

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Plymouth is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Grantee and a member of the Hennepin County Consortium, which includes suburban Hennepin County as well as the cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie and Plymouth. This document contains those sections of the Consortium Action Plan with information specific to the City of Plymouth and its CDBG programs. The City of Plymouth will utilize CDBG funds to achieve the goals that best serve the housing and community development needs of the City and the Consortium.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

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3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Plymouth has a long history of actively working to preserve and upgrade the condition of its housing, maintain housing affordability, and provide needed social services. The CDBG-funded single-family rehabilitation loan program (including lead-based paint abatement) and first-time homebuyer loan program have been a successful and important part of these efforts. Each year the City evaluates its performance relative to its Consolidated Plan goals through the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The city continues to make progress toward meeting all of its Consolidated Plan goals for the period from 2020-2024.

Fair Housing continues to be a focus of the City of Plymouth. In CDBG program year 2023, the Fair Housing Implementation Council expects to fund three fair housing activities guided by the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. These activities from HOME Line, Affordable Housing Connections, and the Minnesota Homeownership Center will be available to City of Plymouth beneficiaries.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The City held a public hearing at the March 23, 2023 Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting. Written comments were accepted from February 24, 2023 to March 28, 2023 and notice of the comment period and draft Action Plan was published in the official local newspaper on February 23, 2023.

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

No comments were received at the March 23, 2023 public hearing or during the February 24, 2023 to March 28, 2023 public comment period.

7. Summary

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

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	PLYMOUTH	Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Plymouth is a CDBG entitlement community. Plymouth is also a member of the HOME consortium of suburban Hennepin County. Therefore, the County serves as the lead agency in the overall development and submittal of the Consortium Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans for participating jurisdictions, including CDBG grantees.

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

1. Introduction

The development of the Hennepin County Consortium Consolidated Plan was led by Hennepin County. Because many of the agencies that work within the city also work county-wide, it was determined that only one contact needed to be made to these organizations. The responses in this section reflect the work completed by Hennepin County and outlined in the overall Consortium Consolidated Plan as well as work completed by the City of Plymouth.

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)).

These activities are coordinated by Hennepin County at the local level. One of Hennepin County's services to enhance coordination includes development of a unit to focus specifically on housing stability for all county clients. Their work is to develop strategies to enhance prevention, support, and development of housing to meet the needs of residents within the county. Additionally, the county works with the City of Plymouth to provide assistance through the Continuum of Care department which works with HOME funds and the Office to End Homelessness.

Where appropriate, staff refers organizations and service agencies to each other to coordinate efforts. The City of Plymouth coordinates with programs such as PRISM's Rapid Rehousing which helps to make emergency payments to keep residents in their homes for a short period of time as well as working with TreeHouse to address youth in unstable living situations. The City has a close relationship with Hennepin County and refers any resident that may have additional home or mental health needs to a network of people within the County that are equipped to address issues that may arise for the City of Plymouth. The City of Plymouth also works with residents through the public safety department and the code enforcement department to assist in getting residents the help they may need. The City also works with Interfaith Outreach to refer residents to their Neighborhood Program which helps to build healthy and connected neighborhoods that can assist one another.

The City of Plymouth HRA works to connect residents that may have housing issues with tenant advocacy groups such as HOME Line and HousingLink to help assist with finding housing that can accommodate the needs of residents.

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.

Coordination is completed by the Minneapolis/Hennepin County Continuum of Care and the Office to End Homelessness. If a resident of Plymouth is facing homelessness, the City would first refer to the program through the County to help assist the resident's issues. Additionally, the City would contact partner agencies such as Interfaith Outreach's Neighborhood Program, PRISM's Rapid Rehousing Program, or possibly Lutheran Social Services of MN to assist with potential foreclosure counseling depending on the needs of the resident. Hennepin County Coordinated Entry works with agencies in the Northwest Metro. The city works to contact Continuum of Care staff at Hennepin County to assist with Plymouth residents that are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

The Minneapolis/Hennepin County Continuum of Care (CoC) & Hennepin HHS's Housing Stability convene CoC members around specific target populations (Youth Collaborative, Family Services Network, Veteran Committee) and intervention types (Shelter Efficiency Network, The Outreach Group) in order to coordinate and develop new collective strategies to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring. The CoC's Executive Committee coordinates these strategies, and the Funding Committee evaluates existing and proposed projects for service and reallocates funds to meet emerging needs.

All homeless designated housing programs that receive public funding are required to fill all vacancies through referrals from the Coordinated Entry System (CES). This allows for a system-wide assessment and prioritization of people most in need of each housing type. All permanent supportive housing projects prioritize chronically homeless persons and families, considering chronicity, length of time HUD homeless, and disability status, alongside household preferences.

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

N/A - Plymouth is not a recipient of ESG funds.

Hennepin County HHS' Housing Stability Department is the Collaborative Applicant for the Minneapolis/Hennepin County Continuum of Care (CoC). The Continuum of Care Coordinator and CoC planning staff work with Hennepin County ESG staff to comply with the CoC regulations set forth in 578.7 & 578.95 by: 1) Establishing a CoC Governing board with both Hennepin CoC and ESG staff included in the membership. 2) Conduct an annual Needs & Gaps Analysis to establish priority populations and needs based on data to inform funding decisions. 3) Establish CoC Written Standards for providing CoC assistance. 4) Designate and Operate an HMIS system. 5) Established working committees that focus on all 6 components of our homeless response system to assure alignment across CoC and ESG resources for each. In addition, Hennepin County has research staff dedicated to monitoring homelessness trends and outcomes.

