. The county is well covered thanks at least in part to government funding."

Many of our internet service providers offer a discount for those who can demonstrate need through Free/Reduced Lunch and other financial assistance. Free internet access is available at each of Anoka County's 9 public libraries as well.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

According to the FCC Fixed Broadband Deployment Map, Anoka County has many different broadband providers available throughout the county who offer a variety of delivery methods (satellite, fixed wireless, etc.)

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

Located in Minnesota's Twin Cities Metro Area, the most significant threat for Anoka County residents would be flooding from the several rivers running through the county. This includes the Mississippi, Rum, and Sunrise Rivers. The frequency and intensity of severe weather including blizzards, hail, sustained-wind activity, and heavy rain can also be a potential threat to existing housing stock. Anoka County witnessed many of the monitored lakes, rivers, and streams reaching historic water levels in 2019.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

FEMA flood insurance, although readily available is less likely to be purchased by low-moderate income households due to the increased cost. Three of five low/moderate income census tracts located in Anoka County are along the Mississippi River. Households in these census tracts have the potential of being located within the "Without Base Flood Elevation" or the .2% chance of flood hazard.

Persons with rental housing could be more adversely impacted by flooding, as renters are less likely to purchase Flood Insurance, and common Renter's insurance does not cover flood damage. There are typically more renters in the Low/Moderate census tracts.

Anoka County is home to 24 mobile home sites, many of which are below flood plains and are commonly susceptible to flooding. Many of these are underinsured or uninsured. If there was a washout in one of these communities, it is likely that the city affected would lose an important source of affordable housing stock for low/moderate income persons. Manufactured housing is a vital part of our communities housing stock.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The strategic plan outlines the approach Anoka County will take to meet the needs established in the previous sections as being a high priority. The needs will address homeless, housing and non-housing community development activities that have the greatest need throughout the entire county. Manufactured housing is a vital part of our communities housing stock. All of the activities are required by federal statute to meet one of the following national objectives:

1. Provide decent housing
2. Provide a suitable living environment
3. Expand economic opportunities

The needs will be primarily addressed by utilizing CDBG and HOME funding, combined with communication and education services between public services, housing providers, human services agencies, non-profit agencies, government agencies including local, state, and federal agencies and various coalitions.

General

The funding priorities are defined by HUD as follows:

- **High:** Activities to address this need will be funded by the locality during the five-year period.
- **Low:** The locality will not fund activities to address this need during the five-year period. The locality will consider certifications of consistency for other entities' applications for federal assistance.
- **No Such Need:** The locality finds there is no need or the grantee shows that this need is already substantially addressed. No Certification of Consistency will be considered.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 18 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	Anoka County
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Commercial
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

Anoka County allocates CDBG / HOME funding based on an annual competitive application process. This process works with municipalities and organization to determine the allocation priority and need. The application process holds a deadline in which all projects and public services are reviewed to meet federal requirements. Anoka County reviews applications based on the applicant's capacity, experience and project readiness to utilize funding.

Additionally, applications are reviewed on details related to relocation, environmental requirements and monitoring compliance. Before funds are awarded to a project, the beneficiary data is determined to identify that there is a direct need to the targeted households in regard to a high priority activity and a high need target group. Funding allocations and investments are limited and it is a high priority of Anoka County to ensure investments are geographically meeting underserved populations. No geographical targeting is needed, and the application process allows Anoka County to address areas of need throughout the county and target priority needs.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 19 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Homelessness
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	Geographic Areas Affected	Anoka County
	Associated Goals	Preserve and Improve Housing Promote Low Moderate Income Housing Opportunities Public Facilities/Infrastructure Public Services
	Description	Fund activities to prevent, serve, and improve facilities for homeless or unsheltered persons.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Fund activities to address preventing, serving, and improving facilities for homeless or unsheltered persons.
	2	Priority Need Name
Priority Level		High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Anoka County
	Associated Goals	Preserve and Improve Housing Promote Low Moderate Income Housing Opportunities
	Description	Fund activities to support affordable rental housing. Manufactured Housing is a vital source of permanent housing stock n Anoka County for low / moderate income households.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Identified Affordable Rental Housing as a community need.
3	Priority Need Name	Affordable Homeowner Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents

	Geographic Areas Affected	Anoka County
	Associated Goals	Preserve and Improve Housing Promote Low Moderate Income Housing Opportunities
	Description	Fund activities to support Affordable Homeowner Housing. Manufactured housing provides vital source of permanent housing stock in Anoka County for low / moderate income households. Currently, over 4600 manufactured homes in Anoka County.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Identified Affordable Homeowner Housing as a community need.
4	Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	High

Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development	
Geographic Areas Affected	Anoka County	
Associated Goals	Public Services	
Description	Provides funds to non-profit organizations, municipal and government agencies to support public service activities.	
Basis for Relative Priority	Identified the need for public services in Anoka County.	
5	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Anoka County
	Associated Goals	Economic Development
	Description	Direct financial assistance to for-profit business to support job creation and business opportunities for low-to-moderate income persons.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Direct financial assistance to for-profit business to support job creation and business opportunities for low-to-moderate income persons.
6	Priority Need Name	Public Facilities
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Anoka County
	Associated Goals	Slum / Blight Activities Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Description	Fund activities for Public Facilities.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Identified community need for funding Public Facility activities.
7	Priority Need Name	Administration and Planning
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Anoka County
	Associated Goals	Administration and Planning
	Description	Provides funds for administration and planning of CDBG and HOME activities.

