

FY 2025 Neighborhood Investment Plan Funding Recommendations

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FEDERAL PLANS AND FUNDING APPLICATION



❑ FFY 2021-2025 Regional Housing and Community Development Plan (HCD Plan)

- Strategic planning tool required by US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that identifies housing and community development needs and priorities
 - Covers period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026
 - Identifies Neighborhood Investment (NI) Plan outcomes

❑ Annual Action Plan

- Serves as the application to receive the following grant funds:
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
 - Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
- Identifies investments/projects to be carried out from July 1 to June 30 each year



FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND ALLOCATION - \$9.2M

❑ Federal Program Levels – subject to change upon receipt of final appropriation levels

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - \$4.28M Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - \$1.54M HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
 - \$302K Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
 - \$752K HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) – confirmed amount
- U.S. Department of the Treasury
 - \$1.5M Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA-SLFRF)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - \$86K Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- Other Funds
 - \$800K Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF)

❑ Neighborhood Investment Plan

- Summarizes community needs and priorities identified in HCD Plan into 8 outcome areas
- Used as the framework to solicit and select projects annually

EDUCATION AND NOTIFICATION FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND PROCESS

SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28, 2023

HOSTED VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

- ☐ Invited 355+ interested parties/community organizations – 98 participants
 - Available grant funds and federal requirements
 - Organization readiness for federal funding
 - Priority community needs identified in plans
 - Timeline and process for NI Plan funding
 - Tips for writing a successful grant application
 - Obtaining technical support

DECEMBER 12, 2023

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

- ☐ Communication sent to 420+ interested parties/community organization
- ☐ (2) workshops in January

JANUARY 4, 2024

RELEASED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY

- ☐ Communication sent via interested parties distribution list
- ☐ Published in *The Grand Rapids Press*, *The Grand Rapids Times*, and *El Vocero* (translated to Spanish)
- ☐ Posted to the City website (including CDD homepage) and social media

JANUARY 8 AND 9, 2024

HOSTED VIRTUAL APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

- ☐ 74 participants

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- ☐ CDD staff provided one-on-one assistance to 17 applicants

APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION PROCESS

- ❑ One application process for all available funds
 - Two-steps include: 1) Notice of Intent to Apply, and 2) submission of full application
 - 63 organizations submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply
 - 108 project applications received requesting more than \$27 million

- ❑ Proposals review/recommendations by RFP Workgroup with Community Development staff
 - (1) City Commissioner from each ward – Commissioners Perdue, Robbins and Ysasi
 - Additional review for proposals under Outcome 1 by Coalition to End Homelessness Funding Review Committee

- ❑ Projects recommended for funding
 - Address needs in the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan
 - Align with the City's Strategic Plan
 - Maximize limited resources

NI PLAN OUTCOME 1: Prevent and resolve episodes of homelessness

CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Economic Prosperity and Affordability – \$2,078,268

Support efforts to obtain or retain housing stability for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness

- Funding is recommended for the following projects that will provide financial assistance and supportive services for 241 households to prevent or resolve homelessness, transitional housing for 27 households, and street outreach for 51 people:
 - \$500,000 Community Rebuilders – Geographically Targeted Housing Outreach (1-3) *SLFRF ARPA*
 - \$443,414 Community Rebuilders – Tenant Based Rental Assistance (1-4) *HOME*
 - \$232,000 Degage Ministries – Complex Care Transitional Housing (1-6) *ARPA SLFRF*
 - \$ 60,000 Family Promise of Grand Rapids – Supportive Services (1-9) *HOME-ARP*
 - \$130,000 Grand Rapids Urban League – Homelessness Prevention (1-10) *HOME-ARP*
 - \$103,000 Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services – Street Outreach (1-11) *ARPA SLFRF*
 - \$302,753 The Salvation Army – Eviction Prevention Program (1-12) *ESG*
 - \$312,000 The Salvation Army - Rapid Re-housing (1-13) *HOME-ARP*

NI PLAN OUTCOME 2: Improve access to and stability of affordable housing CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Economic Prosperity and Affordability – \$270,000

