

**FY 2023 CDBG and HOME Annual Action Plan**

**City of Columbia**

**Reallocations**

**4/12/2024**

# Executive Summary

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### 1. Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines the City of Columbia as an “entitlement community.” As an entitlement community, the City of Columbia receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships program funding. In the five years leading up to the FY 2023 allocation, CDBG allocations have ranged from \$890,869 to \$1,023,471, and HOME has ranged from \$435,421 to \$651,319. The City of Columbia is required to submit an Annual Action Plan identifying community needs and funding priorities in order to receive annual funding.

The City of Columbia also values the importance of strategic planning when implementing the use of public funds and developed the 5-year strategy, known as the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, in 2019 with extensive public engagement. This Annual Action Plan is for program year 2023 (fourth year of the plan) and will become effective retroactively to January 1, 2023. CDBG funding allocations are \$1,002,486 and HOME allocations are \$603,540. The City of Columbia received approval of its HOME the American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) allocation plan and will be expending these funds on projects related to COVID-19 for the Kinney Point project of 24 units with recovery efforts through FY 2023.

### 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 2023 Annual Action Plan seeks to make impacts in four areas: affordable housing; economic and workforce development; neighborhood revitalization and stabilization; and community facilities. Within the HOME program, which is an affordable housing grant, the city targets funding to homeownership assistance; production and preservation of owner-occupied housing; rental production; and tenant-based rental assistance.

The City of Columbia undertook a significant public input and planning process during the 18 months leading to the submission of its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Public input was obtained through the fair housing task force, community focus groups, large public engagement gatherings, neighborhood association meetings, citizen surveys and public hearings. The objectives and outcomes identified in the plan are a direct result of priority needs identified by the public. Citizens were asked to identify priority needs in five categories including affordable housing, economic and workforce development, neighborhood revitalization and stabilization and community facilities. The City also obtained significant public input in FY 2020 to address growing needs resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Additional input included surveys, informational sessions and virtual public engagement.

All objectives and outcomes identified in the plan will meet a national objective identified by HUD through providing decent affordable housing, creating suitable living environments and improving economic

opportunity. This plan includes 16 production goals (deliverables) to ensure the most critical needs or highest priority needs are being addressed. The City of Columbia identified the following 16 production goals or objectives as a part of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan:

1. Complete comprehensive rehabilitation to 60 owner-occupied housing units.
2. Provide direct homebuyer assistance to 100 eligible households.
3. Homebuyer education and counseling to 155 new homebuyers.
4. Complete construction of 15 new affordable owner-occupied homes.
5. Provide development financing for 20 affordable rental-housing units funded through the Missouri Housing Development Commission.
6. Complete accessibility improvements to 142 existing housing units.
7. Provide tenant based rental assistance to 100 households.
8. Provide vocational training to 63 participants.
9. Provide technical assistance to 15 business start-ups.
10. Provide 26 loans to existing small businesses for job retention.
11. Complete the construction of 3 sidewalk projects.
12. Complete the construction of one public storm water sewer project.
13. Complete the demolition and acquisition of 15 vacant and dilapidated buildings.
14. Provide exterior code enforcement on 325 homes within the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) Area.
15. Fund the construction, renovation, expansion or acquisition of 3 public facilities and improvements.
16. Fund the construction, renovation, expansion or acquisition of 1 public facility serving homeless populations

**FY 2023 CDBG Funding Allocations for Annual Goals are as follows:**

Entity	Activity	Funding Amount	Reallocation
Services for Independent Living	Accessibility modifications	\$95,000	
City of Columbia	Home rehabilitation program	\$182,039	
City of Columbia	Fair housing counseling	\$3,000	
Love Columbia	Acquisition and Demolition	\$125,000	\$125,000 Reallocated to Columbia Housing Authority*
Central Missouri Community Action	Technical assistance to businesses	\$80,000	
Fun City	Acquisition of land	\$175,000	\$175,000 Reallocated to Columbia Housing Authority*
Great Circle	Facility renovations	\$12,000	

Voluntary Action Center	Acquisition and construction of homeless campus	\$100,000	\$100,00 Reallocated to Columbia Housing Authority*
Columbia Housing Authority Blind Boone	Facility renovation	\$50,000	
Administration and Planning		\$180,447	
Total		\$1,002,486	