Basis for Relative Priority	Identified need for administration and planning of CDBG and HOME activities.
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Narrative (Optional)

Anoka County Needs with a HIGH Priority:

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

For program year 2025, Anoka County recieved a CDBG funding allocation of \$1,666,016. Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan (\$1,500,000 x 4 = \$6,000,000)

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	1,666,016	50,000	0	1,716,016	6,000,000	Expected amount is based on past CDBG funding. Estimated CDBG \$1,500,000 X 5 years = \$7,500,000.

Table 20 - Anticipated Resources

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 Community Development releases a competitive application for both CDBG and HOME funds every year. Applications showing the use of leveraged funds will score higher and be more likely to obtain funding from Anoka County Community Development for their proposed

project as it will maximize the use of funds. Leveraged funding is expected to add to the layers of subsidies for activities that Anoka County Community Development has recommended for funding. Anoka County eliminated the leveraged sources in the table above as it is difficult to predict an annual allocation of them. HOME funding allocations are identified in the Dakota County Consortium Consolidated Plan.

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

Funds awarded may include investments in facilities located public owned land such as homeless shelters, parks along with public-owned centers serving neighborhoods, youth, and / or seniors.

Discussion

Anoka County's anticipated federal resources are based on prior allocations of CDBG funds awarded.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
ANOKA COUNTY	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction

Table 21 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

Plans include collaboration between the County, 21 municipalities, local nonprofit organizations and housing developers. Anoka County is a direct recipient of the CDBG funds and collaborates with County departments: Public Health, Jobs and Training, Social Services, Environmental Health and Economic Assistance to meet high priority needs.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics	X		
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	

Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
Other			
Domestic & Sexual Violence Organization	X	X	

Table 22 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

Knowledge of housing program eligibility, creative solutions and collaboration has been the County's focus. There's been a shift with the implementation of Coordinated Assessment (CA). CA is to ensure homeless persons have equal access to resources as non-homelessness. Direct service providers like Second Harvest Heartland, Anoka County Economic Assistance, and homeless shelters / service providers serve on the CA Planning Committee. Weekly waitlist phone calls for CA-matched homeless persons to programs allowing homeless individuals to become housed. Overall, Anoka County has improved its service delivery system to meet the needs of homeless persons, especially those who are chronically homeless, youth, families and veterans.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

Collaboration and education through HHAHC, MN prevention programs, and Coordinated Entry (CE) are the strengths. HHAHC attendance has grown to include people with lived experience, culturally diverse agencies and law enforcement resulting in a 39% increase in MN prevention program funds.

A Housing Team was created that includes a Housing Resource Specialist, Housing Outreach worker, Grants and Contracts Coordinator, and Housing Program Coordinator to assist persons navigating the homeless response system. A MN grant was secured to provide resources for persons experiencing homelessness, who have barriers to housing, and/ or are living with a disability.

Coordinated Entry (CE) strength lies with the buy-in that has occurred with providers. The gap with CE involves the length of time and available resources. With a vacancy rate in Anoka County of 3.4% there is a need for affordable housing that targets low-income households. We're connecting with housing developers to state local needs along with recommendations on how housing developers can access MN Housing funds.

Lack of street outreach and housing navigation are another gap. Law enforcement has conducted their own street outreach with people experiencing homelessness. While it's not law enforcement's top priority, they acknowledged their lack of education on available community resources and have started attending HHAHC meetings. Housing navigation is very challenging with a low vacancy rate; and trying to navigate housing with a myriad of housing barriers is another. Homeless and special-needs populations encounter several barriers including, but not limited to, lack of income, poor rental history, poor credit history, criminal history, mental health issues, and chemical health issues. Another gap is the availability of service providers. There's been little success in the expansion of urban agencies into the suburban areas.

Another challenge in further developing resources is finding funding for the supportive services to accompany the housing options. For example, those dealing with mental health issues may be able to access supportive services through third party billing to Medical Assistance starting summer 2020. Housing Stabilization Services will assist clients with a disabling condition to live and thrive in the community. With the right support system and guided by a professional with knowledge and experience in housing, clients with a disabling condition can resolve housing barriers and live successfully as a community member. Anoka County supplements that with additional dollars to assist households acquire the skills necessary to obtain and maintain stable housing.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

HUD's required Coordinated Entry (CE) through the 2009 HEARTH Act is utilized. CE offers collaboration between the housing system and benefit systems such as SNAP and Economic Assistance. Historically systems affected one another but haven't worked together. It's challenging to adapt processes in long time systems. Progress is being made to connect systems to help stabilize clients return them to self-sufficiency. Law enforcement agencies spear-headed 5 homeless street outreach events that engaged 197 unduplicated individuals by providing services to persons experiencing homelessness. Events were well-received by the community, social services agencies and will continue.

Anoka County is developing resources to assist low-income individuals and families to connect households to services like employment fairs through Career Force and mediation for housing issues. A work group of Anoka County housing providers and stakeholders conducted a Needs Assessment. A survey of providers and listening sessions with clients, identified barriers and needs within our county for persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness. One of the barriers was a lack of employment opportunities with living wages. Currently, the jobs people acquire do not pay enough to be able to

afford a market-rate unit. Another barrier identified, was the lack of affordable housing available to those with lower income. Additional barriers to housing included: bad credit, a poor rental history, and criminal records. The more barriers, the harder stable, safe, affordable housing is to find.

For households who are housed, preventing an eviction and educating tenants is vital. Mediation and Restorative Services (MARS) plays an important role in tenant/landlord mediation and education. A Housing Law Clinic was started, MARS allows for tenants and landlords to work out differences prior to an eviction. Landlords willing to mediate allow tenants to remain housed and avoid acquiring a negative rental history. This assists in preventing households from potential homelessness.

