

# Executive Summary

## AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

### 1. Introduction

The 2023 Annual Action Plan represents year four of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan approved by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This document represents the City of Woonsocket's official submission to HUD for the city's allocation of entitlement funding for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. There are three sources of federal program funds in this application:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The city's primary objectives are to increase the availability, accessibility, and affordability of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income Woonsocket residents. The funding priorities are divided into five areas designed to benefit low- and moderate-income residents:

- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Safe/Affordable Housing
- Economic Development
- Reduce Homelessness
- Social Welfare

The goals established during the Consolidated Planning period are as follows:

- Economic Development: Characterized by the ability of industry to create and sustain jobs.
- Neighborhood Revitalization: a healthy real estate market, attractive public amenities, a sense of safety and security, resident involvement in neighborhood concerns.
- Safe & Affordable Housing: Characterized by minimal code issues (including lead paint), decreased childhood lead poisoning, low housing cost-to-income ratios, and a range of housing choices including homeownership.
- Reduce Homelessness: Characterized by the capacity to place homeless individuals in affordable and safe housing and provide continued supportive services to prevent homelessness to those at risk.
- Social Welfare: independence, self-sufficiency, and a sense of general well-being of youth, elderly, and individuals with other specific needs.

## **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.

The Annual Action Plan identifies programs and activities that will be used toward meeting the city's Community Development goals. The focus of the 2023 Annual Action Plan is:

- Parks & Playgrounds
- Acquisition, Demolition & Clearance of Blighted Properties
- Leveraged Funding for Lead Remediation Program
- Purchase of New Fire Equipment
- Code Enforcement
- Small Business Grants
- Housing Rehabilitation

## **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 Woonsocket is responsible for ensuring the compliance with all CDBG, HOME, and ESG regulations for activities directly administered by the City and activities carried out by subrecipients funded through these programs. The Annual Action Plans and CAPERs provide the specifics of projects and programs undertaken by the City. During the prior Program Year, Woonsocket successfully invested federal and other resources to address priority needs and achieve anticipated outcomes. With CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, the City has made a significant impact on the quality of life for Woonsocket residents and the vitality of the City's base of small businesses.

## **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

## **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.

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

All comments were accepted.

**7. Summary**

This Annual Action Plan is the outcome of a comprehensive effort to identify community needs and effective investment strategies to meet those needs. The City of Woonsocket has crafted a detailed strategic plan to achieve desired outcomes in each of their priority areas of decent housing, economic opportunities, and suitable living environments.

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

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

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

| <b>Agency Role</b> | <b>Name</b> | <b>Department/Agency</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| CDBG Administrator | WOONSOCKET  | Planning and Development |
| HOME Administrator | WOONSOCKET  | Planning and Development |
| ESG Administrator  | WOONSOCKET  | Planning and Development |

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

**Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information**

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

### **1. Introduction**

**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))**

**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.**

**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**

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

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

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| 1 | <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization</b></p>   | <p>Community Care Alliance</p>   |
|   | <p><b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b></p>  | <p>Housing<br/>           Services - Housing<br/>           Services-Children<br/>           Services-Persons with Disabilities<br/>           Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS<br/>           Services-Victims of Domestic Violence<br/>           Services-homeless<br/>           Services-Education<br/>           Services-Employment<br/>           Neighborhood Organization</p>  |
|   | <p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>   | <p>Housing Need Assessment<br/>           Public Housing Needs<br/>           Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless<br/>           Homeless Needs - Families with children<br/>           Homelessness Needs - Veterans<br/>           Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth<br/>           Homelessness Strategy<br/>           Anti-poverty Strategy</p>  |
|   | <p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p> | <p>CCA was consulted through regular discussions as well as a questionnaire sent through email. They also participated in one of two public hearings. They discussed programs and services for Woonsocket residents. They discussed the need for affordable housing with wrap around services to ensure individuals can sustain their permanent housing. They also discussed the need for increased community partnerships to address affordable housing, substance use, child abuse/neglect and homelessness in the city.</p> |

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| 2 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Sojourner House  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Services - Housing<br>Services-Children<br>Services-Victims of Domestic Violence<br>Services-homeless<br>Services-Health<br>Grantee<br>Neighborhood Organization   |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Homeless Needs - Families with children<br>Homelessness Strategy<br>Anti-poverty Strategy   |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Sojourner was consulted through regular discussions as well as a questionnaire sent through email. They discussed programs and services for Woonsocket victims of domestic violence. They discussed the need for more affordable housing, counseling, crisis intervention and advocacy services for Woonsocket residents. Sojourner house is a current CDBG and ESG grantee. |
| 3 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | RiverzEdge Arts  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Services-Children<br>Services-Education<br>Services-Employment<br>Neighborhood Organization  |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Economic Development<br>Education/Arts  |

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|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Riverzedge Arts was sent a questionnaire through email. They also participated in 1 of 2 public hearings. They discussed the need for affordable and public housing, basic needs support for all residents, an increase in free activities for youth/families and the creation of more small businesses. This agency has applied for and been a recipient of CDBG funding in the past. |
| 4 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | WOONSOCKET HEAD START  |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Services-Children<br>Services-Health<br>Services-Education<br>Neighborhood Organization  |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Anti-poverty Strategy<br>Education   |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | Woonsocket Head Start was sent a questionnaire through email. They discussed the need to address homelessness and affordable housing. They also discussed a need for high quality early education and care in the City.  |
| 5 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | St. James Episcopal Church   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Faith Based<br>Neighborhood Organization   |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Housing Need Assessment<br>Homelessness Strategy<br>Non-Homeless Special Needs<br>Anti-poverty Strategy  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | St. James Episcopal Church was sent a questionnaire through email. They discussed the need for increased housing supply, housing stability, and affordable housing. They discussed the increasing number of individuals who are seeking rental assistance.   |

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| 6 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Woonsocket Police Department   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Agency - Emergency Management<br>Other government - Local<br>Grantee   |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Homelessness Strategy<br>Anti-poverty Strategy<br>Public Safety  |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | The Captain of the Woonsocket Police Department was sent a questionnaire through email. He discussed the need for Substance Use Treatment and services as well as the need for affordable housing and addressing homelessness. |
| 7 | <b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>   | Woonsocket Fire Department   |
|   | <b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>  | Agency - Emergency Management<br>Other government - Local<br>Grantee   |
|   | <b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>   | Homelessness Strategy<br>Public Safety   |
|   | <b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b> | The Deputy Chief of the Woonsocket Fire Department was sent a questionnaire through email. He discussed the need to address homelessness, increased access to substance use and behavioral health services.                    |

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

All applicable agencies were consulted.

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

| <b>Name of Plan</b>                      | <b>Lead Organization</b>                  | <b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>   |
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| Continuum of Care                        | State of Rhode Island                     | The City works with the State, RI Housing, the City's of Providence & Pawtucket along with social services agencies to create strategies pertaining to homelessness.  |
| Woonsocket Comprehensive Plan 2012       | Department of Planning and Development    | The Comprehensive Plan is Woonsocket's over-arching policy framework for land use, housing, economic development, and place-based planning. Throughout, it has been used as a guide for development of the Consolidated Plan.   |
| WHA 5 year Plan 2020                     | Woonsocket Housing Authority              | The Woonsocket Housing Authority recently completed a 5-Year Plan and Annual Plan with six goals and a needs assessment. The Plan is consistent with Woonsocket's Consolidated Plan.  |
| 2022 Housing Fact Book                   | Housing Works RI                          | The City reviewed and incorporated into this Consolidated Plan relevant data from Housing Works RI's City and Town Profiles.  |
| 2023 RI Kids Count Fact Book             | RI Kids Count                             | This plan provides information about Woonsocket's economy and economic development needs and opportunities. The City uses CDBG funds for small business loans.  |
| RI Enterprise Renewal Application        | NRI Economic Development Partnership Inc. | This plan provides information about Woonsocket's economy and economic development needs and opportunities. The City uses CDBG funds for small business loans.  |
| Woonsocket Capital Improvement Plan      | Department of Planning and Development    | This Plan identifies capital improvement needs of all City Departments, including needs eligible for CDBG funding (low- and moderate-income area benefit, limited clientele benefit), e.g., street and sidewalk reconstruction, fire safety apparatus. The CIP helps to inform the rating and ranking of CDBG funding requests. |
| Workforce Board Biennial Employment Plan | RI Governors Workforce Board              | This Plan can help to guide the City's economic development investments to benefit low- and moderate-income residents in the labor force.   |

| Name of Plan                 | Lead Organization   | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?  |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| NeighborWorks Strategic Plan | NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley                             | This Plan contains useful information about the agencies goals and strategies and is a useful guide for the City's thinking about its own approach to matching services with affordable and supportive housing. The plan includes a specific focus on Woonsocket's neighborhood revitalization needs. |
| Opening Doors RI             | RI Housing Resources Commission                                   | Woonsocket coordinates its ESG funds with the RI CoC and CHF to address homelessness in Woonsocket and throughout Rhode Island. The City advocates for reduced use of shelters and transitional housing and favors a more holistic approach to prevention, rapid response, and services.              |
| Woonsocket Opportunity Zones | Department of Planning and the Redevelopment Agency of Woonsocket | This plan identifies the scattered site redevelopment areas in the City and the suggested goals and strategies for their redevelopment, all of which support neighborhood revitalization and blight remediation.  |

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

## **AP-12 Participation – 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**

The Department of Planning and Development implemented a broad-based community engagement approach to encouraging participation by citizens and other stakeholders. Citizen participation efforts included the following. A virtual public meeting was held on March 22, 2023 and April 5, 2023 to discuss the funding available for the 2022-2023 program year and the City's funding priorities based on the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The public meeting was advertised in the Woonsocket Call on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. On March 7, 2023 a public notice was published in the Woonsocket Call to advertise the public meetings. On February 23, 2023 a public workshop with the City Council was held to discuss the proposed CDBG, HOME, and ESG budget for the Annual Action Plan. On March 22, 2023 a public hearing was held virtually to discuss the CDBG, HOME, and ESG allocations and proposed projects. There was one question received asking when the RFP will be available. On April 5, 2023 a public hearing was held virtually to discuss the CDBG, HOME, and ESG allocations and proposed projects. On April 25, 2023, a public hearing was held to discuss the drafted budgets and provide the opportunity for members of the public to comment on the draft budget. Information was also shared about the City's Consolidated Plan as well as this year's Annual Action Plan. A draft of this year's annual action plan was posted on the City's website on April 24th, 2023, along with the drafted budgets. This public hearing was advertised in the Woonsocket call on April 24th, 2023, and on the City's website as of Friday 4/21/2023. The public comment period on the drafted budget was from April 24th, 2023 – May 25th, 2023. On June 5, 2023 the Woonsocket City Council voted to pass the CDBG, HOME, and ESG budget and AAP. On June 19, 2023 the Woonsocket City Council voted for a second time to pass the CDBG, HOME, and ESG budget and AAP. The citizen participation process impacted goal setting by allowing for better decision making, increasing productivity, improving accountability to citizens interests and values and promotes stability. This participation provides the City with a sound basis for implementation and evaluation. It also provides a way to escape negative citizen reaction by involving citizens from the start.