ESG funds are awarded based on a request for proposal process that is combined with other homeless assistance funds to maximize coordination and results. CoC Committees members regularly sit on funding approval committees for ESG and other funds. On behalf of this jurisdiction, the CoC funds the administration and works closely with the HMIS system administrator to implement HMIS data standards. The CoC and ESG jurisdictions contribute to our statewide HMIS system with a 2% contribution to assist with HMIS Data Standards compliance for CoC and ESG funded projects. The CoC holds an annual meeting to solicit feedback from community members, providers, and policy makers on the gaps and challenges facing the community and hosts extensive focus groups and community conversations with people who are experiencing homelessness.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated.

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HOME Line
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	HOME Line was consulted through Hennepin County's Consolidated Plan process and the city's annual non-profit funding review. The consultation confirmed an ongoing need for legal advocacy services for low- and moderate-income tenant households in Plymouth and suburban Hennepin County. See narrative in AP-85.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	People Responding in Social Ministry
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	PRISM was consulted through the Hennepin County Consortium Consolidated Plan process and the city's annual non-profit funding review. The consultation confirmed an ongoing need for emergency housing assistance and homelessness prevention services for low/moderate income households in Plymouth and suburban Hennepin County. See narrative in AP-85.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Lutheran Social Service
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Lutheran Social Services was consulted through the Hennepin County Consolidated Plan process and the city's annual non-profit funding review. The consultation confirmed an ongoing need for housing counseling for low/moderate income households in Plymouth and suburban Hennepin County. See narrative in AP-85.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	TreeHouse
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	TreeHouse was consulted through the Hennepin County Consolidated Plan process. The consultation confirmed an ongoing need for youth services for low/moderate income households with development disabilities in Plymouth and suburban Hennepin County. See narrative in AP-85.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Hammer Residences
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hammer Residences was consulted through the Hennepin County Consolidated Plan process and the city's annual non-profit funding review. The consultation confirmed an ongoing need for rehabilitated rental housing for low/moderate income households with development disabilities in Plymouth and suburban Hennepin County. See narrative in AP-85.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	INTERFAITH OUTREACH COMMUNITY PARTNERS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Interfaith Outreach was consulted through the Hennepin County Consolidated Plan process and the city's annual non-profit funding review. The consultation confirmed an ongoing need for homelessness assistance for low/moderate income households in Plymouth and suburban Hennepin County. See AP-85 narrative.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	WEST HENNEPIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND TRUST
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust was consulted through the Hennepin County Consolidated Plan process and the city's annual non-profit funding review. The consultation confirmed a need for additional affordable housing options for low- and moderate-income households in Plymouth and suburban Hennepin County. See AP-85 narrative.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Senior Community Services (SCS)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	SCS was consulted through the Hennepin County Consolidated Plan process and the city's annual non-profit funding review. The consultation confirmed an ongoing need for household maintenance assistance for low/moderate income senior households in Plymouth and suburban Hennepin County. See narrative in AP-85.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Plymouth
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Department (which acts as the PHA for the City of Plymouth) was consulted throughout the needs assessment and goal setting process for the Consolidated Plan. Additionally, HCV staff are consulted periodically to identify local housing needs. Staff will refer residents to HousingLink to assist with finding housing and anticipate higher outcomes of finding housing that fits their needs. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Department (which acts as the PHA for the City of Plymouth) was consulted throughout the needs assessment and goal setting process for the Consolidated Plan. Additionally, HCV staff are consulted periodically to identify local housing needs. Staff will refer residents to HousingLink to assist with finding housing and anticipate higher outcomes of finding housing that fits their needs.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	NEW HOPE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	In addition to participating in the Consortium survey, the City of New Hope and Plymouth city staff regularly discuss community development and housing needs. Consultation will help develop Priority Needs and Goals.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Maple Grove
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	In addition to participating in the Consortium survey, the City of Maple Grove and Plymouth city staff regularly discuss community development and housing needs. Consultation will help develop Priority Needs and Goals.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	MINNETONKA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	In addition to participating in the Consortium survey, the City of Minnetonka and Plymouth city staff regularly discuss community development and housing needs. Consultation will help develop Priority Needs and Goals.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Metropolitan Council - Metro HRA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Plymouth and the Metropolitan Council regularly coordinate and communicate regarding economic/community development and affordable housing issues including coordination between the Housing Policy Plan and the Consolidated Plan. Goals in the Consolidated Plan may overlap with Metropolitan Council affordable housing goals for cities.

14	Agency/Group/Organization	Office to End Homelessness
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Federal Other government - County Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders Foundation Neighborhood Organization

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Market Analysis</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Office to End Homelessness has played a key role in the development of all housing and homeless-related sections of the plan. Coordination will continue throughout the plan.</p>

15	Agency/Group/Organization	Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Federal Other government - State Other government - County Other government - Local Regional organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consortium staff meets with staff from Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department (HSPHD) regarding market conditions, housing needs, gaps in service, and recommendations for priorities. Additionally, HSPHD staff participates in HOME application reviews.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Minnesota Department of Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Health Agency Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	MDH was consulted regarding data on child lead poisoning. Consultation was used to develop the Lead-based paint strategy of this Plan.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

