

CONSOLIDATED HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PROGRAM YEAR 2021-2022

**CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VA
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION MEETINGS
DECEMBER 10, 2020
DECEMBER 14, 2020**



Before we get started...

- Once you enter the meeting room, you will be placed in “mute” mode.
- If you are using the call-in option, please mute your phone. *6 will mute landline telephones.
- In the chat box, please enter your full name and the organization you represent.
- If you have questions or comments, please enter them into the chat box.
- The chat box will be monitored throughout the presentation. However, feedback to questions or comments received will be given towards the end of the presentation.

Thank you for joining us.

Agenda

- Welcome and Overview Schedule David Staley
- General Program Descriptions Tricia Wilson
- Description of Activities
 - CDBG - Alicia Thornwell
 - HOME - David Staley
- Proposal Submission Requirements
 - CDBG - Tricia Wilson
 - HOME/CHDO - David Staley
- Choice Neighborhood Initiative Sandra Powell
- Our Response to COVID-19 Tricia Wilson/Sandra Powell
- Citizen Participation - Questions & Comments

Purpose

- Initiate the process for developing the Annual Action Plan for the 2021-2022 CDBG Program Year (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).
- Brief participants on the major programs comprising Consolidated Housing and Community Initiatives
- Discuss past activities funded by these programs
- Provide the criteria for submitting a funding proposal
- Provide an opportunity for citizen comments and questions

Proposed Schedule

- Virtual Public Meetings
 - December 10, 2020 at 10 a.m. via Zoom
 - December 14, 2020 at 6 p.m. via Zoom
- Friday, January 15, 2021: CDBG applications are due. Mail or hand deliver to the City of NN or NNRHA.
- Wednesday, February 10, 2021: Virtual presentations by the CDBG applicants to the CDBG review committee.
- April 5 to May 4, 2021: Public review and comment period on the draft Annual Action Plan.
- Thursday, April 22, 2021: Virtual public meeting on the draft Annual Action Plan is scheduled for 6 p.m. via Zoom.
- Tuesday, May 25, 2021: Annual Action Plan approval consideration at regular City Council meeting.

General Program Descriptions

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

General Program Descriptions

- The CDBG and HOME programs are federally funded entitlement grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Each entitlement grant amount is determined by HUD using a formula which uses several measures of community need; such as poverty, population, housing crowding, age of housing and growth lag.
- The two grant entitlements are separate awards and each award can be used for a different overall purpose or goal.

General Program Descriptions

Funds are not available for use until program year 2021-2022 beginning July 1, 2021.

Projected current year funding for 2020-2021 is:

Community Development Block Grant	\$1,309,450
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	<u>749,339</u>
Total	\$2,058,789

Note: Final funding for 2021-2022 is expected to be published by HUD in the first quarter of calendar year 2021.

General Program Descriptions

CDBG Overview:

- A flexible program that provides communities with a resources to address a wide range of community development needs.
- Formed via the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
- It is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD.

General Program Descriptions

CDBG Overview (continued):

Each activity must meet at least one:

- Benefit low and moderate income persons
- Prevent or eliminate slums and blight
- Assist with an urgent need

General Program Descriptions

Primary Objectives of CDBG:

The development of viable communities, principally for low and moderate income persons, through:

- Decent housing
- Suitable living environment
- Expanded economic opportunity

General Program Descriptions

Persons Served by CDBG:

Low and moderate income persons are defined as:

Households and persons whose income does not exceed 80% of the median income of the area involved, as determined by HUD, with adjustments for household or family size.

At least 70% of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low to moderate income persons.

General Program Descriptions

HOME Overview:

- Designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income persons residing in Newport News.
- All HOME funds must be used for families with income below 80% of the Area Median Income as determined by HUD.
- HOME-funded projects are subject to affordability periods
- New construction and rehab must meet local codes, property standards and federal accessibility requirements.

General Program Descriptions

HOME Overview (continued):

- HUD regulations require that the City allocate 15% of its HOME entitlement to certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).
- CHDOs utilize this assistance to develop and rehabilitate affordable housing for low-income families and individuals.

Program Summary - CDBG

CDBG objectives can be met in many ways:

- A list of the different activities funded over the last two years will be discussed later during the meeting.
- The application reviewed today is to be used to request funds for activities you wish to undertake through the CDBG program.
- The process for proposal submissions using HOME will be discussed later.

Program Summary - CDBG

- As a prerequisite for receiving its annual entitlement, the City is required to submit to HUD a projected use of funds, along with a number of other federal certifications.
- One of the primary certifications is an assurance that the City is following an approved Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan.
- The City is required to submit a comprehensive consolidated planning document to HUD every five years and a less comprehensive update annually.