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach           | Summary of response/attendance  | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 1          | Public Meeting   | Non-targeted/broad community | On February 23, 2023, a public workshop with the City Council was held to discuss the proposed CDBG, HOME, and ESG budget for the Annual Action Plan. | None.                        |  |                     |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach           | Summary of response/attendance  | Summary of comments received  | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons   | URL (If applicable)  |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| 2          | Public Meeting   | Non-targeted/broad community | <p>On March 22, 2023 and April 5, 2023 public hearings were held to discuss the funding amounts available, past completed and ongoing activities, a brief overview of the funding sources and gave the opportunity to comment on what the funding should go to.</p> | <p>2 comments in writing after the hearings, and one question during the hearing was received. The comments discussed the need for a competitive RFP process, more affordable housing, collaborations between agencies and funding for shelters in the area. The second comment received also called for a competitive RFP process.</p> | <p>While the comments called for a competitive RFP process for our public services funding, the administration felt as though due to the public service cap and administrative burden it would be challenging to have a competitive RFP process. At this time, the City is funding two successful public services activities that we would like to continue.</p> | <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rp3egwR-8kA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rp3egwR-8kA</a>,<br/> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpCNIPB3qTI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpCNIPB3qTI</a></p> |

| 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)   |
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| 3          | Public Meeting   | Non-targeted/broad community | On April 25th 2022 a public hearing was held to discuss the drafted budgets for CDBG, HOME and ESG. The annual action plan and consolidated plan were also discussed. | None.                        |  | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSrYrBcZzx0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSrYrBcZzx0</a> |
| 4          | Public Meeting   | Non-targeted/broad community | On 06/05/2023 the Woonsocket City Council voted to pass the CDBG, HOME, and ESG budget and AAP.   | None.                        |  | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmCHK7xZfSA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmCHK7xZfSA</a> |

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach           | Summary of response/attendance  | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable)   |
|------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|---|
| 5          | Public Meeting   | Non-targeted/broad community | On 06/19/2023 the Woonsocket City Council voted for a second time to pass the CDBG, HOME, and ESG budget and AAP. | None.                        |  | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7eXMTLBEFE&amp;t=1495s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7eXMTLBEFE&amp;t=1495s</a> |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

#### Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds  | Uses of Funds  | Expected Amount Available Year 1 |                    |                          |           | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description  |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|
|         |                  |  | Annual Allocation: \$            | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ |   |  |
| CDBG    | public - federal | Acquisition<br>Admin and Planning<br>Economic Development<br>Housing<br>Public Improvements<br>Public Services | 1,084,329                        | 0                  | 1,181,565                | 2,265,894 | 0   | CDBG funds will be used for a variety of projects, including acquisition, demolition and clearance, economic development, public facility and infrastructure improvements and public services. |

| Program | Source of Funds  | Uses of Funds  | Expected Amount Available Year 1 |                    |                          |           | Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description   |
|---------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|---|
|         |                  |  | Annual Allocation: \$            | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total: \$ |   |   |
| HOME    | public - federal | Acquisition<br>Homebuyer assistance<br>Homeowner rehab<br>Multifamily rental new construction<br>Multifamily rental rehab<br>New construction for ownership<br>TBRA                      | 391,931                          | 330,048            | 0                        | 721,979   | 0   | HOME funds will be used primarily for housing rehabilitation, new housing construction, and homebuyer assistance. |
| ESG     | public - federal | Conversion and rehab for transitional housing<br>Financial Assistance<br>Overnight shelter<br>Rapid re-housing (rental assistance)<br>Rental Assistance Services<br>Transitional housing | 99,121                           | 0                  | 0                        | 99,121    | 0   | ESG funds will primarily be used for a homeless sheltering program as part of the Consolidated Homeless Fund.     |

**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**

Non-federal funds that will be used to further the goals of the Annual Action Plan may include City resources and private foundations, organizations, and individuals, as well as state funds.

HOME projects leverage funds from conventional lenders, providing mortgages, and home equity loans. Owner contribution, as well as repaid and recaptured funds, provide additional financial support for affordable housing. The Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF) Partnership leverages ESG funds into a statewide effort to reduce homelessness. The needs assessment process, coupled with the consolidated application review, assures (to the maximum extent possible) that homeless needs are met. CDBG funds are leveraged through private partnerships and other state, federal, and local grants.

The following leveraged resources are anticipated during the Consolidated Plan: Section 8 Funds, City General Funds, Continuum of Care Funds, Consolidated Homeless Funds, Affordable Housing Resources, Philanthropy.

The City's HOME program requires recipient organizations to contribute at least 25 percent of the value of the HOME award as a contribution match as a condition of the award in order to satisfy HUD regulations without financial impact to the City. In previous years, the State had additional affordable housing funds through the Building Homes Rhode Island program. While this funding has since been exhausted in 2022, the State of RI earmarked \$250 million in ARPA funds for affordable housing development projects.

Commerce RI, a state partner agency, has additional development incentives including site readiness grants, Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credits, and Main Street Rhode Island Streetscape Improvement Fund. In the absence of another affordable housing bond initiative, the City of Woonsocket's match will come from the leveraging and transfer of surplus property to the local CHDO for development or utilizing abandoned surplus property for HOME projects the City sponsors.

The City is a partner in the Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF) Partnership which oversees a variety of homeless service funding grants including: City of Pawtucket ESG, City of Providence ESG, City of Woonsocket ESG, State of Rhode Island ESG, State of Rhode Island Housing Resource Commission Homeless Funds, Social Service Block Grant Funds. Due to this unique collaboration, the CHF Partnership is able to provide 100 percent matching funds without transferring the match responsibility to ESG subrecipients. The CHF Partnership uses the rules, regulations, and

policies in the ESG regulations as the basis of the program design for all CHF programs (even those that are not directly funded under ESG). All activities that are funded under the ESG match allocations will be in accordance with the Interim Rule's new requirements and regulations (and will be monitored by the CHF Partnership as such). Only activities eligible under and in compliance with the ESG Interim rule will receive the match resources listed above.

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

The Redevelopment Authority of Woonsocket (RAW) has the authority to designate redevelopment areas where resources and efforts will be employed for the purpose of economic development and neighborhood stabilization. Since the last Annual Action Plan, the RAW has officially designated six redevelopment areas and is working on developing a strategic plan currently. RAW will acquire private property, where appropriate, to pursue the goals of the redevelopment strategy. The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) works closely with the RAW and the Director of Planning and Development serves as the Executive Director of the RAW.

The City of Woonsocket, through RAW, at times becomes the owner of vacant lots and/or residential buildings through foreclosure for nonpayment of taxes. The City uses residential vacant lots for development of new homes and seeks new owners for ownership and management of multi-family buildings. In some instances, the City has simultaneously made buildings available with federal funds dedicated for rehabilitation, for the purpose of creating quality affordable homeownership units. Additionally, city-owned land can be used to fulfill neighborhood stabilization goals such as improvements to public parks and roadway infrastructure.

Also, city-owned land will be used for facility and infrastructure projects serving economic development and neighborhood revitalization needs.

**Discussion**

In addition to the annual allocations from HUD, the City of Woonsocket diligently looks for other funding opportunities to support its community development goals. The Department of Planning and Development works with community organizations, state and federal officials and agencies, and foundations to identify additional resources to support the City's priorities, including priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

| Sort Order | Goal Name                 | Start Year | End Year | Category           | Geographic Area                                       | Needs Addressed  | Funding                                       | Goal Outcome Indicator  |
|------------|---------------------------|------------|----------|--------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 1          | Housing Rehabilitation    | 2020       | 2024     | Affordable Housing | Entire City Geographic Area                           | Neighborhood Revitalization<br>Safe & Affordable Housing | CDBG: \$150,000<br>HOME: \$75,000<br>ESG: \$0 | Rental units rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit<br>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit<br>Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 100 Household Housing Unit |
| 2          | Affordable Home-Ownership | 2020       | 2024     | Affordable Housing | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area | Neighborhood Revitalization<br>Safe & Affordable Housing | HOME: \$277,738                               | Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit<br>Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit<br>Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 8 Households Assisted                         |

| Sort Order | Goal Name                       | Start Year | End Year | Category  | Geographic Area  | Needs Addressed                                       | Funding           | Goal Outcome Indicator  |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------|---|--|---|-------------------|---|
| 3          | Reduce Homelessness             | 2020       | 2024     | Affordable Housing Homeless                               | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City<br>Geographic Area | Safe & Affordable Housing<br>End Chronic Homelessness | ESG: \$91,687     | Tenant-based rental assistance /<br>Rapid Rehousing: 5 Households Assisted<br>Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 80 Persons Assisted<br>Homelessness Prevention: 2 Persons Assisted |
| 4          | Adult Services                  | 2020       | 2024     | Non-Housing Community Development                         | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City<br>Geographic Area | Social Welfare  | CDBG: \$137,000   | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 250 Persons Assisted  |
| 5          | Public Infrastructure Equipment | 2020       | 2024     | Non-Housing Community Development                         | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City<br>Geographic Area | Neighborhood Revitalization                           | CDBG: \$1,079,560 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted  |
| 6          | Public Facilities               | 2020       | 2024     | Non-Housing Community Development                         | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City<br>Geographic Area | Neighborhood Revitalization                           | CDBG: \$642,468   | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 600 Persons Assisted  |
| 7          | Local Business Assistance       | 2020       | 2024     | Non-Housing Community Development<br>Economic Development | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City<br>Geographic Area | Economic Development                                  | CDBG: \$40,000    | Businesses assisted: 6 Businesses Assisted  |

| Sort Order | Goal Name              | Start Year | End Year | Category       | Geographic Area  | Needs Addressed        | Funding   | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|------------|------------------------|------------|----------|----------------|--|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 8          | Program Administration | 2020       | 2024     | Administartion | Woonsocket<br>Target Area<br>Entire City<br>Geographic<br>Area | Program Administration | CDBG:<br>\$216,866<br>HOME:<br>\$39,193<br>ESG: \$7,434 | Other: 1 Other         |

**Table 6 – Goals Summary**

### Goal Descriptions

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|---|-------------------------|---|
| 1 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Housing Rehabilitation  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | Rehabilitate housing units to create higher quality affordable housing units.                                     |
| 2 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Affordable Home-Ownership   |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | Create additional opportunities for low- and moderate-income Woonsocket residents to become Woonsocket homeowners |
| 3 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Reduce Homelessness   |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | Reduce the number of Woonsocket residents who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.                            |
| 4 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Adult Services  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | Provide supportive services for low- and moderate-income adults in Woonsocket.                                    |

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| 5 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Public Infrastructure Equipment  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | Purchase of new fire equipment for the Woonsocket Fire Departments.  |
| 6 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Public Facilities  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | Improvements of public building and facilities to facilitate quality services for low- and moderate-income Woonsocket residents. |
| 7 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Local Business Assistance  |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | Assistance will be provided to local businesses.   |
| 8 | <b>Goal Name</b>        | Program Administration   |
|   | <b>Goal Description</b> | Proper administration of CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.   |

## Projects

### AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

In the 2023-2024 Program Year, the City of Woonsocket expects to receive approximately \$1,084,329.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$391,931.00 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, and \$99,121.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to be utilized for Public and Community-Based Projects that finance programs and projects addressing community needs, affordable housing, economic development, infrastructure/community improvements and public services. The Annual Action Plan describes how these funds will be used. A listing of the projects to be funded in the 2023-2024 Program Year is provided below.

#### Projects

| #  | Project Name                 |
|----|------------------------------|
| 1  | 2023 Program Administration  |
| 2  | Public Services              |
| 3  | Code Enforcement             |
| 4  | Lead Reduction Program       |
| 5  | Parks and Playgrounds        |
| 6  | Fire Equipment               |
| 7  | Home Repair Program          |
| 8  | New Housing Development      |
| 9  | Homebuyer Assistance Program |
| 10 | Emergency Solutions Grants   |
| 11 | Demo and Clearance           |
| 12 | Small Business Grants        |

**Table 7 - Project Information**

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

Allocation priorities were based on substantial community needs assessment and citizen participation process.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

|          |  |   |
|----------|--|---|
| <b>1</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | 2023 Program Administration   |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area   |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Program Administration  |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Program Administration  |
|          | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$216,866<br>HOME: \$39,193   |
|          | <b>Description</b>   | Program Admin funds will be used for the proper administration of CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. Purchase of equipment, materials and a portion of staff salaries.   |
|          | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024   |
|          | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |   |
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  |   |
|          | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | Program Admin funds will be used for the proper administration of CDBG and HOME programs. Purchase of equipment, materials and a portion of staff salaries.   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | Public Services   |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area   |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Adult Services  |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Social Welfare  |
|          | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$137,000   |
|          | <b>Description</b>   | This funding will be used for three different public service activities. A Health and Wellness program for Seniors 55+, our "Feet on the Beat" program which entails community police engagement and the Senior Center "Home for a Day" program which is an adult day care program. |
|          | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024   |
|          | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |   |
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  |   |

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|----------|--|---|
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  |   |
|          | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | This funding will be used for our Feet on the beat program which promotes community engagement with police, a "home for a day" program which is an adult "day care" program for seniors as well as our Health and Wellness program which promotes wellness and socializing for senior citizens.               |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | Code Enforcement  |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area   |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Housing Rehabilitation  |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Neighborhood Revitalization<br>Safe & Affordable Housing  |
|          | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$100,000   |
|          | <b>Description</b>   | Code Enforcement is to be used as a mechanism to help maintain minimum housing standards in the eligible census tracts of 174, 176, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 & 183.  |
|          | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024   |
|          | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | There will be 100 low-income families that will benefit from the proposed activity.   |
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  | Eligible census tracts of 174, 176, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 & 183.  |
|          | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | The Code Enforcement activity will allow the City to enforce minimum housing standards and to ensure housing is being properly maintained within the City. The City will also utilize the Police Bike/foot patrols ("Feet on the Beat Program") to report on properties that may be potentially sub-standard. |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | Lead Reduction Program  |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area   |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Housing Rehabilitation  |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Neighborhood Revitalization<br>Safe & Affordable Housing  |
|          | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$50,000  |