Plymouth was actively involved in the Consortium consultation, development, and citizen participation process led by Hennepin County for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. All agency types were consulted through the Consortium's Consolidated Plan development and goal-setting process. For this Action Plan, which is the third annual Action Plan in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan cycle, some agency types were consulted again in order to assess whether substantial trends or changes had occurred since the Consolidated 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	Hennepin County	The Plymouth CDBG Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan identified homelessness prevention activities as important goals. This includes direct homelessness prevention housing assistance as well as foreclosure prevention counseling and tenant advocacy to prevent eviction.
Comprehensive Plan	City of Plymouth	The Plymouth CDBG Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan have significant overlap with the Plymouth Comprehensive Plan. In particular, both the CDBG Action Plan and the Housing section of the Comprehensive Plan identify several goals related to providing affordable and well-maintained housing that is accessible for all income levels, household types, and life cycle stages.
Metropolitan Council	Metropolitan Council	The Plymouth CDBG Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan have overlap with the Housing Policy Plan. Both plans identify priorities related to maintaining existing affordable housing stock and providing a mix of affordable housing options for households of all life stages and economic means.
Strategic Plan	Plymouth Housing and Redevelopment Authority	The Plymouth CDBG Action Plan and Five-Year Consolidated Plan have overlap with the HRA's strategic plan. Both plans identify policies and actions that the HRA can take related to maintaining affordable housing stock and creating new affordable housing options for households at all stages of life.
MA-60 Broadband Needs	City of Plymouth	According to the 2020 ACS 5-year data profile, 92.7% of Plymouth residents have a computer while 87.0% have a broadband internet connection. In Minnesota, households with lower incomes are less likely to have a broadband subscription at home, hurting their ability to complete homework, search for better jobs, and stay connected to the world. According to data from the Federal Communications Commission, households in all areas of suburban Hennepin County are served by at least two fixed residential broadband providers. Further, 98.5% of the population is served by at least three providers. Access to broadband provider options is not clearly associated with low and moderate-income neighborhood clusters, in suburban Hennepin County and by extension, Plymouth.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)	City of Plymouth	<p>In 2018, Hennepin County's Emergency Management division put together a hazard mitigation plan, which includes Plymouth in its scope. The risk assessment process measures the potential loss to a community, including loss of life, personal injury, property damage and economic injury resulting from a hazard event. The risk assessment process allows a community to better understand their potential risk and associated vulnerability to natural, intentional human-caused and unintentional human-caused hazards. The planning process identified the following consequences could be expected with climate change across Hennepin County:- Less reliable and more dangerous lake ice- More periods of bare/snow-free ground, allowing frost to penetrate to great depths during cold outbreak- Expansion of the heavy rainfall season, leading to enhanced peak stream flows, and altered timing of normal flow regime- Increased runoff and flash-flooding as the largest events intensify and become more common- Water infrastructure damage from intense rainfall events- Agricultural stress, from shifting crop ranges, heat, drought, extreme rainfall- More days with high water vapor content and heat index values- Greater summer cooling costs, more days requiring cooling- New invasive species, both terrestrial and aquatic, especially those acclimated to warmer climates or those that were cold weather limited.- Hyper-seasonality as warm conditions develop during the off-season, leading to bouts of heavy rainfall or severe weather, followed by wintry conditions- Increase in frequency of freeze-thaw cycles, as winter is increasingly infiltrated by warm conditions. Data from Minnesota's State Climatology Office already show a clear pattern of increasing temperatures at night and in winter -- and larger, more frequent extreme precipitation events. The Twin Cities metro area, including Hennepin County, is already seeing substantial warming during winter and at night, increased precipitation, and heavier downpours. State climatologists project that the decades ahead will bring even warmer winters, warmer summer nights, and even larger rainfalls, along with the likelihood of increased summer heat and the potential for longer dry spells. The City of Plymouth is the lead organization for hazard mitigation, management of flood prone areas, and emergency management as it relates to the CDBG program overall and for each environmental review processed.</p>

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City of Plymouth works closely with the Hennepin County Consortium in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan. The Consortium includes Hennepin County and several units of local government, including Bloomington and Eden Prairie. Staff representing each member of the Consortium meet regularly to coordinate the creation and implementation of the Consolidated Plan, and to share outcomes from each of the cities' housing and economic development programs. The City of Plymouth also works with a variety of State Agencies on different aspects of the plan, such as the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, the Department of Employment and Economic Development, and the Minnesota Department of Health. Coordination with the State includes utilizing state funding programs for economic development, consulting with state agencies on data and regulations for lead-based paint, and environmental review.

Plymouth also works with the Metropolitan Council to coordinate regional economic/community development goals, as well as affordable housing issues including coordination between the Housing Policy Plan and the Consolidated Plan. Goals in the Consolidated Plan often overlap with Metropolitan Council affordable housing goals for cities.

The Plymouth CDBG program attempts to address the widest range of needs possible despite limited resources. Both the Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan identifies a variety of goals to promote housing affordability, provide suitable and well-maintained housing, and accessibility to needed social services. These goals were developed in consultation with numerous public, non-profit, and private sector partners and agencies during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process and throughout the annual Action Plan processes.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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Plymouth will consider any future comments received from the public during the 5-Year Consolidated Plan period, either informally or through the formal citizen participation process associated with each Annual Action Plan. All comments received will be evaluated by staff, and amendments to the goals of the Plan will be considered if warranted. Any resulting changes to Plan goals would be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Consortium's Citizen Participation Plan.