The addition of the Housing Helpdesk, Housing Resource Specialist and Outreach worker, as members of the Housing Team, will continue to be human resource strategies that assist in overcoming the gaps in the service delivery system. The Housing Resource Specialist assists in serving Housing Vouchers and other subsidies to better support 39 households with accessing housing and increasing utilization. Additionally, the staff has assisted with connecting 214 households to permanent housing resources and 196 with accessing housing applications. The demand for navigating a complex system is high and the need remains great. Funding for services and resources will be targeted to address these barriers.

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Preserve and Improve Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Affordable Homeowner Housing	Anoka County	Homelessness Affordable Rental Housing Affordable Homeowner Housing	CDBG: \$2,311,016	Rental units rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 200 Household Housing Unit
2	Promote Low Moderate Income Housing Opportunities	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	Anoka County	Homelessness Affordable Rental Housing Affordable Homeowner Housing	CDBG: \$45,000	Other: 5 Other
3	Slum / Blight Activities	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$100,000	Buildings Demolished: 5 Buildings Other: 10 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Facilities/Infrastructure	2025	2029	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Public Facilities	Anoka County	Homelessness Public Facilities	CDBG: \$2,575,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 100 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 100 Beds Housing for

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
								Homeless added: 100 Household Housing Unit
5	Economic Development	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Economic Development	CDBG: \$100,000	Jobs created/retained: 3 Jobs Businesses assisted: 1 Businesses Assisted
6	Public Services	2025	2029	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Homelessness Public Services	CDBG: \$1,125,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25000 Persons Assisted Jobs created/retained: 5 Jobs Businesses assisted: 5 Businesses Assisted
7	Administration and Planning	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Administration and Planning	CDBG: \$1,460,000	Other: 10 Other

Table 23 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Preserve and Improve Housing
	Goal Description	Preserve and Improve Housing including single family, multi-family and manufactured homes in Anoka County. CBDG funds may be used to finance rehab for manufactured housing when such housing constitutes part of the community's permanent housing stock (24 CFR 270.202 (5)). There are 24 manufactured home communities with over 4600 manufactured housing units and comprise 3% of households in Anoka County.
2	Goal Name	Promote Low Moderate Income Housing Opportunities
	Goal Description	Promote housing opportunities. (FHIC).
3	Goal Name	Slum / Blight Activities
	Goal Description	Fund activities to reduce and/or eliminate slum and/or blight.
4	Goal Name	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Fund activities to Develop & Improve Public Facilities/Infrastructure.
5	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Fund activities to encourage economic development.
6	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Fund public service activities serving low / moderate income persons.

	Goal Name	Administration and Planning
	Goal Description	Fund administration and planning projects.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

Anoka County expects to continue providing affordable housing options to:

- Approx. 1,500 households through public housing vouchers
- 120 HOME funded rental housing units

Anoka County projects adding 45 affordable housing units in the next five years along with continuing the rehabilitation programs to further sustain the existing affordable housing options.

SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Action to address 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 other, an 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 during renovation.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

Anoka County's strategy to reduce lead-based paint hazards is addressed in all housing programs and any housing project that is funded with CDBG and HOME funds. Lead-based hazard testing is required on all rehabilitation projects where the housing unit was built before 1978. Contractors working directly with Anoka County must use Lead Supervisors for the remediation of lead rehabilitation projects.

Additionally, many of our municipalities are requiring contractors to identify themselves as "Renovation, Repair and Painting Program Certified" as identified by the EPA and this has become part of the compliance requirement for obtaining building permits. Anoka County has also designated a staff person who is responsible for the lead-based portion of programs and monitors overall compliance - completing inspections during construction for work safe practices.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

Anoka County is the principal provider of programs and services to enhance the economic well-being of its lowest-income citizens. The county strategy is to continue to fund programs and services that reduce poverty. In addition, Anoka County continues to coordinate efforts with other public and private agencies to develop anti-poverty strategies and initiatives.

Key strategies identified to help accomplish this vision focus on the coordination of county programs and services in a manner that will facilitate individual self-sufficiency at the highest level possible. These strategies are currently implemented through a variety of methods:

- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) - Includes 11 support programs assuring ready access to the critical services needs of citizens. Programs include family self-sufficiency, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development Initiative and the Anoka County Workforce Jobs and Training Center.
- Anoka County Community Action Program, Inc. (ACCAP) - A local non-profit agency, provides emergency assistance, foreclosure and eviction counseling services and Head Start programs for Anoka County.
- Family Assets for Independence in Minnesota (FAIM) - This project enables persons with low wage jobs to build assets through savings. Earned income is matched by funds to provide a means to save for homeownership, higher education, or a micro business.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

Anoka County's anti-poverty strategy will reduce poverty by targeting all age groups in the county. Housing programs provide households the opportunity to reduce living expenses and to build assets. Reduced living expenses allow a household to better provide for their medical and educational needs. Building assets is a strong component of reducing poverty because it creates household stability, allows opportunity for risk taking, creates a social influence and provides a foundation for the well-being of a household's children.

Education programs within the county, such as Early Childhood Development, Head Start, English as a Second Language (ESL), General Education Degree (GED) and job training programs add the ability to increase an individual's paid wages and to fill positions that offer health benefits and stability.