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|          | <b>Description</b>   | Funding will be used as a match to the City's HOME-funded rehabilitation program and the Lead Hazard Mitigation Program. |
|          | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024  |
|          | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | Approximately 5 rental units and 1 homeownership unit will be rehabilitated using CDBG funds for LMI Individuals.        |
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  |  |
|          | <b>Planned Activities</b>  |  |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | Parks and Playgrounds  |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area  |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Facilities  |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Neighborhood Revitalization  |
|          | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$470,000  |
|          | <b>Description</b>   | Improvements/updates to City parks.  |
|          | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024  |
|          | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  | Eligible census tracts.  |
|          | <b>Planned Activities</b>  |  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | Fire Equipment   |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area  |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Infrastructure Equipment  |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Neighborhood Revitalization  |
|          | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$1,079,560  |
|          | <b>Description</b>   | Purchase of a Fire Pumper/ladder truck and fire rescue.  |
|          | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024  |

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|----------|--|---|
|          | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | Citywide benefit - all families and households.   |
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  | Citywide.   |
|          | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | Purchase of replacement fire equipment.   |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | Home Repair Program   |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area   |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Housing Rehabilitation  |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Neighborhood Revitalization<br>Safe & Affordable Housing  |
|          | <b>Funding</b>   | HOME: \$75,000  |
|          | <b>Description</b>   | Program to help low and moderate-income residents of the City address code related issues and safety hazards in their home. |
|          | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024   |
|          | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | Approximately 5 rental units and 1 homeownership units will be rehabilitated.   |
|          | <b>Location Description</b>  | Citywide.   |
|          | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | HOME funds will be used to rehabilitate rental units and homeownership units.   |
| <b>8</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | New Housing Development   |
|          | <b>Target Area</b>   | Entire City Geographic Area   |
|          | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Affordable Home-Ownership<br>Reduce Homelessness  |
|          | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Neighborhood Revitalization<br>Safe & Affordable Housing  |
|          | <b>Funding</b>   | HOME: \$532,786   |
|          | <b>Description</b>   | Funding will be used to develop new homeownership units in the City.  |
|          | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024   |

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|-----------|--|--|
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  |  |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  |  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Project Name</b>  | Homebuyer Assistance Program   |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Affordable Home-Ownership  |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Safe & Affordable Housing  |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | HOME: \$75,000   |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | Financial assistance to first time homebuyers.   |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024  |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | Funds will be used to provide financial assistance to approximately 8 first-time homebuyers. |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | Citywide   |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | Direct financial assistance to first-time homebuyers.  |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | Emergency Solutions Grants   |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area  |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Reduce Homelessness  |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | End Chronic Homelessness   |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | ESG: \$99,121  |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | Funds will be used for a homeless sheltering program in the City and admin costs.            |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024  |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |  |

|           |  |   |
|-----------|--|---|
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | Citywide.   |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  |   |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | Demo and Clearance  |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area   |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Public Facilities   |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Neighborhood Revitalization<br>Safe & Affordable Housing  |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$172,468   |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | Funding will be used to demolish or clear blighted properties.  |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024   |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> | Approximately 100 LMI individuals will benefit from this activity.  |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  | Citywide  |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  | Funding will be used to demo, or clear blighted properties in the City.   |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Project Name</b>  | Small Business Grants   |
|           | <b>Target Area</b>   | Woonsocket Target Area<br>Entire City Geographic Area   |
|           | <b>Goals Supported</b>   | Local Business Assistance   |
|           | <b>Needs Addressed</b>   | Neighborhood Revitalization<br>Economic Development   |
|           | <b>Funding</b>   | CDBG: \$40,000  |
|           | <b>Description</b>   | Funding will be provided to local small businesses to help hire employees, purchase equipment, make improvements etc. |
|           | <b>Target Date</b>   | 6/30/2024   |
|           | <b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b> |   |
|           | <b>Location Description</b>  |   |
|           | <b>Planned Activities</b>  |   |

**AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

**Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

**Geographic Distribution**

| <b>Target Area</b>          | <b>Percentage of Funds</b> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Woonsocket Target Area      |                            |
| Entire City Geographic Area | 100                        |

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

## **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The City continues to identify priority areas based on individual neighborhood demographics. Areas with high percentages of low- or moderate-income residents or minorities will continue to be the priority of program funding and allocating investments. For purposes of this Annual Action Plan, the City will focus on a set of census tracts that correspond with the highest percentages of low- and moderate-income residents according to HUD's LMI data. The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) leverages other non-CDBG resources in the remaining areas of the City. As always, the City will also attempt to address the highest public works priorities in low- and moderate-income areas and will focus on new opportunities to enhance job creation for low- and moderate-income people.

Over the 2023-2024 program year, the City will seek to continue its partnerships with numerous neighborhood-focused community provider agencies. Subgrantee service providers who serve low- and moderate-income clientele in low- and moderate-income census tracts and block groups are considered funding targets. The City will continue to monitor agencies through the analysis of monthly reporting requirements and on-site monitoring visits to provide income verification of program participant eligibility. Economic development strategies are enhanced by open discussions and involvement with private industry, businesses, developers, social service agencies, and other relevant outside agencies.

The City Council approved the implementation of a program funded with local, state and federal monies, where available, which seeks to partner with, encourage and stimulate private investment to better the Woonsocket Downtown Redevelopment Area, and the community at large, with the aim of reestablishing it as a viable component of the business/commercial center of the City of Woonsocket. The Redevelopment Authority seeks to foster and encourage a positive approach to community rehabilitation, renewal, rejuvenation and revitalization which can infuse public funds where necessary and invites private capital to invest wisely and productively.

## **Discussion**

Woonsocket has six Census block groups with above average proportions of minorities. With regard to minority homeownership, the City expects to serve a demographically comparable ratio of minorities through the homeownership and housing rehabilitation programs. Outreach is a central component of the homeownership strategy. Special efforts are made to reach minorities and other traditionally underrepresented groups. Methods include newsletters, press releases, and distribution of flyers to community partners. The City contacts churches and synagogues, community centers, personnel offices of businesses, hospitals, the American Job Center office, and other public service providers and forwards program information and posters.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

Woonsocket has developed a strategy to expand homeownership opportunities and lead hazard control cost assistance to lower income households and to provide outreach targeted to minority and other underserved populations. In regard to minority homeownership, the City expects to serve a demographically comparable ratio of minorities through the homeownership and rehab programs. Outreach is a central component of the homeownership strategy. Special efforts are made to reach minorities and other traditionally underrepresented groups. Methods include newsletters, press releases, and poster distribution. The City contacts churches and synagogues, community centers, personnel offices of businesses, hospitals, and other public service providers and forwards program information and posters.

| <b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b> |   |
|--|---|
| Homeless   | 0 |
| Non-Homeless   | 7 |
| Special-Needs  | 0 |
| Total  | 7 |

**Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

| <b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b> |   |
|--|---|
| Rental Assistance  | 0 |
| The Production of New Units  | 2 |
| Rehab of Existing Units  | 5 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units  | 0 |
| Total  | 7 |

**Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The Woonsocket Housing Authority (WHA) Annual Plan is consistent with the City's Annual Action Plan presented here.

WHA is working to address the housing needs of Woonsocket on a regional level rather than continuing to increase the supply of affordable housing within Woonsocket.

### **Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

The WHA is considering several medium and long-term strategies to stabilize the portfolio. The strategies fall into two approaches:

- Preserve a large portion of the portfolio through carefully planned redevelopment actions using mixed finance models; and
- Expand the Housing Choice Voucher Program and use these vouchers to promote mobility and access to employment for family public housing resident and to support private sector redevelopment in the downtown and proximate to transportation nodes and other key locations.

Specific activities that may occur during the period covered by this Housing Agency Plan include:

- Redevelop as many family units as financially possible to be safe/code compliant.
- The Woonsocket Housing Authority (WHA) pursue Transforming Rental Assistance initiative and finally work with local non-profit groups to promote mixed financing for family units where possible, including pursuing state tax credit financing. Home-ownership programs are planned in collaboration with the City's Planning Department.

### **Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

Goal 6 of the Woonsocket Housing Authority Annual Plan states that they will continue to develop a positive working relationship with the resident organizations of the Woonsocket Housing Authority through the following actions:

- Work with resident organizations to establish a resident participation policy.
- Evaluate the availability of additional financial resources for the Resident Advisory Board and other resident associations.
- Review annually MOU's with social clubs and family development resident associations.
- Review Resident Advisory Board (RAB) by-laws to conform terms of membership to 5-year

annual plan cycle.

At this time all but one site has active resident organizations engaged resident information and development. The remaining site will be reactivated with election of officers over the next two months. All sites are represented in the Annual Planning process and informed as to the goals and objectives. Monthly RAB meetings are held with a WHA representative as a speaker to keep residents informed of on-going issues and process. The City will work with the Woonsocket Housing Authority (WHA) in its goal to move families to self-sufficiency and homeownership. Potential first-time homebuyers will be solicited from graduates of the WHA's Family Self-sufficiency program. The City will provide other program information to the WHA on a regulation basis and gather their input at the publicly held Community Development Forums.

**If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

## **Discussion**

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

The City of Woonsocket recognizes, along with other CHF partners, that homelessness is a state-wide issue solvable only by state-wide cooperative efforts.

To lessen the need for emergency and transitional housing, the City recognizes the value of preventing homelessness. ESG funds will support programs to prevent homelessness or rapidly rehouse individuals and families who experience homelessness.

### **Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including**

**Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

## **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

As of right now, there is a strain in the capacity of emergency shelters and transitional housing as a temporary solution for those who find themselves without housing. The goal is to reduce the number of people and families requiring the use of these beds, but with the onset of winter there is always an increased need. Impacts from the pandemic have increased the number of individuals and families seeking shelter and affordable housing. As part of the implementation of Opening Doors Rhode Island (a state-funded program) a crisis response committee has been created to have the state's response to families and individuals in need of temporary shelter to be respectful, helpful and provide the best solution for the household's circumstances. The continuum's successful winter planning includes close communication and coordination between street workers and shelters to make sure no one spends a night unsheltered in severe weather. The need for transitional housing continues due to the large discrepancy in Rhode Island between the cost of private housing and wages.

The number of transitional housing units will remain stable as those who have employment, but not sufficient income, wait for subsidized housing. With no wait list for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) open in the state, deeply subsidized housing opportunities remain very scarce. The wait for these vouchers can take years.

The CHF Partnership will distribute funds to private nonprofit organizations for the rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelter for the homeless, for the payment of certain expenses related to operating emergency shelters, for essential services related to emergency shelters and street outreach for the homeless, and for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities.

The total amount that may be used for essential services and emergency shelter cannot exceed 60% of the fiscal year of 2023-2024 grant funds committed for homeless assistance activities.

Any building for which emergency shelter grants are used for rehabilitation must be maintained as a shelter for the homeless for not less than a three-year period or for not less than a 10-year period if the grant amounts are used for major rehabilitation or conversion of buildings. If funds are used for the provision of services, maintenance or operating costs, the building must continue to be used as shelter for the duration of the grant agreement.

Through consultation with client level data in HMIS and annual Point in Time counts, the importance of continued support of emergency shelters was realized. At this time, there are almost 1,000 individuals in the state using shelter with a substantial amount of individuals on the waitlist. While emergency shelters are not the ideal destination for any family or individual, they provide a needed emergency response, when no other resources are available (family/friends, transitional housing, etc.).

**Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to**

**permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

The lack of permanent, affordable housing is the largest gap faced by persons experiencing homelessness, as well as the low-income community in general. The top strategy being pursued to ensure that homeless individuals make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, is prioritizing safe and stable housing and making affordable housing options more accessible to homeless individuals. ESG funding can be used for Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) which will help individuals and families move out of shelter faster, opening more beds. By partnering with agencies who not only provide housing, but services such as case management, financial literacy, mental health and substance use treatment, etc. will ensure individuals and families will not become homeless again.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

To lessen the need for emergency and transitional housing, the City recognizes the value of preventing homelessness and addressing the housing and supportive service needs of persons who are not homeless (elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, persons with alcohol or other substance abuse problems) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds will support the crisis response by providing limited dollars for prevention. Homelessness prevention is required even for those that own their homes. Foreclosures have decreased over the last year in Rhode Island. Low wages, decreasing property values and current unemployment put many residents in a precarious ownership position. Crossroads runs a diversion program which helps individuals and families remain in their homes and not on the street. This program is available to all Rhode Island residents. ESG funds are eligible to be used for Rapid Re-Housing which is a way for families and individuals to remain in their home and pay affordable rent. While this program lasts for only 24 months, RRH is a great resource to use while an individual or family is awaiting public housing, employment, etc.