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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	To be updated after conclusion of public hearing and public comment period.	To be updated after conclusion of public hearing and public comment period.	To be updated after conclusion of public hearing and public comment period.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	To be updated after conclusion of public hearing.	To be updated after conclusion of public hearing.	To be updated after conclusion of public hearing.	
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	To be updated after conclusion of public hearing and public comment period.	To be updated after conclusion of public hearing and public comment period.	To be updated after conclusion of public hearing and public comment period.	https://www.plymouthmn.gov/departments/community-economic-development/housing

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

For the 2023 CDBG program year, Plymouth's CDBG allocation is \$272,452. Additionally, \$80,000 of program income is anticipated.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				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	272,452	80,000	129,100	481,552	361,000	For the 2023 CDBG program year, Plymouth allocated \$272,452. Additionally, \$80,000 of program income and \$129,100 in carryover from prior-year CDBG activities is anticipated. For the remainder of the 5-year Consolidated Plan period, Plymouth estimates an annual CDBG allocation of \$281,000, based on funding trends. Program income of \$80,000 is projected annually.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
LIHTC	public – federal	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	The HRA has been working with several private developers to utilize this resource in order to create new affordable apartment units. The HRA will continue to pursue opportunities to use LIHTC when possible.
Section 8	public – federal	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	Currently the Plymouth HRA has funding for 240 vouchers (including 40 vouchers for non-elderly disabled and 10 VASH vouchers). There are another 105 voucher holders residing in Plymouth who ported in from other jurisdictions.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Tax Exempt Bond Proceeds	public – local	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	Since 1995, the City has issued \$58,795,000.00 in tax-exempt housing revenue bonds and \$7,290,000.00 in taxable housing revenue bonds for the acquisition, re-financing and/ or renovation of 893 rental apartments. The City required that the owners make a certain percentage of their units affordable to and occupied by low-income households or make an annual payment for the life of the bonds to the HRA's Affordable Housing Account. As a result, 220 of these units are affordable to low-income renters.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Tax Increment Financing	public – local	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	The City's Tax Increment Housing Assistance Program (TIHAP) makes excess Tax Increments from existing and future Tax Increment Districts in the City available for eligible affordable housing developments. Of the funds received to date, the City has allocated a total of \$1,363,000 split between three projects to secure 242 units of affordable housing ranging from households at or below 30% to 60% of the area median income (AMI). In addition, the City and HRA have create several tax increment financing districts to provide assistance for development of affordable housing units. Since 1998 the City and HRA have established six tax increment financing and secured 262 units of affordable housing ranging in affordability between households at or below 30% to 60% AMI. The City will consider the creation of additional TIF districts as appropriate to assist with development of affordable housing units to supplement outside funding.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	private	Housing Public Services	0	0	0	0	0	Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP): This non-profit organization has been very supportive of all efforts in Plymouth of furthering affordable housing initiatives. Interfaith Outreach also has a significant housing fund to assist in funding affordable housing efforts.
Other	public – state	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA): This agency provides first time homebuyer programs, housing rehabilitation programs, and development and redevelopment financing through their Consolidated RFP process. The HRA also developed a partnership in 2003 with the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) pertaining to the MHFA Fix-Up Fund and MHFA Deferred Loan Program. While CEE remains the approved lender for the Fix-Up Fund, the HRA works in collaboration with them in marketing the program.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public – local	Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	<p>Plymouth Economic Development Fund (PEDF): The Fund was capitalized from the first \$100,000 in principal plus interest to be paid by Value Rx in repayment of a loan from the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development’s (DTED) Economic Recovery Program (ERP). The PEDF allows the HRA to provide loans at favorable terms for business activities in the City that could create new jobs, increase the tax base, or leverage other needed economic development funds. The City has issued two loans totaling \$210,000. One loan in the amount of \$180,000 went to a company that relocated its headquarters to Plymouth. The second loan, in the amount of \$30,000, went to an existing Plymouth company to increase their workforce.</p>

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public – local	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	Plymouth HRA Tax Levy: The HRA has used this levy for several years to provide subsidized rental housing for 195 senior citizen households utilizing approximately \$298,000.00 annually to eligible renters at Plymouth Towne Square and Vicksburg Crossing. An additional \$321,000.00 is utilized for the funding, administration and supervision of the HRA and City affordable housing programs.

Table 5 – Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The HRA intends to pursue all possible resources to address its Consolidated Plan & Action Plan goals. There are no specific matching requirements associated with Plymouth’s CDBG program, although any opportunities to provide/obtain matching funding will be pursued. For example, clients of the Housing Rehabilitation Loan program are occasionally able to match their Plymouth CDBG loan with grants or loans from other programs, such as for lead abatement.

In addition, Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners (IOCP) has been a very supportive partner of Plymouth’s efforts to further affordable housing goals. To this end, IOCP has a significant housing fund to assist in funding affordable housing efforts both in Plymouth and the region.

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

The City of Plymouth owns two senior rental housing developments. Plymouth Towne Square, developed in 1994, has provided 99 affordable housing units / subsidized senior housing units through an annual amount of Plymouth HRA tax levy ranging from \$250,000.00 to \$320,000.00. By providing a deep subsidy, the HRA is working to help the residents at PTS obtain decent, affordable housing and to avoid homelessness. Plymouth Towne Square averaged an occupancy of 99% in 2022. Vicksburg Crossing, built in 2006 with 96 units, offers affordable rents to low- and moderate-income residents. The HRA Board sets rents on an annual basis. A subsidy of \$18,000-\$60,000 from the HRA tax levy helps keep rent levels affordable. Vicksburg Crossings averaged an occupancy of 99% in 2022.

The HRA also purchased a 0.6-acre vacant parcel in Plymouth to build and operate a twin home, called Valor Place. The twin home (single building, two units) was completed in 2022 and made available to veterans of the armed services whose households are at 60% AMI. The HRA owns and operates the homes with dedicated reserves to keep the rent levels affordable.