Community development programs are working to provide stability to neighborhoods by maintaining and improving the current housing stock. Anoka County is able to provide services for low-income neighborhoods or target populations that allow residents to maintain self-sufficiency. A household is more likely to succeed when assistance is available at the point of crisis. When a crisis occurs, it can

initiate a spiral effect of losing a residence, job loss or discontinuing education opportunities. Anoka County uses Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds to continue and create neighborhood programs that meet the needs of low / moderate-income households, as well as disabled, youth and senior populations.

Economic development is an evolving program in Anoka County. As the population of minorities and immigrants increase, the county is experiencing a higher demand for goods and services that are not currently available in Anoka County. By providing loans for micro and small businesses, it is anticipated that jobs will be created, opportunities will be generated and access will be increased for goods and services of Anoka County residents.

To increase employment and business opportunities for low and extremely low-income households, Anoka County complies with Section 3 HUD requirements which provide preference to low / very-low-income residents, regardless of race or gender; and the businesses that substantially employ these persons, for new employment, training and contracting opportunities resulting from HUD-funded projects.

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

At the beginning of the program year, a risk assessment is conducted for each subrecipient. The risk assessment is based upon types of activities; number of activities; any new activities; timeliness of expenditures during the last program year; number of subrecipients (if any); staff capacity and changes; prior non-compliance issues; audit findings; and last date of formal monitoring. Each criterion is ranked and given a score with a total score determining the risk associated with the subrecipient for that year. The risk assessment is a tool to assist in understanding any potential high-level risks for the program year.

During the development of the action plan, each activity is reviewed to ensure it meets the eligibility requirements of the CDBG program and further fulfills the needs and goals established in the plan.

Based upon the risk assessment scores, the CDA strives to conduct on-site formal monitoring for one to two subrecipients per program year. This may be in the form of reviewing all activities or only specific activities identified as high risk.

Desk monitoring is conducted for every subrecipient on an annual basis. Desk monitoring typically occurs during the reimbursement process, with staff working closely with the subrecipient and reviewing all pertinent documentation to ensure eligibility of activities and all programmatic requirements were met. The level of monitoring increases based upon the risk of the activity.

In addition, the oversight and administration of Davis Bacon requirements associated with all CDBG funds is conducted. This oversight ensures awareness of any Davis Bacon activity at the beginning of the process (prior to procurement) until the end of the project. The CDA works directly with bidders to educate them on Davis Bacon requirements, attends the pre-construction meeting to review Davis Bacon documents, and actively communicates with each contractor during the review and approval of Davis Bacon wage documentation.

CDBG activities that meet the Davis Bacon threshold also typically meet the need to report on the different types of contractors utilized (i.e. minority and women-owned businesses) as well as projects to meet Buy America Build America (BABA) requirements.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

For program year 2025, Anoka County recieved a CDBG funding allocation of \$1,666,016. Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan (\$1,500,000 x 4 = \$6,000,000)

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	1,666,016.00	50,000.00	0.00	1,716,016.00	6,000,000.00	Expected amount is based on past CDBG funding. Estimated CDBG \$1,500,000 X 5 years = \$7,500,000.

Table 24 - 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 Community Development releases a competitive application for both CDBG and HOME funds every year. Applications showing the use of leveraged funds will score higher and be more likely to obtain funding from Anoka County Community Development for their proposed project as it will maximize the use of funds. Leveraged funding is expected to add to the layers of subsidies for activities that Anoka County Community Development has recommended for funding. Anoka County eliminated the leveraged sources in the table above as it is difficult to predict an annual allocation of them. HOME funding allocations are identified in the Dakota County Consortium Consolidated Plan.

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

Funds awarded may include investments in facilities located public owned land such as homeless shelters, parks along with public-owned centers serving neighborhoods, youth, and / or seniors.

Discussion

Anoka County's anticipated federal resources are based on prior allocations of CDBG funds awarded.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Preserve and Improve Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Affordable Homeowner Housing	Anoka County	Affordable Homeowner Housing	CDBG: \$586,310.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit
2	Promote Low Moderate Income Housing Opportunities	2025	2029	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	Anoka County	Administration and Planning	CDBG: \$9,000.00	Other: 2 Other
3	Slum / Blight Activities	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Economic Development	CDBG: \$.00	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 0 Business Brownfield acres remediated: 0 Acre

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Facilities/Infrastructure	2025	2029	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Public Facilities	Anoka County	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$546,600.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 250 Households Assisted
5	Economic Development	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Economic Development	CDBG: \$.00	Jobs created/retained: 0 Jobs Businesses assisted: 0 Businesses Assisted
6	Public Services	2025	2029	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Public Services	CDBG: \$249,902.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2800 Persons Assisted
7	Administration and Planning	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Anoka County	Administration and Planning	CDBG: \$324,204.00	Other: 2 Other

Table 25 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Preserve and Improve Housing
	Goal Description	CDBG activities involving housing preservation - Matrix code 14A - Anoka County Rehab Program \$50,000 estimated program income (PY25 estimated PI) Matrix code 14A - Anoka County Single-Family Rehab Home Loan program \$381,310 (PY25 Activity, maybe reallocated to future projects). Matrix code 14A - Accessible Spaces Inc (ASI) \$85,0000 Single-Family Rehab of 3 houses. Matrix code 14H - Rehab Program Administration \$70,000 (PY25 Activity)
2	Goal Name	Promote Low Moderate Income Housing Opportunities
	Goal Description	Matrix code 21D - \$9,000 of PY25 CDBG will funds for activities to promote Fair Housing.
3	Goal Name	Slum / Blight Activities
	Goal Description	No Activities identified for PY25.
4	Goal Name	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Matrix code 03C - \$330,000 of PY25 CDBG to install a new fire sprinkler system in facility serving domestic abuse survivors, homeless women & their children in Blaine, MN. Matrix code 03B - \$216,600 of PY25 CDBG to improve facility serving disabled persons in Coon Rapids, MN.
5	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	Matrix Code 18A- Past allocation of CDBG EN funds to support businesses owned by low / mod income persons and create jobs serving low / mod income households. No PY25 CDBG funds allocated to this activity.