**Discussion**

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction:**

A Planning Study “Affordable Housing for Rhode Island: Goals for Cities, Towns and Regions to Build their Economy, Help their Neediest Neighbors, Support their Workforce & Grow Smart Ideas” was conducted for NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley (NWBVRV) and the RI Housing Network. The report was made possible through the financial support of: The Rhode Island Foundation [www.RIFoundation.org] & The Fund for Community Progress [www.FundCP.org]. In the report, the City of Woonsocket was ranked as making an exemplary community effort to 1) create new affordable housing productions to meet household and economic growth since 2010; 2) create new market rate housing production to meet household and economic growth since 2010; and 3) Closing severe affordability gaps to help our neediest neighbors.

According to the HousingWorks RI 2022 Fact Book, Woonsocket is one of only 6 communities in Rhode Island that has met its commitment to affordable housing, with almost 16% of its overall housing stock qualifying as Low- and Moderate-Income Housing.

### **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 Housing Resources Commission is committed to providing housing opportunities for all Rhode Islanders, maintaining the quality of housing in Rhode Island, and coordinating and making effective the housing opportunities of the agencies and subdivisions of the State. They solicited applications for Building Homes RI (BHRI) Neighborhood Opportunity Program (NOP). Priority will be given to projects that include acquisition and/or rehabilitation of foreclosed properties.

Capital funds will be awarded to provide resources to finance the creation of affordable homes and apartments through Building Homes RI.

NOP operating funds will be awarded to assist in the operation of rental housing affordable to households/individuals working at or near minimum wage as part of the Family Housing Program, and to assist households for very low income individuals and families who have a determination of disability and who are homeless or at risk of being homeless as part of the Permanent Supportive Housing Program.

### **Discussion:**

The term “fair housing choice” means: the ability of persons of similar income levels in the same housing

market area to have a like range of choice available to them regardless of race, marital status, color, religion, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, or arbitrary characteristics, such as age or sources of income.

The City has reviewed the policies, procedures, and practices within the city that affect the location, availability, and accessibility of housing and current residential conditions related to fair housing choice. Specifically, the City examined the new, relevant demographic information and data; sources of authoritative studies of housing discrimination, lending, and other fair housing issues; methods for obtaining diverse citizen participation in the development, implementation, and evaluation of fair housing planning; and correction actions and solutions. Information from the RI Kids Count Factbook in March 2023, provides important areas to review when looking at impediments to fair housing.

There are no court orders or consent decrees that affect the provision of assisted housing or fair housing in the City of Woonsocket.

No citizen fair housing complaints have been received by the City over the last year.

The state has mandated affordable housing units in each community must equal 10% of total community housing units. Last year, the state reports 8.3% (37,058 affordable units) of the total housing stock to be low/mod. Woonsocket's affordable housing-to-total housing unit ratio is at 15.9% (3048 affordable units), the second highest in the state.

The RI Housing Resources Commission (HRC) plan includes the following guiding principles:

- Preserve Assets
- Minimize Costs
- Promote Economic Development
- Encourage Diversity
- Target Populations

The HRC office is charged with:

- Homeownership Connection
- Passage of the Home Loan Protection Act
- Predatory Lending
- Foreclosure Prevention
- RI Hardest Hit Fund

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

Woonsocket identifies closely with the state obstacles as cited in the State of RI Annual Action Plan 2020. The lowest-income and other special-needs populations do not appear to have vastly different circumstances community to community. The geography of the state allows for state-wide problem-solving conversations and initiatives.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

#### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The City has identified three primary activities that meet the need, address the objectives, and move the City closer to the goal of sufficient, safe, and affordable housing. The program descriptions cover a one-year period.

1. First-time homebuyer assistance
2. Code-related repair and lead hazard control cost assistance to lower income homeowners and owners of affordable rental properties
3. Development of affordable housing through community housing development organization initiatives.

The City's "First-Time Homebuyer" assistance program provides qualified first-time Woonsocket home buyers with a loan in the amount of up to \$182,000 to assist with the down payment. The no-interest loan will be partially forgiven (50% after affordability period) and partially deferred (50% after affordability period). The deferred loan includes the \$150 program-required visual assessment/inspection fee. Repayment of the deferred loan is made at the time of sale, exchange or transfer of title. No portion of the forgivable portion will be prorated prior to expiration of the affordability period.

The City's repair program provides up to \$20,000 per unit (\$80,000 maximum) to owners of owner-occupied affordable rental properties. Affordability is determined by occupant income and rent limits. For single-family low to-moderate income homeowners, the City provides up to \$25,000 for code-related and lead hazard repairs. The City will also include up to 20% for unforeseen change orders.

For low to-moderate income owners/owner occupied, the assistance will be in the form of a no-interest 50% forgivable/50% deferred loan and 100% deferred for investor/developers/non-profits. The deferred portion of the loan is repayable when there is a sale, change, or transfer of title. The forgivable portion of the loan is forgiven after the affordability period expires. The affordability period is the period to

which the owner agrees to maintain affordable units.

For investors and nonprofit investors of affordable rental units, the assistance will be in the form of a no-interest, deferred loan. The deferred portion of the loan is repayable when there is a sale, change, or transfer of title.

Within the repair program, the City's approach is one of energy efficient rehab and or coordination of other resources to increase energy efficiency and or weatherization of homes.

The "Affordable Housing" loan requirement is monitored annually by City staff. The process includes an assessment of tenant income eligibility and other lease requirements, as well as an on-site physical inspection for code compliance. After the initial inspection, inspections occur every third year.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

Over recent years, Woonsocket has seen a significant reduction in incidents of lead poisoning in its children. According to the 2023 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook, the percentage of lead poisoning in kindergarten-aged children is 4.0% which is slightly higher than the State average of 3.9% and is lower than the 6.8% rate of lead poisoning found in the other Rhode Island core cities.

While any amount of lead poisoning in children is unacceptable, it is encouraging that Woonsocket, especially given the age of its housing stock, has succeeded in reducing the incidents of childhood lead poisoning. Most of this success is attributable to education and outreach, which are critical components to an effective lead hazard program. However, in order to eliminate incidents of lead poisoning, the City must continue with its lead abatement assistance programs to homeowners. With approximately 79% of Woonsocket's housing stock being built before 1980, most units are likely to contain lead-based paint.

The City of Woonsocket, RI Department of Health (DOH), RI Housing Resources Commission (HRC), Childhood Lead Action Project, RI Housing, and multiple cities and towns across Rhode Island have discussed process and protocols to evaluate and control lead hazards in residential properties and decrease the number of EBL properties in our communities. Lists of certified lead abatement contractors are posted on the HRC and DOH State websites along with certified renovator/remodelers and inspectors.

In Rhode Island, identification of a child as significantly lead poisoned requires that a lead inspection of the child's home be offered. The Department of Health sends certified lead inspectors to determine whether lead hazards are present and to work with property owners to make the property lead-safe.

Certified Comprehensive Lead Centers provide a comprehensive package of services to lead poisoned children and their families, including non-medical case management, education, advocacy, window replacement and spot repair, referrals, support and assistance with housing.

In 2002, the Rhode Island General Assembly passed the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act, comprehensive legislation that places a strong emphasis on enforcement mechanisms for lead safety in housing and strengthens tenants' rights. The Lead Hazard Mitigation Act strengthens requirements and penalties for timely abatement by landlords, requires timely referral for prosecution in the event adequate abatement is not undertaken, and creates tenant remedies to enforce the provision of the Act through agency intervention or privately initiated court action.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The city seeks to break the cycle of poverty and reduce the number of persons below the poverty line by developing social competence and self-sufficiency while ensuring that basic services for survival are provided. Woonsocket will assist the homeless in obtaining appropriate housing, assist those homeless, and increase and retain the affordable housing stock for low- and very low- income families.

Most activities undertaken by the City with CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds are efforts to reduce persons living below the poverty line and improve the quality of life for residents, either directly or indirectly. Programs that directly influence the poverty level include: job enrichment, development, and placement through education and economic development. Projects that indirectly affect poverty include those that upgrade the community and provide affordable housing. CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds are often used as matching funds for other grants that also reduce the number of poverty level families at risk of becoming homeless.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

Although there is a commitment to continual process improvement, no institutional changes are required to implement the FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan.

As outlined above, the central responsibility for the administration of the Annual Action Plan is assigned to the Department of Planning and Development (DPD). This Department continues to coordinate among public and private organizations and housing and service agencies the activities and efforts to realize the prioritized goals of the Annual Action Plan. Extensive public-private partnerships have been established and organized to address the City's housing and community development needs. The Department of Planning and Development will access, facilitate, and coordinate resource linkages and draw from the immediate sources of expertise in the community to strengthen existing partnerships and develop enhanced and sustainable collaboration.

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

Public and assisted housing providers, private and governmental health, mental health, and service agencies are participants in the network described in this document. They are also the organizations

with which the City worked to develop the Annual Action Plan, and they are expected to continue active participation in the upcoming years. The City will also continue to work with neighborhood groups to address their critical issues. Through the Department of Human Service (DHS) and the City's Housing & Community Development (HCD)/Minimum Housing Divisions (MHD), the City will better serve, coordinate, and address neighborhood concerns and problems. DHS and HCD/MHD staff support the City's outreach efforts for neighborhood participation by attending neighborhood meetings, disseminating information on city programs, coordinating meetings between city staff and neighborhood leaders, and assisting with the implementation of neighborhood improvement projects.

**Discussion:**

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

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.

#### 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.

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| 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  | 0        |
| 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        |
| <b>Total Program Income:</b>   | <b>0</b> |

#### 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% |

#### HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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|---|----|
| 1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is |    |
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as follows:

HOME projects leverage funds from conventional lenders providing mortgages and home equity loans. Owner contribution and recaptured funds provide a contribution to affordable housing. The City is not planning to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City of Woonsocket will use a homebuyer subsidy with the Recapture method to recover HOME funds from projects that fail to meet the minimum affordability requirements, subject to the availability of net proceeds. This allows an income-restricted unit to be sold and the homeowner bearing the responsibility of repayment of the HOME funds that were provided as a direct subsidy to the homebuyers as down payment, closing costs and/or purchase price assistance. The proceeds from the repayment of the HOME subsidy will go to support an additional project.

To ensure that the City recovers a reasonable amount of the HOME Program funds from the sale, transfer, foreclosure, or conveyance of a subsidized property within the minimum federally required affordability period, the following recapture provisions will be made an express covenant of the borrower applicable to the loan:

If the mortgaged property is sold, refinanced, conveyed, assigned, leased, or otherwise transferred or if a senior lender forecloses on any senior mortgage prior to the end of the minimum federally required affordability period as defined by 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4), the HOME Program loan assistance shall be repaid to the City of Woonsocket, Department of Planning and Development, on a net proceeds' basis according to the following formula:

Net Proceeds = Sales price minus municipal liens, minus principal owed to senior lenders, minus selling costs;

Homeowner Investment = Down payment plus principal paid on first mortgage and any verifiable capital improvement investment made from the date of purchase;

City's Investment = HOME Program assistance;

Total Investment = Homeowner investment plus City's investment;

Amount of Net Proceeds to be returned to City upon sale prior to the end of the minimum federally required affordability period = (City's investment / Total Investment) \* Net Proceeds

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired

with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

In the event of resale of a property where there is not a direct subsidy to the homebuyer, the City will employ a Resale Provision to preserve the remaining affordability period and ensure the housing is retained for occupancy by low-income households. The Resale Provision requires that if the owner of an income-restricted property sells, conveys, or transfers his/her ownership interest in the property prior to the end of the minimum federally-required affordability period, the sale, conveyance, or transfer shall only be to an eligible, income-qualified purchaser intending to occupy the property as a principal residence. Other restrictions concerning notice of sale, maximum resale price, and marketing of affordable unit(s) shall apply and are fully detailed in the City's Resale Provision:

*During the period of affordability prescribed by covenant, for any subsequent sale the property may only be sold to a household properly certified by the City as eligible under the income limits as established by HUD and in effect at the time of sale. In addition, the property must be affordable to a reasonable range of households qualifying as eligible under the HUD income limits. Housing remains affordable if the subsequent purchaser's monthly payments of principal, interest, taxes and insurance do not exceed 30 percent of the gross income of a household with an income falling within the range of 70 to 80 percent of median income for the area, as determined by HUD. For multi-unit properties the sale price may be adjusted to reflect the additional value of the rental unit(s). Further, in the event that a subsequent sale generates net proceeds, as defined below, those proceeds will be shared as described in the definition of "Fair Return to the Mortgage" and the amount owing to the City will be immediately paid from closing funds.*

*"Net Sales Proceeds" means the subsequent sales price of the property minus ordinary closing costs and any repayment of a senior loan(s).*

*"Fair Return to the Mortgage" is defined as a share of available net sales proceeds from sale of the property. If there are sufficient proceeds from the sale, the owner shall receive equity invested, adjusted for the U. S. consumer price index, plus the value of any permanent improvements to the home as approved and determined by the City. Upon sale, after these amounts are reserved for the owner, any additional equity gain shall be apportioned between the City and the homeowners in proportion to their contributions.*

*Proceeds allocated to the City may be used, upon approval by DCD, to lower the cost of the property to the subsequent low-income purchaser if necessary to meet the affordability requirements.*

*If no proceeds are available to the City, additional HOME funds may be provided in the form of downpayment assistance or another appropriate mechanism in order to enhance affordability (subject to DCD approval and availability of funds).*

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

N/A

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)  
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Homelessness Prevention Services/Shelter Operations/Rapid Re-housing – To best assist this population, intensive case management, financial literacy, and budgeting shall be provided to clients on a regular basis, to ensure housing stability once assistance ends. It is anticipated that most clients served under this activity will receive an average of 3-6 months of financial assistance and up to 9 months of case management and financial counseling. However, individual assistance will be determined on a case-by-case basis and shall be subject to 3-month re-certifications of eligibility.