Discussion

The City of Plymouth utilizes a variety of federal, state, and local funding sources to meet the goals identified in this plan. This includes sources used on a recurring annual basis such as CDBG, Section 8, state housing agency programs, and the local HRA tax levy. Additional sources such as LIHTC, TIF, and housing revenue bonds have been used on a case-by-case basis in the past and will continue to be pursued when and where appropriate.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Homeowner rehabilitation assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City of Plymouth	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership	CDBG: \$165,452	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit
2	Direct homebuyer assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City of Plymouth	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership	CDBG: \$105,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 3 Households Assisted
3	Facilities for Persons with Disabilities	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Plymouth	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities	CDBG: \$49,100	Housing units rehabilitated: 8 Housing Units
4	Homeowner education	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plymouth	Education, outreach and services.	CDBG: \$5,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Households Assisted
5	Senior services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plymouth	Education, outreach and services.	CDBG: \$16,500	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 56 Households Assisted
6	Homelessness prevention	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plymouth	Education, outreach and services.	CDBG: \$26,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 17 Households Assisted
7	Tenant counseling	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Plymouth	Education, outreach and services.	CDBG: \$14,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 220 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	Fair Housing	2020	2024	Fair Housing	City of Plymouth	Education, outreach and services.	CDBG: \$6,500	Other: 0 Other
9	Administration	2020	2024	Program Administration	City of Plymouth	Education, outreach and services.	CDBG: \$24,000	Other: 0 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Homeowner rehabilitation assistance
	Goal Description	Provide zero interest loans and grants to assist low/moderate income households to make needed home repairs and address lead-based paint issues as needed.
2	Goal Name	Direct homebuyer assistance
	Goal Description	Provide zero interest deferred loans to low/moderate-income first-time homebuyer households to help make the purchase of a home more affordable. Also, provide grants to community land trusts/non-profit agencies to help lessen the cost burden on low/moderate income homebuyers.
3	Goal Name	Facilities for persons with disabilities
	Goal Description	Assist with the rehabilitation of affordable rental group homes operated by Hammer Residences. Hammer Residences, Inc. provides housing and support to individuals who have developmental disabilities. The projects will support housing for these individuals through necessary updates.
4	Goal Name	Homeowner education
	Goal Description	Provide funding to support homebuyer education and outreach. This activity will support homebuyer counseling, whose role in financial counseling sessions is to provide credit, budget, and money management education.

5	Goal Name	Senior services
	Goal Description	Provide household maintenance assistance to low/moderate income senior households.
6	Goal Name	Homelessness prevention
	Goal Description	Provide emergency, short-term housing assistance to low/moderate income households experiencing temporary financial crises.
7	Goal Name	Tenant counseling
	Goal Description	Provide emergency, short-term housing assistance to low/moderate income households experiencing temporary financial crises.
8	Goal Name	Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Assist in regional efforts to further fair housing, including evaluation and implementation activities.
9	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Provides for 1) Oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of the CDBG Program. 2) Public information on CDBG Program activities available to all residents.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Plymouth HRA will implement the following activities during the program year in order to address the strategies and priorities of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation
2	First Time Homebuyer Assistance
3	Affordable Housing Land Trust
4	Facilities for Persons with Disabilities
5	Homeownership Counseling
6	Youth Services
7	Senior Services
8	Homelessness Prevention - PRISM
9	Homelessness Prevention - Interfaith
10	Fair Housing
11	Program Administration

Table 7 – Project Information

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

The activities supported directly by the HRA include administering an owner-occupied rehabilitation program and a FTHB program - both programs serve LMI individuals and households in the Plymouth community well, allowing us to assist households to be able to stay and maintain their homes and become FTHBs with some additional support. Any increase or decrease to Plymouth’s actual 2023 CDBG allocation will be added to or subtracted from the Housing Rehabilitation project. In addition, the HRA will continue to support the Homes Within Reach land trust to support affordable homeownership in Plymouth. The land trust model can be an effective strategy for supporting homebuyers in markets with high median home prices by helping to create more affordability through the write-down of the land in the transaction. While median home prices continue to rise in Plymouth, providing subsidy into a land trust home helps extend affordability throughout the 99-year land lease, creating future affordability at the time of sale. In addition, the HRA will support fair housing activities, homebuyer education and foreclosure prevention, homelessness prevention, a tenant hotline to help tenants preserve affordable rental housing, at-risk youth, and minor home maintenance support for LMI seniors. By supporting five organizations with public services funding, we are able to expand support for more comprehensive housing needs in our community. The biggest obstacle to addressing affordable homeownership needs is the relatively high median home price in the City of Plymouth (\$469,000 according to MAAR in December 2022) that present barriers to entry for many prospective first-time homeowners.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Homeowner rehabilitation assistance
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$165,452
	Description	The Plymouth HRA offers two programs to assist low/moderate-income homeowners rehabilitating their homes. The Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program offers deferred zero-interest loans up to \$40,000 to homeowners for needed home repairs. The Emergency Repair Program provides grants up to \$7,500 for emergency/urgent home repairs for senior citizens.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	During the 2023 program year, the City expects to assist four households with home rehabilitation.
	Location Description	The program is available to residents city-wide that are of low- and moderate-income households.
	Planned Activities	The HRA will continue to operate two housing rehabilitation programs: The Housing Rehab Loan program and the Emergency Repair program. The Housing Rehab program offers 0% interest deferred loans up to \$40,000 for low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their owner-occupied homes. An additional \$10,000 is available to households in need of accessibility improvements for disabled residents and/or lead paint hazard reduction. Applications are accepted year-round on a first-come first-serve basis. The loans must be repaid only if the property is sold or transferred within 20 years. Loan funds may be used for qualifying safety and energy efficiency upgrades, including roofing, siding, windows, electrical, plumbing, heating, and insulation. Other repairs may also be eligible as determined by a home inspection. The Emergency Repair program offers assistance in the form of a grant to senior (55+) homeowners. Eligible repairs include a red-tagged furnace or water heater, broken windows, faulty electrical or plumbing systems. Other repairs may also be eligible as determined by a home inspection.
2	Project Name	First Time Homebuyer Assistance
	Target Area	City of Plymouth

