



FY 2024 Neighborhood Investment Plan and HOME Investment Partnerships – ARP Allocation Plan

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PLANS AND FUNDING FRAMEWORK



☐ FFY 2021-2025 Regional Housing and Community Development 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
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds
- Requires submission of an Annual Action Plan
 - Specifically identifies projects funded from July 1 through June 30 of each year
 - Serves as the federal application to receive annual award of funds
 - Neighborhood Investment Plan provides the outcomes framework to solicit and select projects

☐ HOME – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan

- Supplemental HOME funds authorized by American Rescue Plan Act of 2021



RECOMMENDED INVESTMENT OF \$8,494,574

Investment of federal funds to achieve outcomes included in two plans administered by the Community Development Department

❑ **FY 2024 Neighborhood Investment (NI) Plan**

- Annual award of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), and Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
- Supports housing and community development activities to be carried out during year 3 of the FFY 2021-2025 Regional Consolidated Housing and Community Development (HCD) Plan
- Constitutes the FY 2024 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan – serves as federal application

❑ **HOME – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan**

- Supplemental award of HOME funds authorized by American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
- Benefits individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or in other vulnerable populations
- Supports development of affordable housing and provision of supportive services, including rental assistance

FEDERAL AND LOCAL PROGRAM LEVEL

□ Federal Program Levels

- Annual Congressional Appropriation
 - FFY 2023 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - HOME increased \$72,033
 - CDBG increased \$9,893
 - ESG increased \$7,408
 - FFY 2022 US Department of Justices
 - JAG reduced \$6,000

□ Local Program Level

- Some CDBG and HOME supported projects generate program income
- Reprogrammed funds (unexpended funds from previous projects)
- Allows City to operate its local programs at levels higher than federal award amounts
- Note: \$864,772 of CDBG-CV funds programmed last year – not available in FY 2024

EDUCATION AND NOTIFICATION FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND PROCESS

NOVEMBER 4 AND 7, 2022 HOSTED VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

- ☐ Invited 325+ interested parties/community organizations – 63 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

NOVEMBER 22, 2022 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

- ☐ Communication sent to 325+ interested parties/community organization
- ☐ (2) workshops in December

DECEMBER 1, 2022 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

DECEMBER 2 AND 5, 2022 HOSTED VIRTUAL APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

- ☐ 62 participants

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- ☐ CDD staff provided one-on-one application assistance to 12 organizations

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
- 53 organizations submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply
- 76 applications received requesting more than \$18.6 million
 - Nearly \$6.7 million available for NI Plan activities
 - Approximately \$2.1 million available for HOME-ARP projects

❑ Proposals reviewed/recommendations developed by RFP Work Group with Community Development staff

- One City Commissioner from each ward – Commissioners Moody, Robbins and Ysasi
- Additional review for proposals under Outcome 1 by Coalition to End Homelessness Funding Review Committee

❑ Projects recommended for funding

- Maximize limited resources
- Address needs in the City's Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan and HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
- Align with the City's Strategic Plan
- Public service projects impacted primarily due to limited availability of funds

NI PLAN OUTCOME 1: PREVENT AND RESOLVE EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND AFFORDABILITY – \$986,298

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 200 households financial assistance and supportive service to obtain or retain permanent housing:
 - \$403,545 Community Rebuilders - Tenant Based Rental Assistance (1-4) / HOME
 - \$120,000 Grand Rapids Urban League - Homelessness Prevention (1-11) / HOME-ARP
 - \$100,000 Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services – Street Outreach (1-14) / HOME-ARP
 - \$302,753 The Salvation Army – Rapid Re-housing (1-17) / ESG
 - \$ 60,000 Reserved for Coordinated Entry / CDBG PS

NI PLAN OUTCOME 2: IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND STABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND AFFORDABILITY – \$150,000