Rapid Re-Housing Services – To best assist this population, intensive case management, financial literacy, and budgeting shall be provided to clients on a regular basis, to ensure housing stability

once the client exits the program. It is anticipated that most clients served under this activity will receive an average of 6-9 months of financial assistance and up to 12 months of case management and financial counseling. However, individual assistance will be determined on a case-by-case basis and shall be subject to yearly re-certifications of eligibility. Standards for determining the type, amount and duration of housing stabilization and/or relocation services to provide a program participant, including limits on the HPRP assistance each participate may receive. The CHF Partnership will limit the Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services in accordance with the Interim ESG regulations, including: Housing Stability Case Management, Housing Search and Placement Assistance, Landlord Mediation or outreach to property owners, Legal services related with eviction defense and prevention, Credit repair or financial counseling services. The Universal Intake Form must be completed during intake in order to collect required data for the state HMIS system. In addition, each program has an intake form specifically designed for that program that is to be used to gather intake information. An assessment is done at the time of admission. The intake and assessment process involves demographic information and taking history in the following areas: Medical, Medical Care, HIV Status, Psychological, Mental Health History, Substance Use, Housing History, Employment, Education, Financial, Dental Support, Network, Legal issues, criminal background.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Rhode Island has a single CoC which guides the state's homelessness programs and policies, as well as administers federal and state homeless funds. The continuum includes a broad range of state agencies, community partners, and individuals all working together to build a statewide system to prevent and end homelessness.

The CHF Partnership coordinates its program and distribution methods with State homeless funds and federal Title XX funds.

The Rhode Island Interagency Council on Homelessness is closely aligned with the CHF Partnership and is working to help the Partnership coordinate with and access other federal and state resources for homelessness and social services.

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) serves all Rhode Islanders who are currently experiencing homelessness or who anticipate becoming homeless within the next 14 days (2 weeks). Help Center agents are able to conduct an assessment over the phone and refer callers to eligible resources including diversion assistance and shelter immediately.

Coordinated entry is a nationally recognized process developed to ensure that all people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access and are quickly identified, assessed for, referred, and connected to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs. Coordinated Entry is a data-driven system that is widely accepted as a best practice in homeless assistance

services to achieve three goals:

Helping households move through the homeless system faster.

1. Reducing new entries into homelessness.
2. Improving data collection and quality.
3. The Rhode Island Coordinated Entry System is run through the Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness.

The CES Help Center has over 15 trained employees who speak four languages and are available to take calls. Staff help callers navigate the system in whatever language they are most comfortable. Currently, we have team members that speak English, Spanish, Portuguese, & Haitian Creole with plans to expand as needed. Help Center Agents also place out-bound calls to contact clients that they were previously unable to assist, and provide assessments.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).
  - Increased emphasis on performance and client outcomes,
  - Prioritizing funding for HPRP type activities, &
  - Increased collaboration between providers and other mainstream resources.
4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

N/A

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The process for making sub-awards starts with the application process. The application process is submitted to the Office of Housing & Community Development and through the Continuum of Care Partnership (State, along with Woonsocket and two other municipalities) collectively evaluate the applications to avoid duplication, while streamlining the evaluation process. All applications are vetted for responsiveness, experience and capacity to their respective communities.

The CHF Partnership started including performance standards in the funding contracts with sub-recipients since the 2011 ESG program year. To develop these standards the CHF Partnership held workshops and met with each ESG funded grantee and worked with them to create individual performance standard plans that typically included:

- Increasing permanent housing

- Reducing length of stay
- Increasing average household income at exit

These performance standards are reviewed periodically by the CHF Partnership and sub-recipients. Performance regarding their standards is also an important component of the following years review committee, when allocating funds. Operation and Administration of the Homeless Information Management System (HMIS): One continuum covers all of Rhode Island, with one agency, the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless (RICH) acting as the lead HMIS agency. RI Coalition to End Homelessness oversees the HMIS system, trains users, provides troubleshooting, and serves as the central portal for collection and dissemination of data. RI Coalition to End Homelessness is overseen by its funders who include: RI Housing (Lead COC applicant) and the CHF Partnership. The CHF Partnership considered all comments received during the input session when developing final drafts of its CHF Requests for Funding. In the future, additional HMIS input sessions will be held as policies are added and refined.

## Attachments

**Citizen Participation Comments**

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**CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**MARCH 7TH 2023**

City of Woonsocket, RI Public Hearings for 2023-2024 Budget for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) along with Substantial Amendment for the CDBG 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Budgets

### TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

This notification announces the budget hearings for public input for the approximately \$1,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$450,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, and \$100,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to be utilized for Public and Community-Based Projects that finance programs and projects addressing community needs, affordable housing, economic development, infrastructure, community improvements and public services.

This notification also announces the budget hearings for public input for the City of Woonsocket request for a "substantial amendment" for the approved CDBG 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 budgets.

**Public Hearing Dates are:**  
**March 22, 2023**  
 9:30am  
 Topic: Public Services  
 Microsoft Teams  
 Meeting Link: <http://bit.ly/37adD0>  
 Meeting ID: 284 282 536 760  
 Passcode: KcdLI

**April 5, 2023 at 8pm**  
 Topic:  
 Housing/Infrastructure  
 Microsoft Teams  
 Meeting Link: <http://bit.ly/3Y9JUF>  
 Meeting ID: 227 052 472 276  
 Passcode: U4YFns

In the administration of programs and projects, the City of Woonsocket makes every effort to ensure transparency in its operations, including public access to program and project resources. This applies to contracting, as well as to marketing and selection of the program participants. The City of Woonsocket



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**MUST BE RECEIVED 3-BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.**

For further information Call 767-8503 Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Town of Burrillville: Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 A.M. at which time the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, 30 - entitled, Zoning, by-amending provisions for cannabis establishments. This is a summary of the proposed amendments to the ordinance:

### Amendments to the Burrillville Ordinance 30 Zoning would add:

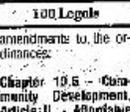
- Conditions for cannabis cultivator, cannabis establishment, cannabis product manufacturer, cannabis retailer, cannabis testing laboratory and hybrid cannabis retailer.
- Zoning district uses for cannabis retailer, hybrid cannabis retailer, cannabis cultivator, cannabis product manufacturer and cannabis testing laboratory in certain zones by special use permit.
- Purpose to regulate the cultivation and distribution of cannabis as allowed by the Rhode Island Cannabis Act.
- Standards outline the standards for all cannabis establishments, cannabis cultivators, cannabis product manufacturers and cannabis testing laboratories keeping the health, safety and general welfare of the community at large while meeting the requirements of state law.
- Enforcement - outlines the enforcement of a person or organization found to be in violation of this section.

These amendments shall take effect upon passage.

The full text of the proposed amendment is available in the Town Clerk's office and is posted on the Town's website: [www.burrillville.org](http://www.burrillville.org). The proposals shown therein may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for enactment in the course of the public hearing.

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amendments to the ordinance:

**Chapter 19.5 - Community Development, Article II - Affordable Housing, Sec. 19.5-32 - Filing procedures; Sec. 19.5-35 - Decisions; and Sec. 19.5-37 - Procedure for filing appeal with state housing appeals board.** The proposed changes are in response to new state laws. They will amend the review and approval of comprehensive permits. The deadlines for certification of completeness of applications and for the local review board to hold a public hearing on the master plan have been shortened. Adds an additional requirement to some of the permissible uses that a local review board may deny a comprehensive permit application. Provide that decisions on comprehensive permits shall be by majority vote of the board members present at the proceeding, rather than majority vote of the membership of the board. Amends the procedure for filing an appeal with the state housing appeals board.

### Chapter 30 - Zoning Article II - Administration and Procedures; Sec. 30-34 - Zoning board - new provisions for holding of the zoning board of the town to hear an application for special-use permit or variance to occur in 60 days of the filing of the application or appeal; and limits the filing of a hearing to 15 days of said hearing.

**Chapter 30 - Zoning Article V - Special Regulations, Sec. 30-15.3 - Lots containing wetlands.** The proposed amendment would prohibit municipalities from applying their own regulations in existing zoning ordinances, pertaining to: wetlands, buffers and setbacks as of July 1, 2022, in accordance with Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (the "FWW Act Regulations").

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**CITY OF WOONSCKET, RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Public Hearing for Program Year 2023-2024 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Annual Action Plan and Public Notice for 30-day Public Comment Period for Program Year 2023-2024 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Annual Action Plan

**CITY OF WOONSCKET  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)  
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)  
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG)**

2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023-2024 CDBG, HOME, AND ESG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ON April 25th at 9:00am. Microsoft Teams Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/40675sk>

The City of Woonsocket is expected to receive \$1,084,828 in Community Development Block Grant funds; \$331,831 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds; and \$28,121 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2023-2024 Program Year.

The Annual Action Plan is used to guide decision making in the distribution of these federal grant funds received by the City during the 2023-2024 program year. The Annual Action Plan includes recommendations for the expenditures of these funds to provide equally affordable housing, create suitable living environments, and expand economic opportunities for the benefit of low- to moderate-income Woonsocket residents.

**CDBG Draft Budget:**

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Print & Web CDBG Requirements     | \$1,184,828.00        |
| CDBG Preliminary Allocation       | \$1,084,828.00        |
| <b>CDBG Budget Available</b>      | <b>\$2,269,656.00</b> |
| 2023 Administration               | \$216,828.00          |
| Health and Wellness Program       | \$25,000.00           |
| Feet on the Beat                  | \$50,000.00           |
| Local Reduction Program           | \$100,000.00          |
| Code Enforcement                  | \$879,995.00          |
| Purchase of Pumper / Ladder Truck | \$395,365.00          |
| Purchase of Fire Rosters          | \$40,000.00           |
| Small Business Grants             | \$150,000.00          |
| Oak Grove Playground Improvements | \$80,000.00           |
| Golf Spring Park Improvements     | \$280,000.00          |
| Costs Park Improvements           | \$10,000.00           |
| City Hall Window Replacement      | \$259,488.12          |
| Acquisition, Demo, and Clearance  | \$20,000.00           |
| Public Lighting on Main St.       |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$2,265,893.92</b> |

**HOME Draft Budget:**

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| HOME Allocation              | \$331,831.00        |
| Administration               | \$35,765.10         |
| Home Repair Program          | \$15,000.00         |
| New Housing Development      | \$202,787.90        |
| Homebuyer Assistance Program | \$75,200.00         |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$399,824.00</b> |

**ESG Draft Budget:**

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| ESG Allocation              | \$28,121.00        |
| Administration              | \$7,434.08         |
| Homeless Sheltering Program | \$9,656.93         |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$59,121.00</b> |

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**ESG Draft Budget:**

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| ESG Administrator           | \$48,121.00        |
| ESG Administrator           | \$7,434.00         |
| Homeless Sheltering Program | \$91,686.33        |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$99,121.00</b> |

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The following is the public comment and question the City of Woonsocket's Planning and Development team received during the public comment period that took place from 3/22/23 – 4/12/23. This public comment period was regarding our CDBG, ESG and HOME grants.

Question received during virtual public hearing on 3/22/23:

1. When do you anticipate the release of the RFP?

A: At this time, the City Council, Administration and the Planning Department's team have not finalized the budgets.

Public comment received in writing through email on 4/11/23:

"Our recommendation would be to disperse funds through a competitive bid/RFP process. The purpose of this approach is for transparency and to encourage collaboration and innovation. A designated review committee should represent multiple perspectives/backgrounds. Emphasize projects that can impact the greatest number of individuals.