	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>PY2025 CDBG funds will be allocated to public services (<u>\$249,902 total Public Service</u>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matrix Code 05 - General Public Services • Matrix Code 05A - Senior Services • Matrix Code 05E - Transportation Services • Matrix Code 05W - Food Banks • Matrix Code 05G - Domestic Violence Services
7	Goal Name	Administration and Planning
	Goal Description	Matrix code 21A - General Planning & Program Administration for CDBG allocate \$324,204.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

A wide range of activities will be included in our PY25 Action Plan.

Summary of the proposed uses of the 2025 CDBG Program (ACTUAL funding Amounts):

Administration and Planning: Anoka County -Administration \$324,204; and Anoka County -Fair Housing Activities \$9,000.

Projects: Alexandra House, Inc -Install new fire sprinkler system \$330,000; ASI Anoka County Inc – Rehab work at 3 single-family homes \$85,000; Rise, Inc. -Remodel at Coon Rapids Rise facility \$216,600. Anoka County Single-Family Home Rehabilitation program \$381,310; Anoka County Single-Family Home Rehabilitation Program Delivery Cost \$70,000.

Public Service activities benefiting low to moderate-income people: Alexandra House, Inc – 1 Shelter Advocate Position \$46,000; ACBC Food Shelf – Food Delivery to Seniors \$22,000; Cars for Neighbors - Vehicle Repair \$40,000; Elevate Hope House -Buy resident transition trailer \$16,000; Hearts and Hammers TC-Exterior Home Rehabs \$10,000; Mediation & Restorative Services (MARS) -1 Housing Resource Navigator position \$46,000; The Dwelling Place -Salary/benefits for 1 Case Manager position \$54,902; The Salvation Army Food Shelf -for purchase of food \$15,000.

This was the contingency language in public notice. Any increase or decrease in actual PY25 CDBG funds awarded will be directed within the CDBG allowable spending caps to AC Admin (20%), The Dwelling Place – Public Service activity (15%) with the remaining CDBG funds increase or decrease to the Anoka County Single Family Home Rehab Program Project.

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

Table 26 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities for PY2025 CDBG funds match the priority needs of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.

All activities funded with CDBG are aimed to benefit low-moderate income households.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Administration and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$324,204.00
	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	12/31/2025
	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	Administration and Planning
	Needs Addressed	Administration and Planning
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000.00

	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	12/31/2026
	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 the Twin Cities Metro Area.
	Location Description	County-wide and metro region-wide.
	Planned Activities	21D- Fair Housing Activities
3	Project Name	Housing Preservation
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Preserve and Improve Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Homeowner Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$586,310.00
	Description	Single Family Homeowner Housing Rehab Loan Program - \$381,310 + \$50,000 PI, + \$70,000 SFR Program Delivery + \$85,000 Accessible Spaces Inc. (ASI) = \$586,310 TOTAL
	Target Date	12/31/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Single family rehab loan to income qualified homeowners county-wide (16 units) Administer Single family rehab loan to income qualified homeowners county-wide. Rehab homes owned by Accessible Spaces Inc (3 units).
	Location Description	Scattered sites - Single family rehab loan to income qualified homeowners county wide (16 units). Rehab homes owned by Accessible Spaces Inc (3 units).
	Planned Activities	14A - Single Family Home Rehabilitation 14H - Rehabilitation Administration
4	Project Name	Public Facilities / Infrastructure
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$546,600.00
	Description	Invest CDBG (\$330,000) to install a new fire sprinkler system in facility serving domestic abuse survivors and homeless women / children. Invest CDBG (\$216,600) to rehabilitate facility serving disabled persons.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Improvements at facility serving domestic abuse survivors and homeless women / children serves 300 people annually. Improvements at facility serving disabled persons expected to serve 200 persons annually.
	Location Description	Facility serving disabled persons is Rise Inc, located in Coon Rapids, MN. Facility serving domestic abuse survivors is Alexandra House Inc, located in Blaine MN.
Planned Activities	03C - Homeless Facilities 03B - Disabled Person Facilities	

5	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	:
	Description	Use CDBG funds for Business Revolving Loan Fund program to create jobs and economic opportunities for low mod income persons / households. Activity was funded in PY21 Action Plan, close out MCCD program in PY24.
	Target Date	12/31/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Closing out MCCD program. Staff will continue to service loans generated.
	Location Description	Create jobs in Anoka County.
	Planned Activities	Matrix Code 18A - Direct Financial Assistance to Businesses.
6	Project Name	Public Service Activities
	Target Area	Anoka County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$249,902.00
	Description	Provide public service funds to various activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2026

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated 3000 low/mod income persons served by the eight public service activities listed.
Location Description	Offices for: Alexandra House Inc. -10065 3rd Street NE, Blaine / ACBC Food Shelf , 2615 9th Ave N, Anoka / Cars for Neighbors -12527 Central Ave NE, Ste 110, Blaine / Elevate Hope House 2168 7th Ave Ste #845, Anoka/ Hearts & Hammers - 2599 Fairview Ave No, St. Paul / MARS - 1201 89th Ave. #380, Blaine / The Dwelling Place - 940 44th Ave NE, Unit 21307, Columbia Heights / The Salvation Army - 1201 89th Ave NE, Suite 130, Blaine.
Planned Activities	Alexandra House -1 FTE Shelter Advocate person working with domestic abuse victims at shelter. / ACBC Food Shelf - Expand food shelf services to low/mod income seniors / Cars for Neighbors -provide car repair services to low/mod households / Hearts & Hammers -Home exterior rehab/improvement projects for 8 low/mod income senior households/ MARS - 1 Housing Resource Navigator position / Elevate Hope House - Provide enclosed trailer for moving program clients / The Dwelling Place -Purchase used van for resident transport / The Salvation Army - purchase food items for the food shelf / Youthway Ministries - purchase food items for the food shelf.