	Goals Supported	Direct homebuyer assistance
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$105,000
	Description	This program provides direct homeownership assistance to low and moderate-income first-time homebuyers who wish to purchase a single-family home, condo, cluster home, or townhouse in the City of Plymouth. The program provides financial assistance to eligible families through 0% interest deferred loans of up to \$35,000 to pay for eligible closing costs, up to 50% of the required down payment, and a reduction of a portion of the mortgage principal.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The HRA expects to assist three households with direct homeownership during the program year.
	Location Description	The program is available city-wide to low- and moderate-income households purchasing their first home. The home being purchased may be located anywhere within Plymouth. The households purchasing the home are not required to have resided in Plymouth prior to purchasing the home.
	Planned Activities	The program provides assistance to low and moderate-income first-time homebuyers who wish to buy a single-family home, condo, cluster home, or townhouse in Plymouth. The program provides financial assistance to eligible families through 0% interest deferred loans of up to \$35,000 to pay for eligible closing costs, up to 50% of the required down payment and a portion of the mortgage principal reduction. Applications are accepted throughout the year on a first-come, first-serve basis. Loans must be repaid if the property is sold, transferred, non-homesteaded, or 30 years from the initial purchase date, when the mortgage becomes due and payable. Due to a tight housing market within the City of Plymouth, there is expected carryover that will be used to help fund the program through the 2023 program year, as well as program income.
3	Project Name	Affordable Housing Land Trust
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Direct homebuyer assistance
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership

	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	The Plymouth HRA will provide a grant to Homes Within Reach to assist with the acquisition of one home in the City of Plymouth. This home will be part of Homes Within Reach's Affordable Housing Land Trust and will be made available for purchase to a low/moderate-income family.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The HRA expects to assist with the purchase of one home that will be made available for purchase by a low/moderate income family as part of the West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust.
	Location Description	The home purchased will be located within the City of Plymouth. It is not a requirement that the family that purchases the home resides in Plymouth prior to the purchase.
	Planned Activities	The West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust (WHAHLT, dba Homes Within Reach) runs a community land trust where low- and moderate-income homebuyers purchase property, but only pay for the value of the physical structure. Homes Within Reach leases the land to the homeowners so that the purchase price is substantially more affordable. Plymouth's grant will assist with acquisition of a property located within the city, and Homes Within Reach will use a variety of other funding sources including county, state, and private donations to rehabilitate the home.
4	Project Name	Facilities for Persons with Disabilities
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Facilities for Persons with Disabilities
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$49,100
	Description	Assist with the rehabilitation of affordable rental group homes operated by Hammer Residences. Hammer Residences, Inc. provides housing and support to individuals who have developmental disabilities. The projects will support housing for these individuals through necessary updates.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Four low/moderate-income individuals currently reside in each of the two homes slated to be rehabilitated/modified for aging in place during the program year.

	Location Description	Two Hammer residence homes are located within the City of Plymouth. Those homes are: "Lancaster" and "Queensland".
	Planned Activities	Hammer Residences provides housing and support to individuals who have developmental disabilities. The HRA will provide funds to for renovations, energy-efficiency upgrades, and accessibility improvements including remodeling bathrooms, replacing doors, replacing windows, and removing a hazardous tree.
5	Project Name	Homeownership Counseling
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Homeowner education
	Needs Addressed	Education, outreach and services.
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Lutheran Social Services will provide homebuyer education, foreclosure prevention, reverse mortgage, and other homeowner counseling services to homeowner and/or potential homebuyer households in Plymouth.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Lutheran Social Services (LSS) will provide homebuyer education, reverse mortgage, debt counseling, and other homeowner counseling services to 50 homeowner and/or potential homebuyer households in Plymouth.
	Location Description	All clients served will be low- and moderate-income Plymouth households or families that will be purchasing a home in Plymouth.
	Planned Activities	LSS will provide housing counseling services including mortgage counseling, reverse mortgage assistance, and foreclosure prevention.
6	Project Name	Tenant Counseling
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Tenant counseling
	Needs Addressed	Education, outreach and services.
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000
	Description	HOME Line offers a tenant advocacy hotline that is available to all Plymouth residents.
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HOME Line anticipates serving 220 Plymouth renter households through their tenant hotline.
	Location Description	The program is available city-wide to low- and moderate-income renter households in Plymouth.
	Planned Activities	HOME Line will continue to operate their tenant advocacy hotline available to Plymouth renters. The CDBG allocation will assist with staff costs for providing tenant advocacy for low- and moderate-income Plymouth renter households.
7	Project Name	Senior Services
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Senior services
	Needs Addressed	Education, outreach and services.
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,500
	Description	Senior Community Services will provide low to moderate income seniors in the City of Plymouth with maintenance services through the H.O.M.E (Housing Outside Maintenance for the Elderly) Program. This will allow the seniors to stay in their homes with dignity and safety by providing homemaking, grab bars & other safety installations, minor repairs, exterior home maintenance, interior and exterior painting, yard work, lawn mowing, and snow removal on a sliding fee scale based on income.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	56 low/moderate-income seniors will benefit from this funding.
	Location Description	All senior citizens (age 55+) who are residents of the City of Plymouth are able to access the H.O.M.E. program.