**CDBG Funds:**

- Building new affordable housing is absolutely critical to moving the City out of our current homeless crisis (acknowledging that this is, in fact, a statewide and national problem). The vast majority of those who are homeless in the City are born and raised or have been here for an extended period of time. These are our people and they need our help. Projects that bring together partners to address the need from multiple perspectives should be prioritized. An example would be a community development organization with a provider who is able to provide wraparound support services to link with their own resources, as well as those of other human services. This is critical to ensure that individuals can sustain their housing long-term.

**ESG Funds:**

- This pot of money is so small that it would seem that using these funds for homelessness prevention/rental assistance would be the most efficacious use of these dollars to prevent homelessness. It is important that these funds be used only for households who can sustain their rent independently following receipt of support.

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- Given that there are three organizations in the City who provide emergency shelter, it does make sense to consider funding shelter operations as these programs operate on a shoe-string budget and this funding could make the difference in terms of continued operations.”

City of Woonsocket, Rhode Island

WOONSOCKET DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)  
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)  
Program Year 2023 – 2024  
Proposed Budgets

EXHIBIT A

*June 5, 2023*

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**CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**INTRODUCTION**

Honorable Council Members. The Planning and Development Department presents the following recommendations to the City Council for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

This year, the City of Woonsocket has been notified that \$1,084,329.00 in CDBG Funds, \$391,931.00 in HOME Funds and \$99,121.00 in ESG Funds are available to the City. This booklet contains the public hearing announcements and proposed budgets for each of the funding sources mentioned above.

City Staff, Consultants, and the Mayor have developed a proposed budget for these funds that can be found in the following pages.

The Department looks forward to working with the Council throughout this process so we can benefit as many of the residents of the City of Woonsocket as possible.

Michael Debroisse  
Director of Planning and Development



**CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

**City of Woonsocket, RI  
Public Hearings  
for  
2023-2024 Budget for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),  
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds,  
and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

This notification announces the budget hearings for public input for the approximate \$1,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$450,000 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds, and \$100,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to be utilized for Public and Community-Based Projects that finance programs and projects addressing community needs, affordable housing, economic development, infrastructure/community improvements and public services.

Public Hearing dates are:

March 22, 2023 at 6pm, Topic: Public Services  
Microsoft Teams Meeting Link: <http://bit.ly/3ZeDdD0>  
Meeting ID: 264 232 536 760  
Passcode: KacfLt

April 5, 2023 at 6pm, Topic: Housing/Infrastructure  
Microsoft Teams Meeting Link: <http://bit.ly/3YgUNFi>  
Meeting ID: 227 052 472 276  
Passcode: U4YFns

In the administration of programs and projects, the City of Woonsocket makes every effort to ensure non-discriminatory treatment, outreach and access to program and project resources. This applies to contracting, as well as to marketing and selection of program participants. The City expects the same effort from grant sub-recipients and contractors.

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**CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Public Hearing for Program Year 2023-2024 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Annual Action Plan and  
Public Notice for 30-day Public Comment Period for Program Year 2023-2024 CDBG, HOME, and  
ESG Annual Action Plan**

CITY OF WOONSOCKET  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)  
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)  
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG)  
2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023-2024 CDBG,  
HOME, AND ESG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ON April 25th, at 6:00pm. Microsoft Teams Meeting  
Link: <https://bit.ly/40sFXwk>

The City of Woonsocket is expected to receive \$1,084,329 in Community Development Block Grant funds, \$391,931 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds, and \$99,121 in Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2023-2024 Program Year.

The Annual Action Plan is used to guide decision making in the distribution of these federal grant funds received by the City during the 2023-2024 program year. The Annual Action Plan includes recommendations for the expenditure of these funds to provide quality affordable housing, create suitable living environments, and expand economic opportunities for the benefit of low- to moderate-income Woonsocket residents.

CDBG Draft Budget:

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Prior Years CDBG Resources</b>  | <b>\$1,181,564.92</b> |
| <b>2023 Preliminary Allocation</b> | <b>\$1,084,329.00</b> |
| <b>Total CDBG to Allocate</b>      | <b>\$2,265,893.92</b> |
| 2023 Administration                | \$216,865.80          |
| Health and Wellness Program        | \$25,000.00           |
| Feet on the Beat                   | \$25,000.00           |
| Lead Reduction Program             | \$50,000.00           |
| Code Enforcement                   | \$100,000.00          |
| Purchase of Pumper / Ladder Truck  | \$679,995.00          |
| Purchase of Fire Rescue            | \$399,565.00          |
| Small Business Grants              | \$40,000.00           |
| Oak Grove Playground Improvements  | \$150,000.00          |
| Cold Spring Park Improvements      | \$90,000.00           |
| Costa Park Improvements            | \$200,000.00          |
| City Hall Window Replacement       | \$10,000.00           |
| Acquisition, Demo, and Clearance   | \$259,468.12          |
| Public Lighting on Main St.        | \$20,000.00           |

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|       |                |
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|       |                |
| Total | \$2,265,893.92 |

HOME Draft Budget:

| <b>HOME Allocation</b>       | <b>\$391,931.00</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Administration               | \$39,193.10         |
| Home Repair Program          | \$75,000.00         |
| New Housing Development      | \$202,737.90        |
| Homebuyer Assistance Program | \$75,000.00         |
|                              |                     |
| Total                        | \$391,931.00        |

ESG Draft Budget:

| <b>ESG Allocation</b>       | <b>\$99,121.00</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Administration              | \$7,434.08         |
| Homeless Sheltering Program | \$91,686.93        |
|                             |                    |
| Total                       | \$99,121.00        |

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**Proposed Program Year 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant Budget**

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Prior Years CDBG</b>            | <b>\$1,181,564.92</b> |
| <b>2023 Preliminary Allocation</b> | <b>\$1,084,329.00</b> |
| <b>Total CDBG to Allocate</b>      | <b>\$2,265,893.92</b> |
| 2023 Administration                | \$216,865.80          |
| Health and Wellness Program        | \$25,000.00           |
| Feet on the Beat                   | \$25,000.00           |
| Lead Reduction Program             | \$50,000.00           |
| Code Enforcement                   | \$100,000.00          |
| Purchase of Pumper / Ladder Truck  | \$679,995.00          |
| Purchase of Fire Rescue            | \$399,565.00          |
| Small Business Grants              | \$40,000.00           |
| Oak Grove Playground Improvements  | \$150,000.00          |
| Cold Spring Park Improvements      | \$90,000.00           |
| Costa Park Improvements            | \$200,000.00          |
| City Hall Window Replacement       | \$10,000.00           |
| Acquisition, Demo, and Clearance   | \$259,468.12          |
| Public Lighting on Main St.        | \$20,000.00           |
|                                    |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$2,265,893.92</b> |
| Difference                         | \$0.00                |

**Proposed Program Year 2023/2024 HOME and ESG Budgets**

**HOME**

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>HOME Allocation</b>              | <b>\$391,931.00</b> |
| Administration                      | \$39,193.10         |
| Home Repair Program                 | \$100,000.00        |
| New Housing Development             | \$230,000.00        |
| HOME Downpayment Assistance Program | \$75,000.00         |
|                                     |                     |
| Total                               | \$444,193.10        |
| Difference                          | -\$52,262.10        |

**ESG**

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>ESG Allocation</b>       | <b>\$99,121.00</b> |
| Administration              | \$7,434.08         |
| Homeless Sheltering Program | \$91,686.93        |
|                             |                    |
| Total                       | \$99,121.00        |
| Difference                  | \$0.00             |

Budget with proposed changes presented at City council meeting on 6/5/23 and 6/19/23 for approval

| <b>Draft Budget With Proposed Amendments</b>    |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Prior Years CDBG</b>                         | <b>\$1,181,564.92</b> |
| <b>2023 Preliminary Allocation</b>              | <b>\$1,084,329.00</b> |
| <b>Total CDBG to Allocate</b>                   | <b>\$2,265,893.92</b> |
| 2023 Administration                             | \$216,865.80          |
| Health and Wellness Program                     | \$25,000.00           |
| Feet on the Beat                                | \$25,000.00           |
| Lead Reduction Program                          | \$50,000.00           |
| Code Enforcement                                | \$100,000.00          |
| Purchase of Pumper / Ladder Truck               | \$679,995.00          |
| Purchase of Fire Rescue                         | \$399,565.00          |
| Small Business Grants                           | \$40,000.00           |
| Oak Grove Playground Improvements               | \$150,000.00          |
| Cold Spring Park Improvements                   | \$90,000.00           |
| Costa Park Improvements                         | \$200,000.00          |
| Public Art                                      | \$10,000.00           |
| Acquisition, Demo, and Clearance                | \$259,468.12          |
| - Senior Center - "Home for the Day" - \$27,000 |                       |
| - Senior Center - \$60,000                      |                       |
| - Arnold St. Demolition - \$100,000             |                       |
| - Cass Park Building Demolition - \$72,468.12   |                       |
| Public Lighting on Main St.                     | \$20,000.00           |
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| Difference                                      | \$0.00                |

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|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| Total      | \$391,931.00 |
| Difference | \$0.00       |

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>ESG Allocation</b>       | <b>\$99,121.00</b> |
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| Homeless Sheltering Program | \$91,686.93        |
|                             |                    |
| Total                       | \$99,121.00        |
| Difference                  | \$0.00             |

# CDBG, HOME and ESG Programs

Council Workshop

Alyssa McDermott, MPH

Federal Administrator of Programs and Grants

Veronicka Vega

Federal Programs and Grants Coordinator

Jacob Neves

Construction Supervisor

## CDBG 101

General Overview of the Program

### Purpose

- Provide Quality Affordable Housing
- Create Suitable Living Environments
- Expanding Economic Opportunities

### Eligible Populations

- Low and Moderate Income (LMI) means a family/household with an annual income less than 80% of the area median income.

### Eligible Activities

#### 5 Primary Funding Categories:

- Public Services
- Public Facilities
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Economic Development
- Affordable Housing

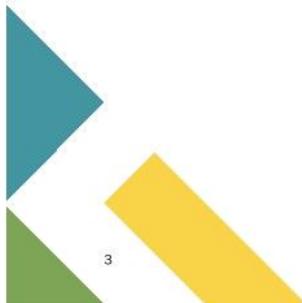
### National Objectives

- **Benefit LMI Persons**
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums/blight
- Meet an urgent need

Every activity funded under CDBG must meet at least one National Objective.

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# Timeline & Budget



## Timeline

| Timeline                      | Activity   | Con Plan Benchmark   | Regulation                                 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 6 Months Before Start of PY   | Notice of Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs  | Notice of Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs  | 91.105(e)(2); 91.115(b)(3)(ii)             |
| 5 ½ Months Before Start of PY | Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs (of not held earlier)                            | Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs (of not held earlier)  | 91.105(b)(3) and (e)(1), 91.115(b)(3)      |
| 4 Months Before Start of PY   | Notice of Comment Period on Draft Con Plan/Action Plan – At Least 2 Weeks Prior to Start of Comment Period | Notice of Comment Period on Draft Con Plan/Action Plan   | 91.105(e)(2); 91.115(b)(3)(ii)             |
| 3 ½ Months Before Start of PY | Copies of Plan Available Online, At Government Offices, etc. For 30-day Comment Period                     | Draft Con Plan/Action Plan to Public for Comment   | 91.105(b)(2) and (g); 91.115(b)(2) and (f) |
| 2 ½ Months Before Start of PY | End of 30-Day Comment Period on Draft Con Plan/Action Plan   | End of Comment Period on Draft Con Plan/Action Plan  | 91.105(b)(4); 91.115(b)(4)                 |
| 2 ½ Months Before Start of PY | (Recommended: Allow 4 Weeks for Internal Review of Plan)   | Internal Review of Con Plan/Action Plan by Grantee. All Comments Must be Addressed in the Final Plan; Any Accepted Comments are Incorporated into the Action Plan. |  |
| 1 ½ Months Before Start of PY | <b>Submission Deadline for Action Plan – Minimum of 45 Days Prior to Beginning of PY</b>                   | <b>Con Plan/Action Plan due to HUD</b>   | <b>91.15(a)(1)</b>                         |

