



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Public Comment Session

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing for the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan and Budget.

SUMMARY:

Public Hearing for the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the City's four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio receives four federal entitlement grants awarded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These four grants include CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA. The City anticipates receiving approximately \$24 million in total grant funding through the four formula grants in FY 2024.

As a recipient of federal entitlement funds, HUD requires the City to develop an annual Action Plan and Budget which details how federal entitlement funds will address the goals and priorities

described in the five-year Consolidated Plan. City Council approved the FY 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan on August 12, 2021. The FY 2024 Action Plan is the third-year plan under the adopted Consolidated Plan. Development of the Consolidated Plan involves collecting and analyzing local economic data and engaging in an extensive community input process to identify priority needs and related goals to address identified needs.

The annual Action Plan commits funding to programs and projects that address the community needs detailed in the Consolidated Plan. Development of the Action Plan involves community engagement and analysis of past performance. The annual Action Plan is due to HUD by August 16, 2023.

ISSUE:

Based upon extensive community engagement and data analysis conducted during the Consolidated Plan process, decent, safe affordable housing is the number one priority need for low-income families in San Antonio followed by programs and services for special needs populations. The following is the full list of priorities detailed in the Consolidated Plan and which the FY 2024 Action Plan may address.

Priority 1: Provide Decent Safe Affordable Housing

Priority 2: Provide for Special Needs Populations

Priority 3: Provide Housing and Supportive Services for Homeless Population

Priority 4: Provide Neighborhood Revitalization Efforts

Priority 5: Provide Economic Development

FY 2024 Action Plan

The City anticipates receiving \$23,865,067 in entitlement funds for the FY 2024 Action Plan. The following table provides a summary of the anticipated FY 2024 grant funds and indicates the availability of program income or prior year funds that will be included in the FY 2024 budget.

Program	FY 2023	FY 2024	Variance
Community Development Block Grant	\$12,848,225	\$13,368,194	\$519,969
HOME Investment Partnerships	\$6,190,784	\$6,292,349	\$101,565
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$1,139,581	\$1,129,224	(\$10,357)
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS	\$2,714,440	\$3,075,300	\$360,860
TOTAL	\$22,893,030	\$23,865,067	\$972,037

The City will recommend allocating funding to eligible activities for each of the four formula grants based on the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. Proposed FY 2024 activities and funding will be available for public review on the City's website at www.saspeakup.com/FY24ActionPlan by June 28, 2023.

CDBG Program

The City may recommend housing rehabilitation programs; activities in support of affordable rental or homeownership housing development; fair housing programs; public service programs; public facility improvements; public infrastructure improvements; and lead assessment and abatement.

HOME Program

The City may recommend housing rehabilitation programs; affordable rental or homeownership housing development; homebuyer programs (down payment assistance); and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating expense support.

ESG Program

The City may recommend rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, emergency shelter or street outreach services. Staff will coordinate with the Department of Human Services.

HOPWA Program

The City may recommend permanent housing placement services, rental/utility assistance, transitional shelter, medical hospice with 24-hour care, and essential services such as meals, transportation for persons with HIV/AIDS. Staff will coordinate with the Department of Human Services.

Citizen Participation

On May 28, 2023, the City issued a public notice in the San Antonio Express-News announcing a public comment period and the first of two public hearings. The first public hearing will take place at the Public Comment session beginning at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at the Municipal Plaza Building. Comments may be submitted by e-mail at communitydevelopment@sanantonio.gov. Public comment may also be provided in writing to the Neighborhood & Housing Services Department, Division of Grants Monitoring and Administration, PO Box 839966, San Antonio, TX 78283. All comments will be accepted until August 2, 2023.

The second public hearing is scheduled to take place at the Public Comment session on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. City Council will consider the adoption of the FY 2024 Action Plan and Budget on Thursday, August 3, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City is required to undergo this process for federally funded programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item will not have an impact on the City's General Fund Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action required.