Support housing stability and equitable access to affordable housing

- Funding is recommended for the following projects that will provide seven (7) households with downpayment assistance, 4,000 people with fair housing education, 50 households with pre-purchase housing counseling, and 100 people with legal assistance:
 - \$50,000 Community Development Dept – Homebuyer Assistance Fund (2-1) *CDBG General*
 - \$75,000 Fair Housing Center of West Michigan – Fair Housing Services (2-2) *CDBG Public Service*
 - \$70,000 ICCF Nonprofit Housing Corporation – Housing Counseling (2-3) *CDBG General*
 - \$75,000 Legal Aid of Western Michigan – Housing Legal Assistance (2-4) *CDBG Public Service*

NI PLAN OUTCOME 3: Increase the supply of affordable housing CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Economic Prosperity and Affordability – \$1,705,000

Support efforts to increase the number of newly constructed and rehabilitated affordable rental and homeownership units available to low- and moderate-income households

☐ Funding is recommended for the following projects that will create 80 new affordable rental units:

- \$380,000 ICCF Nonprofit Housing Corporation – 1309 Madison Apartments (3-5) *HOME*
- \$400,000 Union Suites LLC – Union Suites St. James (3-8) *HOME*
- \$250,000 Well House – Building Community Phase II (3-11) *HOME-ARP*

☐ Funding is recommended for the following projects that will create affordable homeownership opportunities for 11 households:

- \$125,000 Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids – 411 Fuller (3-2) *HOME*
- \$350,000 Habitat for Humanity of Kent County – Pleasant Hills Phase I (3-4) *ARPA SLFRF*
- \$100,000 LINC UP Nonprofit Housing Corp – Single Family Home Ownership (3-6) *HOME*
- \$100,000 Mel Trotter Ministries – Single Family Affordable Housing (3-7) *HOME*

NI PLAN OUTCOME 4: Improve the condition of existing housing CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Economic Prosperity and Affordability – \$3,226,208

Support preservation of affordable housing, home repair and accessibility improvements to help keep people in their homes, and improve health and safety and reduce blight

- ❑ Funding is recommended for the following projects that will rehabilitate and sell one home to an income-qualified household:
 - \$75,000 Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids NHC – 577 Grandville (4-4) *ARPA SLFRF*

- ❑ Funding is recommended for the following projects that will support repair and accessibility improvements in 709 homes and bring 3,500 housing units into compliance with various codes:
 - \$1,368,688 GR Code Compliance – Housing Code Enforcement (4-1) *CDBG General*
 - \$ 850,000 GR Community Development Department – Housing Rehabilitation Program (4-2) *CDBG General*
 - \$ 40,000 Disability Advocates of Kent County – Accessible Housing Services (4-3) *CDBG General*
 - \$ 225,000 Grand Rapids Nehemiah Project – Minor Home Repair (4-7) *CDBG General*
 - \$ 120,000 Home Repair Services of Kent County – Access Modification (4-8) *CDBG General*
 - \$ 547,520 Home Repair Services of Kent County – Minor Home Repair (4-9) *CDBG General*

NI PLAN OUTCOME 5: Foster engaged, connected and resilient neighborhoods CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Engaged and Connected Community – \$268,600

Support actions that build relationships, lift resident voice, and enhance neighborhood stability. Activities include community organizing, education and referral services, and the promotion of equitable development.

- ❑ Funding is recommended for the following organizations at FY24 levels to support resident leadership training and the resolution of housing and neighborhood issues:
 - \$18,800 Creston Neighborhood Association (5-1)
 - \$17,800 East Hills Council of Neighbors (5-2)
 - \$15,800 Eastown Community Association (5-3)
 - \$26,500 Garfield Park Neighborhoods Association (5-4)
 - \$22,200 Heritage Hill Association (5-5)
 - \$54,200 LINC Up (5-6)
 - \$19,200 Midtown Neighborhood Association (5-7)
 - \$16,500 Neighbors of Belknap Lookout (5-8)
 - \$25,900 Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association (5-10)
 - \$24,100 South West Area Neighbors dba JBAN (5-11)
 - \$27,600 West Grand Neighborhood Organization (5-12)

NI PLAN OUTCOME 6: Improve community safety

CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Safe Community – \$1,449,900

Support efforts that enhance resident safety and quality of life in neighborhoods. Activities include crime prevention education and organizing, violence reduction strategies, and other services to ensure health and safety.