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# Timeline

| -                            | Program Year Begins   | Plan Is Approved by HUD  | 91.500(a)                      |
|------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 ½ Months After Start of PY | If Plan is Rejected by HUD, Grantee Must Submit Revised Plan within 45 Days of Notice of Disapproval  | Revised Plan Must be Submitted if Previously Disapproved   | 91.500(d)                      |
| 1 ½ Months After Start of PY | Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing on Prior Program Year's Performance Reports 2 Weeks Prior to Beginning of Comment Period (May Also Include Notice of Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs for the Following Year) | Notice of Hearing and Comment Period on Prior Program Year's Performance Reports (May Include Housing and Community Development Needs) | 91.105(e)(2); 91.115(b)(3)(ii) |
| 2 Months After Start of PY   | Public Hearing on Performance Reports; Comment Period on Performance Reports Begins (May Also Include Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs)   | Public Hearing on Performance Reports; Comment Period on Performance Reports Begins  | 91.105(e)(1)                   |
| 2 ½ Months After Start of PY | Minimum 15-Day Comment Period on Performance Report Ends  | Minimum 15-Day Comment Period on Performance Report Ends   | 91.105(d)(1)                   |
| 3 Months After Start of PY   | 90 Days after end of PY   | 2023-2024 CAPER/PER Due to HUD   | 91.520(a)                      |

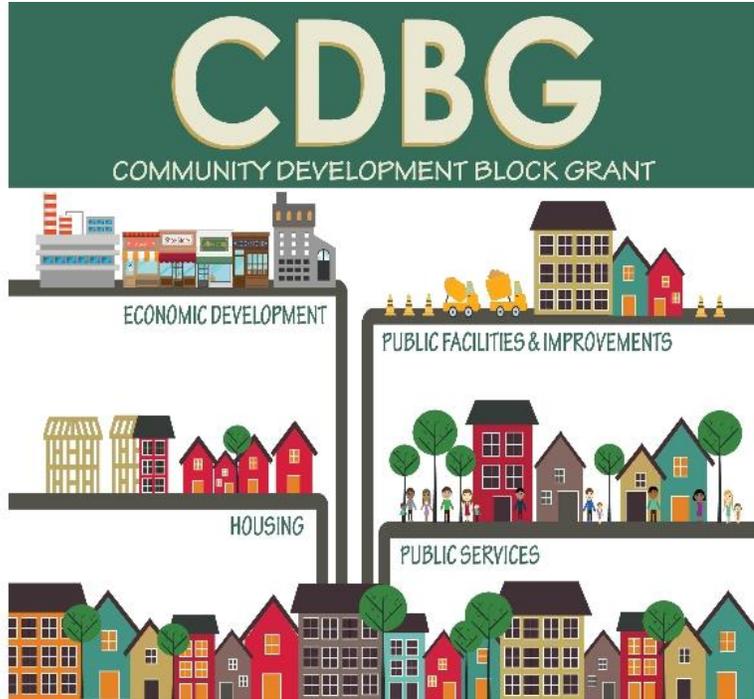
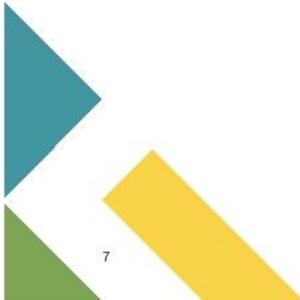
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## Budget

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Prior Years CDBG                      | \$1,181,564.92        |
| 2023 Preliminary Allocation           | \$1,100,000.00        |
| <b>Total CDBG to Allocate</b>         | <b>\$2,281,564.92</b> |
| 2023 Administration                   | \$220,000.00          |
| 2023 Public Service Grants            |                       |
| Health and Wellness Program           | \$37,500.00           |
| Feet on the Beat                      | \$37,500.00           |
| Lead Reduction Program                | \$50,000.00           |
| Public Service Applicants             | \$50,000.00           |
| Code Enforcement                      | \$100,000.00          |
| Purchase of Ladder Truck              | \$300,000.00          |
| Purchase of Fire Rescue               | \$255,389.20          |
| Small Business Grants                 | \$50,000.00           |
| Oak Grove Playground Improvements     | \$150,000.00          |
| Cold Spring Park Improvements         | \$206,698.74          |
| Costa Park Improvements               | \$175,000.00          |
| Hamlet Middle School Asbestos Removal | \$87,880.00           |
| City Hall Window Replacement          | \$10,000.00           |
| Acquisition, Demo, and Cleanance      | \$276,596.98          |
| Public Lighting on Main St.           | \$20,000.00           |
| Facility Improvement Grants           | \$255,000.00          |

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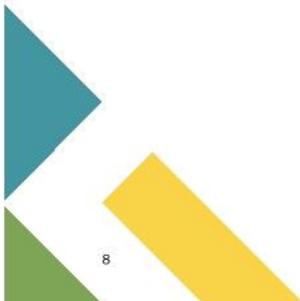
## Completed and Ongoing Projects



## Completed Projects

### Dunn Park

- Replaced unsafe playground equipment with brand new equipment.



### Small Business Loan – Northeast Finishing, Inc.

- Hired one new employee who was under-employed prior to taking the position at Northeast Finishing, Inc.

### Fire Equipment

- Replaced the Fire Marshall's vehicle.

# Ongoing Projects

## Feet on the Beat

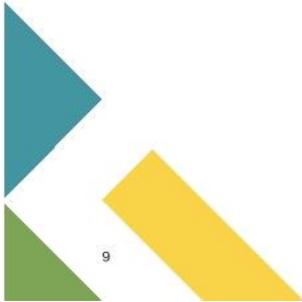
- Woonsocket Police Officers ride around the City on bicycles to increase citizen engagement.

## The Woonsocket Education Center

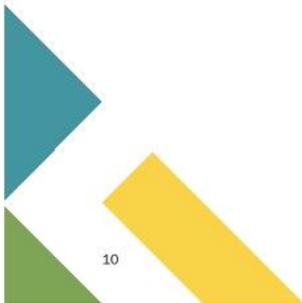
- Running a Teacher Assistant class in the spring

## Woonsocket Senior Center

- Funding for the day program at the senior center and a nutrition program.



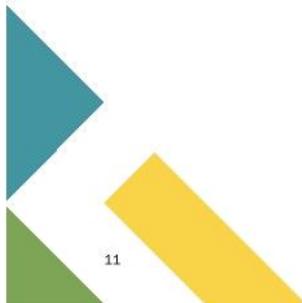
## HOME Program (HOME Investment Partnerships Program)



## HOME Program Information

### Eligible Activities

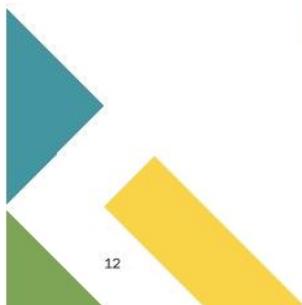
- Building, buying and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership.
- Direct rental assistance



### Woonsocket's Program

- The program's flexibility allows local governments to use HOME Funds as a grant, direct loan or loan guarantee or other forms of credit enhancements, as well as rental assistance or security deposits.
- In the City, funds are used for our HOME Repair program, New Housing Development and our Downpayment Assistance Program.

## Budget

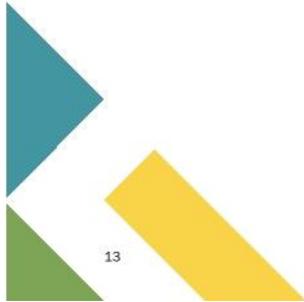


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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| HOME Allocation                     | \$450,000.00 |
| Administration                      | \$45,000.00  |
| Home Repair Program                 | \$100,000.00 |
| New Housing Development             | \$230,000.00 |
| HOME Downpayment Assistance Program | \$75,000.00  |

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## ESG Program

Emergency Solutions Grant Program



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## ESG Program Information

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### Eligible Activities

- Street outreach
- Emergency Shelter/Shelter Operations
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Homelessness Prevention
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)



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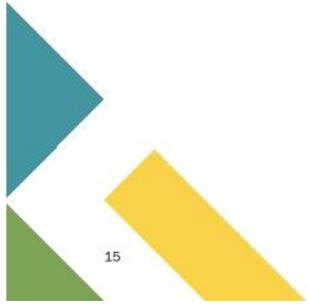
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### Woonsocket's Program

- In the City, ESG funds will be used to support the Homeless Sheltering Program which provides short-term assistance for individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

# Budget

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| ESG Allocation              | \$100,000.00 |
| Administration              | \$7,500.00   |
| Homeless Sheltering Program | \$92,500.00  |



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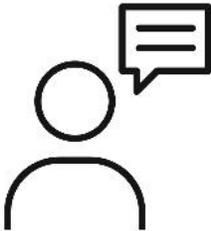




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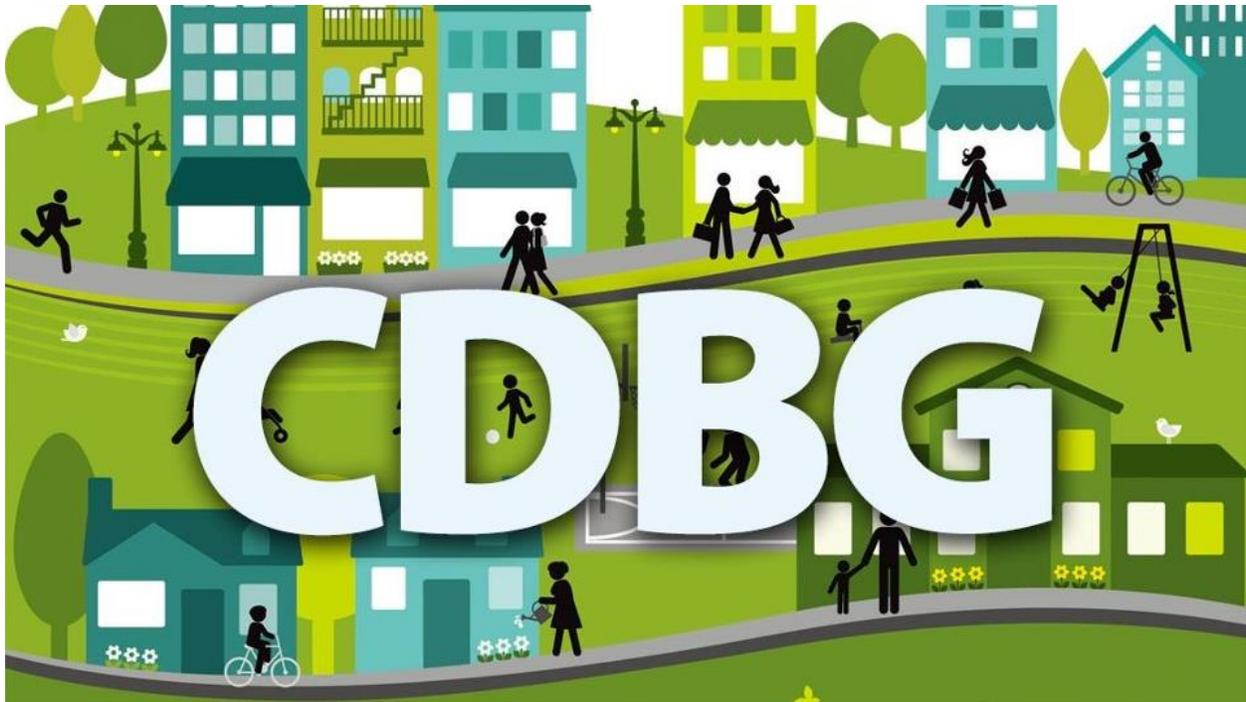
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## PAST CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS



Feet on the Beat



Clothes to Kids



Mayor's Health and Wellness Program

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## PAST CDBG PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS



Woonsocket Senior Center  
- "A Home for the Day" Program  
- Nutrition Program



Homeless Sheltering Program



Woonsocket Education Center  
- Teacher's Assistant Program

## PUBLIC SERVICES ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Child Care
- Health Care
- Job Training
- Recreation Programs
- Education Programs
- Services for Senior Citizens
- Public Safety



## AVAILABLE FUNDING:

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
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| 2023 Preliminary Allocation   | \$1,084,329.00                                      |
| <b>Total CDBG to Allocate</b> | <b>\$2,265,893.92</b>                               |
| Public Service Cap = 15%      | \$162,649.35<br>15% of 2023 Preliminary Allocations |

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QUESTIONS?  
COMMENTS?