\* Columbia Housing Authority – Receiving reallocated funds for remediation, demolition, relocation and site improvement costs at East Park Avenue

**FY 2023 HOME Funding Allocations for Annual Goals are as follows:**

Entity	Activity	Funding Amount	Reallocation
City of Columbia	Homeownership Assistance	\$133,186	
CHDO		\$90,000	
Columbia Housing Authority	Construction - 207 Lynn	\$20,000	
Central Missouri Community Action	Home Construction	\$100,000	
Columbia Housing Authority Bear Creek	Renovation	\$100,000	
Columbia Housing Authority	TBRA	\$100,000	
Administration		\$60,354	
Total		\$603,540	

**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 is maintaining programs it has historically operated and adjusted funding priorities to match annual priority needs identified by the public and the annual request for proposals process. Estimated costs are also associated with each production goal to ensure that goals are realistic and achievable. This plan focuses on the most critical community needs identified by the public. The FY 2022 CAPER identified the following programs as “under-performing” (tracking behind schedule) in relation to 5-year goals identified within the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan:

- Acquisition & Demolition Program
- Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program
- New Rental Construction & Rehabilitation

- Homeless Facility Improvements

No houses were demolished in FY2022 whereas three per year is the average for the 5-year plan goal of 15. The FY 2023 Plan includes \$182,039 for the Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program and staff anticipates increased production of six completed rehabilitation projects in FY 2023. The FY 2023 plan includes funding one additional rental production project or rental rehabilitation project. One proposal was received in those categories; in addition, the Housing Authority of Columbia did receive \$2 million in HOME-ARP funds out of the city's \$2.1 million allocation of HOME-ARP funds to build 24 affordable rental units. City staff will continue to work to identify additional opportunities for FY 2023 funding to assist rental construction or rehabilitation projects. Progress has been made toward a homeless facility (projected by the 5-year plan to serve 50 homeless individuals); the City partially funded land acquisition and construction for a homeless services campus with \$100,000 in CDBG.

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The FY2023 program year citizen participation process included work with the City Council-appointed Housing and Community Development Commission to review processes and procedures; a hearing on community development needs on April 20, 2022 that was convened by the commission; two hearings on proposals for the use of the FY23 CDBG and HOME funds; a public meeting to decide on the commission's recommendations; and the inclusion of the CDBG and HOME recommendations in the public hearings on the FY 2023 city budget (presented on August 15, 2022).

In the spring of 2022 Housing Programs staff and the Housing and the Community Development Commission collaborated on revisions to the citizen survey. The survey collected 422 responses which were used by commissioners, together with the Consolidated Plan and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to inform their ratings of proposals received for use of the CDBG and HOME funds. Prior to receiving proposals, the commission reviewed their ratings forms and made suggestions for changes.

The City of Columbia conducted a citizen participation and consultation process in developing the FY 2023 plan that included public hearings, public surveys, and informational sessions. The Housing and Development Commission (HCDC) held two public hearings in 2022 and deliberated its funding recommendations at a third meeting to develop recommendations for the FY 2023 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.

There were public comments received from three housing services. The Community Development Commission asked clarifying questions with each presenter. The City of Columbia also conducted a public survey on CDBG and HOME priorities. Approximately 422 responses were received from the survey.

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

NA

**7. Summary**

The FY2023 Annual Action plan addresses priority needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and does not amend any of the goals or objectives originally identified during formation of the Consolidated Plan. In FY2022, the city allocated \$75,300 to the Voluntary Action Center to support development of a homeless shelter and services "Opportunity Campus;" a first step toward add toward addressing the need for a homeless facility which was identified as a goal in the 2020-2020 Consolidated Plan; this FY23 AAP continues support for the opportunity campus with an allocation of \$100,000. Additional community facilities allocations support Columbia Housing Authority's Blind Boone Center, Fun City Youth Academy, and Great Circle's behavioral health services campus. Affordable housing rehabilitation expenditures for accessibility rehabilitation. Funding for 13 low/moderate income households making first time home purchases and funding for new construction of approximately 20 affordable housing units is provided. Low-income rental households will be assisted by an allocation of tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) and renovations to 2 CHA Bear Creek campus apartments.