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 U.S. Census data 2023 estimates, Anoka County is home to 372,441 residents as it is comprised of 20 cities and one township with 7.8% persons living in poverty. The median age in Anoka County is 38.8 years and 12.9% of households speak another language other than English at home.

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Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Anoka County	100

Table 27 - 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 organization to determine the allocation priority and need. The application process set a deadline by which all projects and public services must be submitted for review to meet federal regulations and Action Plan requirements.

Anoka County reviewed the 2025 applications based on the applicant’s capacity, 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 in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. Funding allocations and investments are limited, and it is a high priority of Anoka County to ensure investments are geographically meeting underserved populations.

Discussion

In addition to new PY2025 CDBG funds, Anoka County will continue to invest CDBG-CV funds for activities directly tied to COVID prevention, response and recovery as these funds need to be spent by May 2026. Anticipated uses of funds include, but are not limited to, homeless assistance, rental assistance, business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs.

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

Introduction

Anoka County was awarded CDBG-CV as part of the CARES Act. 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, business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs. CDBG-CV funds are required to be spend and drawn down by May 2026.

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 and HOME funds, housing opportunities are being created for very low-income households in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. Services for households with mental health issues 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 Lead Based Paint (LBP) hazards in Anoka County include several educational and action steps structured around the household's particular situation. In working with home buyer programs, buyers are notified using educational materials of the dangers and needs of homes built prior to 1978. This process is explained in 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 which allow us to directly address items within the home that test positive for 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 other, an 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 arise at 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, many jobs acquired do not pay workers enough 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 for funds targeting this barrier were funded including Cars for Neighbors. This program works to provide and repair vehicles, so households have safe dependable transportation for work and other important appointments.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

As noted in SP-40 of the 2025-2029 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 within the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. When situations like this arise, Anoka County Community Development will take note and may include it as a possible high priority in the next Five-Year Consolidated Plan as long as the citizen engagement is in favor.

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 municipalities within the County, private business, and SMAC work very 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. This assessment tool is fairly new and will enhance coordination with various entities involved in the process.

Discussion

Additional 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, business assistance, medical services, mental health services, food shelves, domestic violence, and other community needs. CDBG-CV funds will be invested by May 2026.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Program income received will be used for our Anoka County Single-Family Rehab Loan program.

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.	0.00%

Discussion

There are no urgent need activities identified in Anoka County. Additional CDBG-CV CARES Act funds were awarded to Anoka County. The CDBG-CV 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. CDBG-CV funds have a spending deadline of May 2026.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

2025-2029 Consolidated Plan - Public Comments Received

At 10:24 a.m., Chair Gamache asked Assistant County Attorney David Pedersen to conduct a public hearing to obtain comments on the 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Program Year (PY) 2025 Action Plan activities including proposed use and allocation of CDBG and HOME funds based on funding applications received. Assistant County Attorney Pedersen called the public hearing to order.

Per statute, notice of the public hearing was published February 21, 2025, in the Anoka County Union Newspaper informing the public that a hearing would be held during the March 25, 2025, Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board meeting. The notice was made a part of the record.

Community Development Manager Renee Sande presented information.

Inquiry was made of the people present as to whether there any comments from the public.

One written comment was submitted by Elizabeth Showalter, Community Development Specialist on behalf of the City of Blaine, requesting the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan recognize manufactured homes located in manufactured home parks to be a vital part of the communities permanent housing stock in Anoka County. In addition, the City of Blaine requested the rehabilitation of manufactured homes within the county be identified as a high priority housing need in the Consolidated Plan.

There was public comment from David Wyatt with Mediation Restorative Services thanking the trustees for the funding recommendation.

Being no further comments, the public hearing adjourned.

Grantee Unique Appendices

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Anoka County, Minnesota

DATE: May 27, 2025

RESOLUTION #2025-63

OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER: Schulte

**APPROVING ANOKA COUNTY'S
2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM AND
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF SUCH GRANT REQUESTS TO THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, Anoka County is an Entitlement County for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County is entitled to HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding through its participation in the Dakota County HOME Consortium with the city of Woodbury and the counties of Anoka, Dakota, and suburban Ramsey; and,

WHEREAS, each Entitlement County is required to adopt a Consolidated Plan that establishes priorities for the use of CDBG and HOME funds; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed projects in the 2025 Annual Action Plan are eligible projects and are priorities identified in the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the application process for CDBG and HOME funds requires the submission of an Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Annual Action Plan requires a thirty-day public notice and public hearing before approval; and,

WHEREAS, the required public hearings were held on March 25, 2025, at 11:08 a.m. during the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board meeting in Room 705 of the Anoka County Government Center, 2100 Third Avenue, Anoka, Minnesota; and at 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2024, at the Dakota County Administration Center, 1590 West Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota, and the Anoka County public comment period for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and PY25 Annual Action Plan was held from February 21, 2025, through March 24, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, one oral comment was received at the public hearing and one written comment was received during the 30-day public comment period and considered during the development of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan; and,