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HOME  
PROGRAM



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# HOME PROGRAM

GENERAL OVERVIEW

## Eligible Activities

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## Woonsocket's HOME Programs

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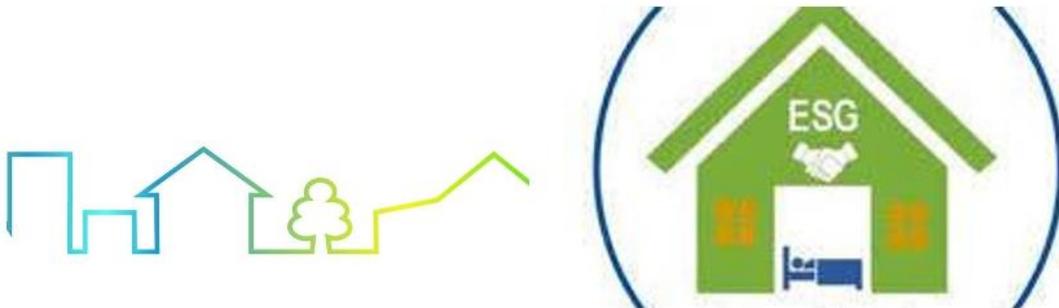
## AVAILABLE FUNDING:

|                                |                     |
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| <b>FY 2023 HOME Allocation</b> | <b>\$391,931.00</b> |
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**ESG PROGRAM**  
**EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM**

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## ESG PROGRAM

### Eligible Activities

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- Emergency Shelter/Shelter Operations
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## AVAILABLE FUNDING:

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>FY 2023 ESG Allocation</b> | <b>\$99,121.00</b> |
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# NEXT PUBLIC HEARING:

**When:** Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Topic:** Housing/Infrastructure

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Link

<http://bit.ly/3YgUNFi>

Meeting ID: 227 052 472 276

Passcode: U4YFns



## CDBG, HOME, ESG PROGRAMS

APRIL 5, 2023 – INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Alyssa McDermott, MPH  
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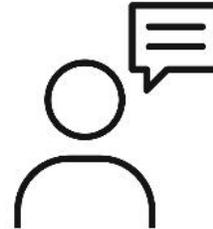
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## PAST INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES

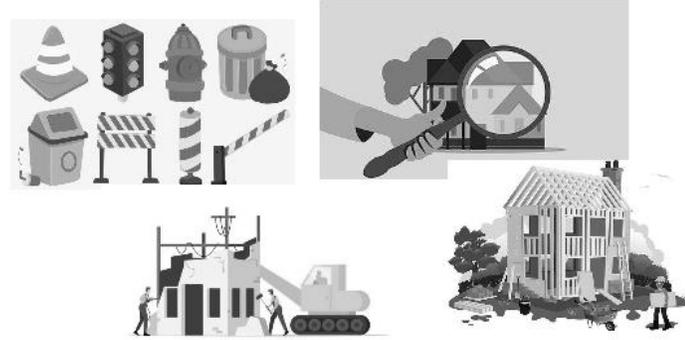


- Road Reconstruction on Herbert Ave.
- ADA Upgrades at the Woonsocket Senior Center
- Sidewalk trip mitigation (Cumberland St., Clinton St., Social St. and Pond St.)
- Commercial Façade Restorations
- Acquisition of blighted property

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## INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Acquisition of land/property
- Public Facilities and Improvements
- Code Enforcement
- Demolition
- Site Improvements
- Road Construction
- Parks and Playgrounds




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## AVAILABLE FUNDING:

|                               |                       |
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**HOME  
PROGRAM**



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# HOME PROGRAM

## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Eligible Activities

- Building, buying and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership.
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### Woonsocket's Past Programs

- HOME Repair Program
- New Housing Development
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# HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- In this program, HOME funds are used to provide qualified Woonsocket households with homebuyer assistance up to \$182,500 to assist with the acquisition of their first home. The housing must be permanent housing and occupied by the homebuyer.
- 50% is a forgivable loan (after period of affordability) and 50% is a deferred loan. Repayment of deferred loan is made at time of sale, exchange or title transfer.

### Eligible Activities Include (but not limited to)

- Down Payment
  - Closing Costs
  - Application Fee
  - Acquisition Cost
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## HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION PROGRAM

- In this program, HOME funds are used to provide Woonsocket residents with funds to develop, rehabilitate and support affordable rental and homeownership housing and affordability.
- The goal of Safe at Home is to provide qualified Woonsocket homeowners with a loan of up to \$20,000 per unit (maximum of \$80,000) and \$25,000 for a single-family home to assist with the cost of complying with RI State Property Maintenance Code, making code-related repairs and removing lead hazards.
- 50% is a forgivable loan (after period of affordability) and 50% is a deferred loan. Repayment of deferred loan is made at time of sale, exchange or title transfer.

**Eligible Activities Include (but not limited to)**

- Real Property Rehabilitation
  - Site Improvements
  - Demolition
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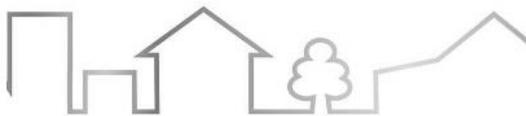
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**ESG PROGRAM**  
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## PAST ESG FUNDED ACTIVITIES

- Rapid Re-Housing
- Homeless Prevention
- Shelter Operations

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AVAILABLE FUNDING:

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
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# CDBG, HOME, ESG Proposed Budgets

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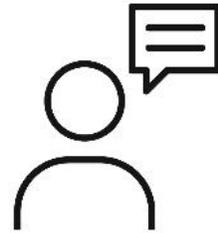
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## Purpose of the Public Hearing



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- Discuss the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.
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# Consolidated Plan

- Completed every 5 years (New one will be developed for 2024)
- Priority needs identified:
  - End Chronic Homelessness
  - Safe and Affordable Housing
  - Social Welfare
  - Economic Development
  - Neighborhood Revitalization
  - Program Administration

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# Annual Action Plan

- Activities in Annual Action Plan must tie back to the priority needs identified in Consolidated Plan.
- DRAFT Annual Action Plan:

[https://www.woonsocketri.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf5231/f/uploads/2023\\_draft\\_annual\\_action\\_plan.pdf](https://www.woonsocketri.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf5231/f/uploads/2023_draft_annual_action_plan.pdf)

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## CDBG Proposed Budget

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
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| <b>Total CDBG to Allocate</b>      | <b>\$2,265,893.92</b> |
| 2023 Administration                | \$216,865.80          |
| Health and Wellness Program        | \$25,000.00           |
| Feet on the Beat                   | \$25,000.00           |
| Lead Reduction Program             | \$50,000.00           |
| Code Enforcement                   | \$100,000.00          |
| Purchase of Pumper/Ladder Truck    | \$679,995.00          |
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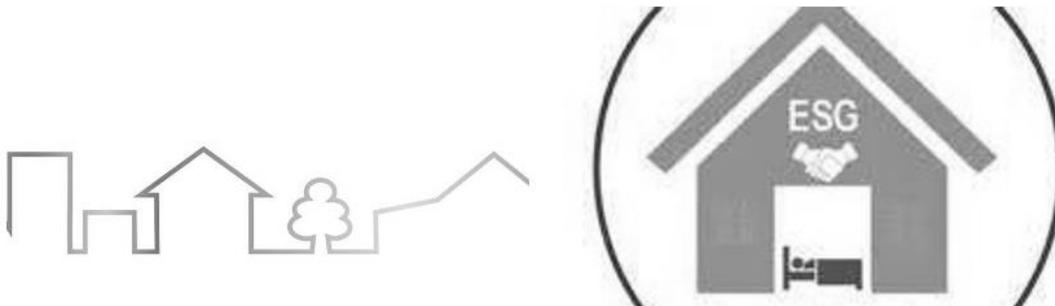
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## HOME Proposed Budget

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
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| Administration                      | \$39,193.10         |
| Home Repair Program                 | \$100,000.00        |
| New Housing Development             | \$230,000.00        |
| HOME Downpayment Assistance Program | \$75,000.00         |
| Total                               | \$444,193.10        |



### **ESG PROGRAM EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
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| Administration              | \$7,434.08         |
| Homeless Sheltering Program | \$91,686.93        |
| Total                       | \$99,121.00        |

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## Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

### CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

  
Signature of Authorized Official

7/6/23  
Date

Mayor  
Title

### Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2022 - 2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

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

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

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

**Excessive Force** – It has adopted and is enforcing:

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

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

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

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Lisa Balducci Hunt  
Signature of Authorized Official

7/16/23  
Date

Mayor  
Title

**OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

*Risa Bassel-Hunt*  
Signature of Authorized Official

*07/07/23*  
Date

*MAYOR*  
Title

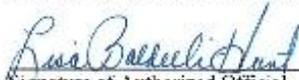
**Specific HOME Certifications**

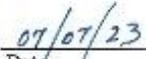
The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

  
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Signature of Authorized Official

  
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## Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

**Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation** – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

**Essential Services and Operating Costs** – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

**Renovation** – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

**Supportive Services** – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

**Matching Funds** – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

**Confidentiality** – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

**Homeless Persons Involvement** – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

**Consolidated Plan** – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

**Discharge Policy** – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

Risa Balcells-Hunt  
Signature of Authorized Official

07/07/23  
Date

Mayor  
Title

**APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS**

**INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:**

**Lobbying Certification**

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

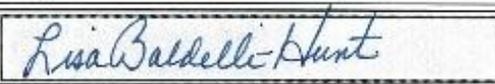
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| * Street2: _____  | _____   |  |
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| *e. Organizational Unit:  |   |  |
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| *f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:   |   |  |
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| Middle Name: _____  | _____   |  |
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| Title: <input type="text" value="Director of Planning and Development"/>  |   |  |
| Organizational Affiliation:<br>_____  |   |  |
| * Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="401-767-9231"/>   | * Fax Number: _____   |  |
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| * a. Federal  | <input type="text" value="1,084,329.00"/>              |
| * b. Applicant  | <input type="text"/>                                   |
| * c. State  | <input type="text"/>                                   |
| * d. Local  | <input type="text"/>                                   |
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| 21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001) |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE  |  |
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| Authorized Representative:  |  |
| Prefix: <input type="text"/>  | * First Name: <input type="text" value="Lisa"/>        |
| Middle Name: <input type="text"/>   |  |
| * Last Name: <input type="text" value="Baldelli-Hunt"/>   |  |
| Suffix: <input type="text"/>  |  |
| * Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>   |  |
| * Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="401-757-9205"/>   | Fax Number: <input type="text"/>                       |
| * Email: <input type="text" value="ljbaldelli@woodcock.net"/>   |  |
| * Signature of Authorized Representative:   | * Date Signed: <input type="text" value="7/6/23"/>     |

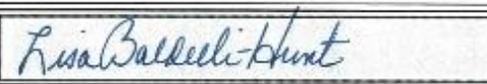
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| Prefix:  | _____                                       | * First Name:  | <u>Michael</u> |
| Middle Name:   | _____                                       |  |                |
| * Last Name:   | <u>Debrisse</u>                             |  |                |
| Suffix:  | _____                                       |  |                |
| Title:   | <u>Director of Planning and Development</u> |  |                |
| Organizational Affiliation:<br>_____   |   |  |                |
| * Telephone Number:  | <u>401-789-9231</u>                         | Fax Number:  | _____          |
| * Email:   | <u>michael.debrisse@woonsocketri.org</u>    |  |                |

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| * Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(01)-707-5205"/>  | Fax Number: <input type="text"/>                       |
| * Email: <input type="text" value="lisa.baldelli@townofsonoma.org"/>  |  |
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| 18. Estimated Funding (\$):   |  |
| * a. Federal  | <input type="text" value="391,931.00"/>                |
| * b. Applicant  | <input type="text"/>                                   |
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| * d. Local  | <input type="text"/>                                   |
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| * f. Program Income   | <input type="text"/>                                   |
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| * 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.   |  |
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| * 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |  |
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| 21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001) |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE  |  |
| ** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.   |  |
| Authorized Representative:  |  |
| Prefix: <input type="text"/>  | * First Name: <input type="text" value="Lisa"/>        |
| Middle Name: <input type="text"/>   |  |
| * Last Name: <input type="text" value="Baldelli-Hunt"/>   |  |
| Suffix: <input type="text"/>  |  |
| * Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>   |  |
| * Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="401-967-9205"/>   | Fax Number: <input type="text"/>                       |
| * Email: <input type="text" value="Lisa.Baldelli.Hunt@wvnewsrocket.com"/>   |  |
| * Signature of Authorized Representative:   | * Date Signed: <input type="text" value="7/6/23"/>     |
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| <i>City of Woonsocket</i>                   | <i>7/28/23</i> |

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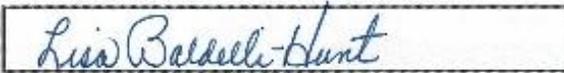
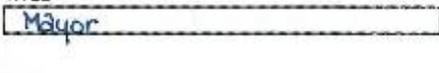
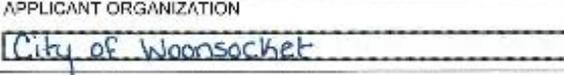
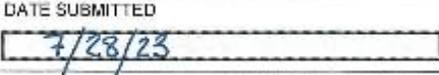
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