- ❑ Funding is recommended for the following organizations at FY24 levels to support organizing and educating residents on safety issues:
 - \$40,300 Baxter Neighborhood Association (6-1)
 - \$21,600 Creston Neighborhood Association (6-2)
 - \$20,400 East Hills Council of Neighbors (6-3)
 - \$18,000 Eastown Community Association (6-4)
 - \$30,500 Garfield Park Neighborhoods Association (6-6)
 - \$25,500 Heritage Hill Association (6-7)
 - \$22,100 Midtown Neighborhood Association (6-8)
 - \$19,000 Neighbors of Belknap Lookout (6-9)
 - \$29,800 Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association (6-10)
 - \$47,400 Seeds of Promise (6-11)
 - \$27,700 South West Area Neighbors dba JBAN (6-12)
 - \$27,600 West Grand Neighborhood Organization (6-13)

- ❑ Funding is recommended for the following project to support community mental health services for 85 people who are uninsured or under insured:
 - \$80,000 Family Outreach Center - Expanded Outpatient Program (6-5)

NI PLAN OUTCOME 6: Improve community safety (Continued)

CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Safe Community – \$1,449,900

Support efforts that enhance resident safety and quality of life in neighborhoods through opioid remediation. Activities include the care, treatment and other programs and expenditures designed to:

- 1) address the misuse and abuse of opioid products,
- 2) treat or mitigate opioid use or related disorders, or
- 3) mitigate other alleged effects of, including those injured by, the opioid epidemic.

□ Funding is recommended for the following projects:

- \$240,000 Catherine' Health Center – Outreach Medicine (6-14) *ARPA SLFRF*
- \$500,000 Cherry Health – Community Recovery Center Renovation/Expansion (6-15) *Opioid Settlement*
- \$96,000 Family Outreach Center – Community Treatment Team (6-16) *Opioid Settlement*
- \$37,000 Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services – Community Provider SUD Education (6-17) *Opioid Settlement*
- \$167,000 The Grand Rapids Red Project – Clean Works Harm Reduction (6-18) *Opioid Settlement*

NI PLAN OUTCOME 7: Improve economic opportunity

CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Economic Prosperity and Affordability – \$270,000

Support equitable economic prosperity including improving financial and social capital

- ❑ Funding is recommended for the following projects that will provide job training or readiness services to 515 people:
 - \$25,000 AYA Youth Collective – Supportive Employment Initiative (7-1) *CDBG Public Service*
 - \$45,000 Grand Rapids Urban League - Housing and Economic Opportunity (7-2) *CDBG Public Service*
 - \$50,000 Hispanic Center - Youth Employment Initiative (7-3) *CDBG Public Service*
 - \$30,000 Puertas Abiertas – Empower Latinx Survivors (7-4) *CDBG Public Service*
 - \$50,000 Steepletown – Jobstart (7-5) *CDBG Public Service*
 - \$45,000 West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology - Adult Career Training (7-6) *CDBG Public Service*
 - \$25,000 Women’s Resource Center - New Beginnings (7-7) *CDBG Public Service*

NI PLAN OUTCOME 8: Enhance neighborhood infrastructure
CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Mobility; Health and Environment – \$0

Support efforts to improve physical infrastructure and create a sense of place in neighborhoods and neighborhood business corridors

- ❑ No projects were solicited for this outcome as priority was given to other outcome areas for use of General CDBG funds.

CONTINGENCY PROVISIONS

To address changes between planning estimates and final appropriation levels

❑ **If CDBG increases:**

- Distribute among Leadership and Civic Engagement projects under Outcome 5 and Neighborhood-based Public Safety projects under Outcome 6
- Award increased CDBG general funding to Home Repair Services – Minor Home Repair

❑ **If CDBG decreases:**

- Decrease public service funds for newly funded projects in Outcome 7 (AYA Youth Collective – Supportive Employment Initiative and Puertas Abiertas – Empower Latinx Survivors to Independence)
- Decrease CDBG general funding for Home Repair Services – Minor Home Repair

❑ **If HOME increases or decreases:**

- Apply to Community Rebuilders – Tenant Based Rental Assistance

❑ **If ESG increases or decreases:**

- Apply to The Salvation Army – Eviction Prevention Program

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY / APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION

Public Notice and Comment Opportunity

- Funding recommendations publicly available March 18, 2024
 - 30-day comment period required
- Citizens are invited to provide input on funding recommendations by:
 - Participating in the public hearing to be held April 9, 2024
 - Submitting written comments to communitydev@grcity.us through April 18, 2024
- Funding recommendations and plans are available at: www.grcd.info
- For questions call: (616) 456-3677

Final Awards and Annual Plan Submission to HUD

- Scheduled for City Commission approval on May 7, 2024