WHEREAS, receipt of the CDBG funds will require execution of a grant agreement between Anoka County and HUD;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby approve the Anoka County 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan for the CDBG and HOME programs for submission to HUD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board Chair or her/his designee is authorized to execute and submit the Application for Assistance and Certifications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director or the Assistant Executive Director of the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is hereby designated as the certifying officers for the environmental reviews.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board Chair or her/his designee is authorized to execute the Fiscal Year 2025 CDBG Agreement with HUD for the acceptance of the CDBG funds upon final receipt of the documents and the Fiscal Year 2025 HOME Agreement with Dakota County Community Development Agency for the acceptance of the HOME funds upon final receipt of the documents.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Anoka County Director of Community and Government Relations is authorized to execute agreements and/or contracts with cities and agencies receiving CDBG and HOME funding (Exhibit A).

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF ANOKA) ss

I, Jim Dickinson, County Administrator, Anoka County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Anoka County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on May 27, 2025, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

In witness my hand and seal this 27th day of May 2025.



 JIM DICKINSON
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
DISTRICT #1 – HEINRICH	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
DISTRICT #2 – BRAASTAD	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
DISTRICT #3 – REINERT	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
DISTRICT #4 – SCHULTE	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
DISTRICT #5 – GAMACHE	<u>Absent</u>	<u> </u>
DISTRICT #6 – JEPSON	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
DISTRICT #7 – MEISNER	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

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EXHIBIT A - PY 2025 CDBG/HOME Financial Summary (FINAL)

FINAL PY25 Amounts: CDBG - \$1,666,016 and HOME - \$615,479 (\$640,120 allocation + \$75,359 Woodbury Repayment)

As of: 5/14/2025

#	Applicant	Activity	Requests	Recommended
HOME (2 apps + Admin & CHDO)				
--	Program Admin. \$	AC = \$45,119 (inc Wdbury) + DC = \$13,503	\$49,818	\$58,622
1	Sherman Associates Dev. LLC	Riverdale Station Phase 4-Construction – Prior HOME Funds PY23 \$61,768 PY24 \$688,232	\$750,000	\$750,000
2	TC Habitat for Humanity	1 Site Acquisition TBD w/Cap Asst to buyer – Prior HOME Funds PY22 \$75,000 / PY23 \$75,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
--	*Unallocated HOME - \$556,857	HOME (*\$475,839) + CHDO Set-aside (\$81,018)	\$81,018	\$81,018
			2025 HOME funds \$615,479	\$1,039,640
CDBG Planning: (0 apps) + Admin and Fair Housing				
--	Anoka County-Community Dev.	Administration / Planning of programs	\$314,571	\$374,204**
--	Anoka County-Community Dev.	Fair Housing implementation	\$9,000	\$9,000
			*2025 CDBG admin funds \$333,204	\$333,204
CDBG Projects (4 apps + Countywide Rehab Programs)				
1	Alexandra House, Inc.	New Fire Suppression System in facility (DB-\$10K)	\$330,000 w/DB	\$330,000
2	ASI Anoka County, Inc.	Rehab work at 3 group homes (DB-\$5K)	\$85,000 w/DB	\$85,000
3	City of Spring Lake Park	Terrace Park – construct new community bid (DB-\$10K)	\$360,000 w/DB	\$0
4	Rise, Inc.	Remodel at Coon Rapids facility (DB-\$10K)	\$417,000 w/DB	\$216,600
--	Anoka Co SFR Prog Delivery	AC Home Rehab Program Delivery Cost (staff/expenses)	\$70,000	\$70,000
--	Anoka Co Home Rehab	AC Single-Family Home Rehab Loan Program	\$350,000	\$381,310**
UNALLOCATED FUNDS				
			*2025 CDBG project funds \$1,082,910	\$1,612,000
CDBG Public Services (11 apps)				
5	Alexandra House, Inc.	1 FT Shelter Advocate Position (salary/benefits)	\$82,300	\$48,000
6	Cars for Neighbors	Vehicle Repair program - labor & parts	\$40,000	\$40,000
7	Elevate Hope House	Resident Transition Trailer	\$16,000	\$16,000
8	Hearts & Hammers – TC	Rehab home exteriors for seniors and veterans	\$10,000	\$10,000
9	MARS (Mediation & Restorative Svcs)	Housing Resource Navigator (stabilize housing/eviction)	\$47,652	\$46,000
10	Neighborhood HealthSource	Staff costs	\$91,794.30	\$0
11	Pearl Transit Corp	Salary for two Mobile Dental scanning technicians	\$80,000	\$0
12	The Dwelling Place	Salary/benefits for new case manager position	\$52,500	\$54,902**
13	The Salvation Army	Food Shelf (Blaine HS Bldg.) – food & supplies	\$15,000	\$15,000
14	Upwards Inc	Online In-home Daycare provider training by tech co.	\$80,000	\$0
15	ACBC Food Shelf	Food Delivery to Seniors	\$22,000	\$22,000
			*2025 CDBG public service \$249,902	\$517,246

Estimated \$1,617,853 based on PY24 Funding Allocation Any increase or decrease in actual PY25 CDBG funds awarded will be directed within the CDBG allowable spending caps to AC Admin (20%), The Dwelling Place – Public Service activity (15%) with the remaining CDBG funds increase or decrease to the Anoka County Single Family Home Rehab Program Project.