Program Summary - CDBG

- The City's comprehensive five-year plan for 2020-2024 was approved by the City. We anticipate approval from HUD in the next 30 days. The annual action plan being discussed today is the update for the second year of the 2020-2024 comprehensive plan.
- Any proposed activities must be consistent with the approved five-year plan for 2020-2024. Copies of prior year plans can be reviewed upon written request to the NNRHA or the City's Development Department.

Description of Activities

CDBG Program:

- Public Facility and Improvement Activities
- Public Service Activities
- Special Economic Development Activities
- Code Enforcement Demolition Activities
- Housing Rehabilitation Activities

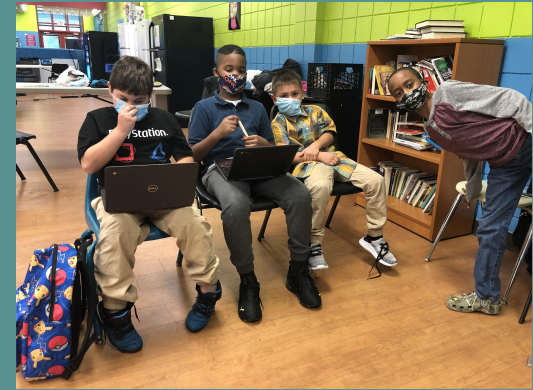
Description of Activities - Public Facility and Improvement Activities

Lassiter Courts



Description of Activities - Public Service Activities

Boys & Girls Clubs of VA Peninsula



Description of Activities - Public Service Activities

Peninsula Agency on Aging



Description of Activities - Public Service Activities



Description of Activities - Special Economic Development Activities



Description of Activities - Code Enforcement Demolition Activities



Description of Activities - Housing Rehabilitation Activities

Emergency Repairs



Description of Activities - Housing Rehabilitation Activities

Open House - 35th Street



Description of Activities

HOME Program:

- Down Payment Assistance
- New Single Family Homes
- Rehabilitation of Homes for New Owners
- Rehabilitation of Homes for Current Owners
- Rehabilitation of Affordable Rental Units

Description of Activities - Down Payment Assistance Program



Description of Activities - New Single Family Homes

Madison Heights



Description of Activities - Rehabilitation of Homes for New Owners

28th Street



Description of Activities - Rehabilitation of Affordable Rental Units

801 Main Senior Apartment Community



CDBG Proposal Submissions

- Eligible Entities:
 - A public or private nonprofit agency, authority or organization; or
 - Units of local government
- Match Requirement: There is no match requirement with CDBG funding. However, leveraging CDBG funding with other funding sources is strongly encouraged.
- Application Due Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 by 5 p.m. Applications are available on both the City's and NNRHA's website.

CDBG Proposal Submissions

Applications are available on both the City's and NNRHA's website.

- <http://nnrha.com/citizen-participation-process>
- <https://www.nnva.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1818>

CDBG Proposal Submissions

A broad range of eligible activities which benefit low to moderate income persons include:

- Job creation
- Affordable housing preservation
- Neighborhood and infrastructure improvements
- Public service activities
- Elimination of slums and blight

HOME/CHDO Proposal Submissions

- Eligible Entities:
 - 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) non-profit organizations certified as a Community Housing Development Organization
- Match Requirement:
 - CHDOs must provide eligible forms of match equal to 25% of their project award
- Program Requirement:
 - All units must be rented or sold to individuals or families earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI)

HOME/CHDO Proposal Submissions

- Eligible Uses:
 - Acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable single and multi-family housing
 - Demolition and new construction of affordable single-family homes and multi-family complexes
- Ineligible Uses:
 - Home Improvement loans/grants to homeowners
- CHDO requests for assistance are accepted on a rolling basis in the current program year. It is expected that a similar procedure will be followed in the upcoming program year (2021-2022).

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE (CNI)

- In 2016, the City of Newport News and the NNRHA were awarded a \$500,000 CNI Planning Grant from HUD to develop a Transformation Plan for the Marshall-Ridley neighborhood.
- Subsequently, in 2019, NNRHA and the City were awarded a \$30 million CNI grant to revitalize the Marshall–Ridley neighborhood and surrounding area.
- CNI is an initiative that leverages public and private investments to replace distressed public and HUD-assisted housing.

CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE (CNI)

- The neighborhood planning area boundaries are 39th Street to the north, Hampton Roads harbor to the south, I664 to the west, and Marshall Avenue and the Chase Bag property to the east.
- Resources are currently being invested in the targeted area through various funding sources such as local & state funds, LIHTC and other HUD funding.
- The City has committed future CDBG and HOME funds to the CNI area.

OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- HUD has awarded additional funding to the City of Newport News to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the spread of COVID-19.
- The City of Newport News, in collaboration with NNRHA, is in the process of determining how resources will be utilized.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS

PLEASE TYPE YOUR QUESTION OR COMMENT INTO THE
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THANK YOU...

FOR YOUR ATTENTION
AND
FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

City of Newport News, VA
Newport News Redevelopment and Housing