	Planned Activities	Senior Community Services will provide low/moderate income seniors in the City of Plymouth with maintenance services through the H.O.M.E (Housing Outside Maintenance for the Elderly) Program. This will allow the seniors to stay in their homes with dignity and safety by providing homemaking, grab bars & other safety installations, minor repairs, exterior home maintenance, interior and exterior painting, yard work, lawn mowing, and snow removal on a sliding fee scale based on income. Clients are required to complete a H.O.M.E Service Request form that contains gender, race & ethnicity, address, and monthly income information. Proof of income letters pay stubs, W-2s and social security and account statements are all used to gather relevant client information.
8	Project Name	Homelessness Prevention - PRISM
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Homelessness prevention
	Needs Addressed	Education, outreach and services.
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM) will provide short-term (up to three months) housing subsistence payments on behalf of low/moderate-income persons living in the City of Plymouth in order to help prevent homelessness. Assistance may include utility payments to prevent cutoff of service and rent/mortgage payments to prevent eviction or foreclosure.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	PRISM expects to help 12 Plymouth households with homelessness prevention during the 2023 program year.
	Location Description	PRISM's program is available to low- and moderate-income households city-wide.

	Planned Activities	People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM) will provide short-term (up to three months) housing subsistence payments on behalf of low/moderate income persons living in the City of Plymouth in order to help prevent homelessness. Assistance may include utility payments to prevent cutoff of service and rent/mortgage payments to prevent eviction or foreclosure. Clients are required to provide proof of income through paystubs, bank statements, tax returns or other forms. The program will be available to low/moderate income residents city-wide.
9	Project Name	Homelessness Prevention - Interfaith
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Homelessness prevention
	Needs Addressed	Education, outreach and services.
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners will provide direct assistance to clients within their Project Success program. The participants are expected to be working towards an educational degree or other goal within two years while paying 30% of their rent.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Interfaith Outreach expects to help five families within their Project Success program.
	Location Description	The program is available to low- and moderate-income Plymouth households city-wide.
	Planned Activities	Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners will provide direct assistance to clients within their Project Success program. The participants are expected to be working towards an educational degree or other established goal within two years while paying 30% of their rent.
10	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Education, outreach and services.
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,500

	Description	Plymouth supports the Fair Housing activities of the Hennepin County Consortium and the Twin Cities Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC). Activities include outreach, education, and enforcement activities. The project includes evaluation and monitoring of implemented activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Plymouth supports the Fair Housing activities of the Hennepin County Consortium and the Twin Cities Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC). Activities include outreach, education, and enforcement activities. The project includes evaluation and monitoring of implemented activities.
	Location Description	N/A - supports Fair Housing activities covering Hennepin County and the Twin Cities metropolitan area, including the City of Plymouth.
	Planned Activities	Plymouth supports the Fair Housing activities of the Hennepin County Consortium and the Twin Cities Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC). Activities include outreach, education, and enforcement. The project includes evaluation and monitoring of implemented activities.
11	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	City of Plymouth
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Education, outreach and services.
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,000
	Description	Provides for: 1) Oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of the CDBG program. 2) Public information on CDBG Program activities available to all City residents.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funding provides for overall program administration of CDBG activities.
	Location Description	N/A - funding provides for overall program administration of CDBG activities.
	Planned Activities	Program management, monitoring, and evaluation of overall CDBG program including costs of staff engaged in program management.

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

The HRA CDBG programs will be available to low/moderate income households city-wide and will not be geographically targeted.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Plymouth	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Investments are not targeted geographically but are instead available to low/moderate income households city-wide. Investments are not targeted geographically because the City of Plymouth has no areas of concentrations of low/income or minority households nor any areas of concentrations of housing problems. This policy allows the City to serve as many low/moderate income households as possible throughout all areas.

Discussion

Investments are not targeted geographically but are instead available to low/moderate income households city-wide. Investments are not targeted geographically because the City of Plymouth has no areas of concentrations of low/income or minority households nor any areas of concentrations of housing problems. This policy allows the City to serve as many low/moderate income households as possible throughout all areas.

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

Introduction

The City of Plymouth works whenever possible to assist with making housing affordable through programs offered by the City including the Rehabilitation and Emergency Programs for repairs, the First Time Homebuyer Program for new homeowners as well as through social service funding to assist with housing costs and maintenance.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City is addressing affordable housing barriers in a variety of ways including the support of new affordable housing developments, entry cost assistance to first time homebuyers through down payment assistance and participation in a community land trust, tenant and homeowner education and support services, and rehabilitation assistance. The City is closely involved with researching and addressing impediments to fair housing. The City uses some of its CDBG funding to support HOME Line, a tenant advocacy and hotline organization. Finally, the City works with and supports developers to include affordable housing in their developments.

Discussion

The City will continue to support currently operating programs as well as participating in regional opportunities to address affordable housing issues. The City will continue to assist with making housing affordable citywide.

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

Introduction

Despite limited funding, the Plymouth CDBG program is designed to meet a wide range of needs, including assisting social services, affordable housing, and reducing lead-based paint hazards. The City works with a variety of public, non-profit, and private industry partners to accomplish its community development goals, both through the CDBG program and through other resources. Through a constant continuation of contact with our subgrantees, we were able to identify that there is still a need for tenant services and tenant advocacy, a rising need for funding to senior aging in place services due to rising demand and client volume, and PRISM has a continued need for rapid rehousing services as well as community services such as the food shelf. The City of Plymouth will be working with Interfaith Outreach to assist with a program related to education and employment through housing assistance, and will assist Lutheran Social Services with additional existing programs to supplement assisting homeowners and potential homebuyers with counseling and outreach.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to identify obstacles, such as lack of affordable housing, to unmet and underserved community needs and support the goals established in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The City's approach to meeting these affordable housing needs is to assist renters in purchasing homes by providing down payment and closing cost assistance combined with counseling and education for low to moderate income families. In order to preserve the affordable housing stock "Restrictive Covenants" have been placed on a number of new units built. These Restrictive Covenants run with the land for a period of 20 years and contain restrictions on the transfer of the property only to someone who is a low to moderate income resident. To preserve and expand the supply of decent, safe, and affordable housing, the City will provide financial assistance for rehabilitation and repair of owner-occupied units for low to moderate income families.