PY25 CDBG ACTUAL \$1,666,016 - \$48,163 increase to:

**Admin + \$9,633 / PS - **Dwelling Place + \$7,224 / Project – **SF Rehab +\$31,306

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0004
Expiration Date: 2/28/2022

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.2b, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly represented of the applicant, I certify that the applicant (insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature):

*Authorized Representative Name:
Mr. Michael Semak
*Title: Chief, Anoka County Board of Commissioners
*Applicant/Recipient Organization:
Anoka County

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds in any the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000c) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303);

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.) and implementing regulations at 24 C-F-R part 35 or 39, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §101-37) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, marital status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant

will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 8.105(a) and 5.108 as applicable.

6. Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

7. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601) and implementing regulations at 49 C-F-R and 24 CFR, as applicable, Section 101(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5204(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

9. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-11, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subgrants at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian Tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Dyer Amendment, but State-recognized Indian Tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true, accurate, and correct. **WARNING:** Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§207, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802; 24 CFR §28.10(b)(1)(iii)).

* Signature:

Michael Semak

* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy):

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ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

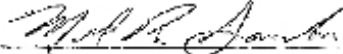
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to preclude non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to planning, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4729) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §3401) et seq. which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (v) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (vi) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1801-1802, and 1805-1806), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (vii) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; (viii) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (ix) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (x) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (xi) §§4023 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1942 (42 U.S.C. §§2923(d)-(3) and 2902e-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (xii) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (xiii) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (xiv) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles I and II of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1601-1509 and 7324-7326) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§275a to 275a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a and 48 U.S.C. §574), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-363) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction agreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(g) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to purchase in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) installation of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of existing facilities pursuant to E.O. 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to E.O. 11858; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with E.O. 11888; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1601 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7601 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-326); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-203).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 109 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), E.O. 11583 (Identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1986 and OMB Circular No. A-133 "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 103(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or sub-recipients from: (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) Providing a comment of sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subaward under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
Michael Benicich 	Chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Anoka County and Anoka County IIRA	7/22/25

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24, if in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 49 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the execution, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The funding activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701c) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.


Michael Gamache

6/17/25
Date

Chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Possible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or alleviation of squalor or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2025 shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.


Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

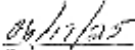
1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws – The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint - All activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws - I will comply with applicable laws.


Michael Gomezbo


Date

Chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners
Title

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
1. Sponsor Submits BPA: <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		
2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision		
* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>		
* 3. Date Received: Generated by Grants.gov (per 48 CFR 201.10)		4. Applicant Identification: <input type="text" value="R-26-UC-27-C002"/>
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only: 6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/> 7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>		
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Anoka County"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (E/TIN): <input type="text" value="41340-5785"/>		* c. UEI: <input type="text" value="MBJR4328F857"/>
d. Address:		
* Street: <input type="text" value="Anoka County Government Center"/>		
Street 2: <input type="text" value="2100 8rd Avenue, Suite 700"/>		
* City: <input type="text" value="Anoka"/>		
County/Parish: <input type="text" value="Anoka"/>		
* State: <input type="text" value="MN"/>		
Province: <input type="text"/>		
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>		
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="55103-6024"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community & Government Relations"/>		Division Name: <input type="text" value="General Services"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms"/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Tanya"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="West-Talbot"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Director, Community and Government Relations"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text" value="County Government and Anoka County HRA"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="763-324-2700"/>		Fax Number: <input type="text" value="763-324-5420"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="Tanya.West-Talbot@AnokaMN.com"/>		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:


13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (City, County, State, etc.):

* 16. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
16. Congressional Districts Of:	
* a. Applicant: <input type="text" value="3-5-6"/>	* b. Program/Project: <input type="text" value="3-5-6"/>
Attach an optional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed:	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="07/01/2025"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="12/31/2026"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,666,016.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="50,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,716,016.00"/>
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on: <input type="text"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach:	
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I AGREE	
<small>** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.</small>	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Michael"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Garnache"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="763-324-4714"/>	* Fax Number: <input type="text" value="763-324-5490"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="mike.garnache@anokacountymn.gov"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="07/24/25"/>

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	Data Source Name Anoka County Public Health
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. Anoka County Public Health
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Community Development referred to the Public Health, "Health of the Community" report.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? To retrieve data
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population? Concentrated on Anoka County
	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set? Calendar year 2014
	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)? Complete
	2
Data Source Name Anoka County Housing Study	
List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. Anoka County hired Maxfield Research & Consulting to compile "Comprehensive Housing Needs For Anoka County, Minnesota."	

Provide a brief summary of the data set.

The Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment finds the rental market in Anoka County is tight with a vacancy rate of 2.4% and for-sale home prices have increased dramatically over the past three years. Housing affordability for owned housing and for rental housing continues to decrease for many owner and renter households in Anoka County, but particularly for low- and moderate-income households.

The study identifies a potential demand for 15,253 new housing units in Anoka County to 2030. Demand is spread across all product types. Detailed information regarding housing demand by submarket and recommended housing types can be found in the Conclusions and Recommendations section at the end of the report.

What was the purpose for developing this data set?

The analysis projects housing demand for the submarkets in Anoka County from 2023 to 2040. It also provides recommendations on the amount and types of housing that could be built to satisfy demand from current and future residents over the next decade and beyond.

How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?

Extensive data compiled on the housing needs of Anoka County, MN assessing current housing stock and projected housing needs.

What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?

Report was prepared in 2023, final report completed December 2023.

What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?

Complete