Support housing stability and equitable access to housing

- Funding is recommended for the following projects that will provide 155 hours of fair housing education and outreach, 45 housing tests to determine compliance with fair housing laws, and support 400 people with legal counseling and/or representation on housing related matters:
 - \$75,000 Fair Housing Center of West Michigan - Fair Housing Services (2-1)
 - \$75,000 Legal Aid of Western Michigan - Housing Legal Assistance (2-2)

NI PLAN OUTCOME 3: INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND AFFORDABILITY – \$2,202,000

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 145 new housing units/136 affordable:
 - \$400,000 Amplify GR – Boston Square Together I F3 (3-2) / HOME
 - \$380,000 LINC Up Nonprofit Housing Corporation – Motown Square Affordable Housing (3-9) / HOME-ARP
 - \$600,000 United Methodist Community House – UMCH 900 (3-15) / HOME

- Funding is recommended for the following Acquisition, Development and Resale (ADR) projects that will create affordable homeownership opportunities for 8 households:
 - \$200,000 Habitat for Humanity of Kent County – 2 projects in Southtown area (3-6) / HOME
 - \$200,000 ICCF Nonprofit Housing Corporation – 2 projects in Southtown area (3-8) / HOME
 - \$200,000 LINC Up Nonprofit Housing Corporation – 2 projects in Garfield Park and Southtown areas (3-10) / HOME
 - \$222,000 New Development Corporation – 2 projects in Creston and Stocking Areas and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating Support (3-11 and 3-12) / HOME

NI PLAN OUTCOME 4: IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF EXISTING HOUSING

CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND AFFORDABILITY – \$4,282,776

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 renovate and preserve 224 affordable rental units for households at or below 50% AMI:
 - \$300,000 Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids NHC – 21 Weston (4-4)/ HOME-ARP
 - \$400,000 Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids NHC - Verne Barry Place (4-5) / HOME-ARP
 - \$500,000 Grand Rapids Housing Commission – Hope Community (4-6) / HOME-ARP

- ❑ Funding is recommended for the following projects that will support repair and accessibility improvements in 675 homes and bring 3,500 housing units into compliance with various codes:
 - \$1,368,688 City of GR Code Compliance - Housing Code Enforcement (4-1)
 - \$ 850,000 City of GR Community Development Department - Housing Rehabilitation Program (4-2)
 - \$ 25,000 Disability Advocates of Kent County - Accessible Housing Services (4-3)
 - \$ 225,000 Grand Rapids Nehemiah Project - Minor Home Repair (4-7)
 - \$ 100,000 Home Repair Services of Kent County - Access Modification (4-8)
 - \$ 514,088 Home Repair Services of Kent County – Minor Home Repair (4-9)

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 FY22 levels*:

- \$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)

*In FY23, \$67,150 of one-time CDBG-CV funding was awarded.

NI PLAN OUTCOME 6: IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: SAFE COMMUNITY – \$409,900

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 FY22 levels*:

- \$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 under insured or uninsured:

- \$80,000 Family Outreach Center - Expanded Outpatient Program (6-5)

*In FY23, \$82,475 of one-time CDBG-CV funding was awarded.

NI PLAN OUTCOME 7: IMPROVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

CITY STRATEGIC PRIORITY: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND AFFORDABILITY – \$195,000

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 218 people:
 - \$45,000 Grand Rapids Urban League - Housing and Economic Opportunity (7-2)
 - \$50,000 Hispanic Center - Youth Employment Initiative (7-4)
 - \$50,000 Steepletown - Jobstart (7-7)
 - \$25,000 West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology - Adult Career Training (7-8)
 - \$25,000 Women’s Resource Center - New Beginnings (7-9)

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

- ❑ Funding is not recommended for the City's Neighborhood Infrastructure Program (8-1) as priority was given to other projects that improve the condition of housing.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY / APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION

Public Notice and Comment Opportunity

- Funding recommendations publicly available March 10, 2023
 - HUD requires a 30-day comment period
- Citizens are invited to provide input on funding recommendations by:
 - Submitting written comments to communitydev@grcity.us (accepted through April 14, 2023)
 - Participating in the public hearing before the City Commission on March 28, 2023
- 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 April 25, 2023