Additionally, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority recently updated its strategic plan. This plan represents a high-level view of the HRA's policy goals over the next five years, beginning in 2021, and will help guide the HRA, including actions to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The portion of 2023 CDBG funds allocated to the Housing Rehabilitation Program allows low-income homeowners to stay in current housing while allowing the City to maintain a stable affordable housing base. The City and HRA make effort to create affordable rental and owner-occupied housing opportunities as well as provide provisions that new developments remain affordable for years to come.

Although not funded with CDBG, the City has required an annual inspection of residential rental properties since 1994 to determine Code compliance and health or safety violations that need

correction. This program ensures that rental properties are well maintained and that no substandard rental units are licensed in the City. The City Building Inspection Department currently inspects multi-family rental properties annually and single-family rental properties every three years.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The portion of 2023 CDBG funds allocated to the Housing Rehabilitation Program allows low-income homeowners to stay in current housing while allowing the City to maintain a stable affordable housing base. The City and HRA make every effort to create affordable rental and owner-occupied housing opportunities as well as provide provisions that new developments remain affordable for years to come.

Although not funded with CDBG, the City has required an annual inspection of residential rental properties since 1994 to determine Code compliance and health or safety violations that need correction. This program ensures that rental properties are well maintained and that no substandard rental units are licensed in the City. The City Building Inspection Department currently inspects multi-family rental properties annually and single-family rental properties every three years.

Finally, depending on fund availability, assistance recipients may be referred to Hennepin County's Healthy Homes program, which offers up to \$10,000 in funding for lead paint detection and removal.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Through its various programs, the City of Plymouth will identify and assist people and families that are below the poverty level when possible. We will utilize our network of social service agencies and where applicable assist them through CDBG resources and programs as well as local programs offered through the City of Plymouth, the Plymouth HRA, and local non-profits. Programs that the City of Plymouth works with include tenant advocacy through HOMELine, a Rapid Rehousing Program through PRISM that helps assist with making mortgage or rent payments for a short period of time, a housing and educational program through Interfaith Outreach that helps with paying rent while a resident goes through a schooling or workforce development program to become more self-sufficient and earn higher wages, and housing and financial counseling through Lutheran Social Services that assists with helping families make good financial decisions that will reduce poverty. Senior Community Services helps lower income seniors with needed home maintenance through their HOME program by assisting with small handyman projects as well as yard maintenance to assist with aging in place especially for homeowners that own their home.

PRISM and Interfaith Outreach can also assist with basic needs through their food shelf and clothing programs that provide items to families that may be experiencing poverty and need these items for basic living.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Plymouth has and will continue to coordinate with other institutions in the delivery of housing and community development programs. When possible, the City seeks to leverage its CDBG funds by coordinating with other state and local programs. For example, Plymouth has coordinated with Hennepin County to obtain Healthy Homes grant funding for lead-based paint hazard reduction for clients using our CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. This allows households to remove lead-based paint hazards from the home while utilizing the CDBG funding to make other needed repairs, resulting in a greater impact to the living environment for the household.

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

The City of Plymouth has developed and continues to maintain strong collaborative relationships with other housing providers and social service agencies. The City has worked over the years to develop handicap accessible housing units with People Responding In Social Ministry (PRISM), Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAHA), Interfaith Outreach, and Habitat for Humanity.

The HRA requires recipients of their First Time Homebuyer Programs to attend homebuyer workshops presented by an accredited Home Stretch organization. At the end of the training period, the family is eligible to purchase the home.

Discussion

The City of Plymouth uses all available resources through the City, County, and state to assist homeowners and renters within the City. Any time that the City of Plymouth is alerted to a resident with housing needs, the response is to coordinate with other departments and agencies to assist that resident.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

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	220,000
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:	220,000

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.	100.00%

Discussion

Program Income (PI) is received through the repayment of deferred zero interest loans made in previous years through the First Time Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation programs. When PI is received it is typically immediately reprogrammed to support current First Time Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation loan activities (depending on where the need/activity is greatest at the time the PI is received). The receipt of PI is somewhat unpredictable as it is generally triggered when previous loan recipients sell or refinance their homes. All PI received to date has been reprogrammed to support First Time Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation activities. The HRA anticipates receiving and needing to reprogram approximately \$220,000 in PI before the start of the 2023 program year and will reprogram it to support projects during that program year. This estimate is based on PI received to date and checks yet to be cashed.

In addition, the HRA anticipates receiving approximately \$80,000 in PI during the 2023 program year that will also be reprogrammed to support projects during the program year. This estimate is based on loan repayment trends over the past five years. Since several activities carried out by the HRA and social service agencies do not require immediate expenditure of the full amount of funds awarded, there will be a delay of several months between grant award and when a draw of funds will occur.

The HRA does not have any funds or proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees, surplus funds, or grant funds returned. The HRA also does not have any CDBG-assisted activities which qualify under the "urgent need" National Objective.

The HRA estimates that 100% of its CDBG funds will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. This includes all of the HRA CDBG-assisted activities other than Program Administration (planning, management, monitoring, and evaluation of the overall CDBG program).

