

City of Birmingham Community Development Department

Virtual: JANUARY 8, 2024 at 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM

In-Person: January 17, 2024 at 5:00 PM in the Birmingham Public Library, Park Place 2100

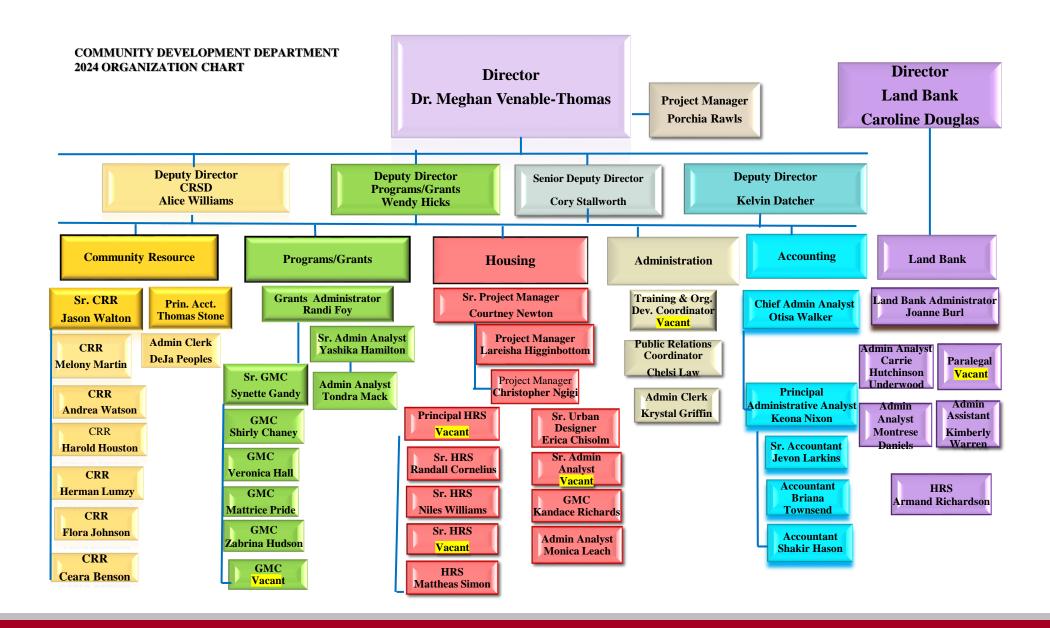




# Public Hearing Agenda

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# One Year Action Plan Summary

- One Year Action Plans are the plans and budgets for HUD CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG funds for each year guided by the needs and priorities set in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.
- <u>CDBG Funds</u> can be used in a flexible manner for economic development, improvements to parks and open space, needed public services, and affordable housing projects and programs.
- **HOME Investment Partnership Funds** can be used to further affordable housing programs and projects.
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS can be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs.
- <u>Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds</u> are to be used to support homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs.

#### The goal of this document and these HUD funds is:

"to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low-and moderate-income persons."



# Application Schedule & Guidelines

The One Year Action Plan approval schedule and application guidelines are available on the Community Development Department Webpage at <a href="https://www.birminghamal.gov/community-development">www.birminghamal.gov/community-development</a>.

#### Applications will be evaluated based on, but not limited to, the following categories:

- <u>Community Need</u> Does the grant address goals and objectives expressed in the Consolidated Plan
- <u>Program Description & Effectiveness</u> Is the proposal realistic, clearly defined and measurable
- Agency Management Does the agency maximize resources in a well-run, coordinated effort
- Readiness to proceed Timeframe to initiate program services and expend funds
- <u>Partnership/Collaboration</u> Relationship with other agencies and leveraging of funds

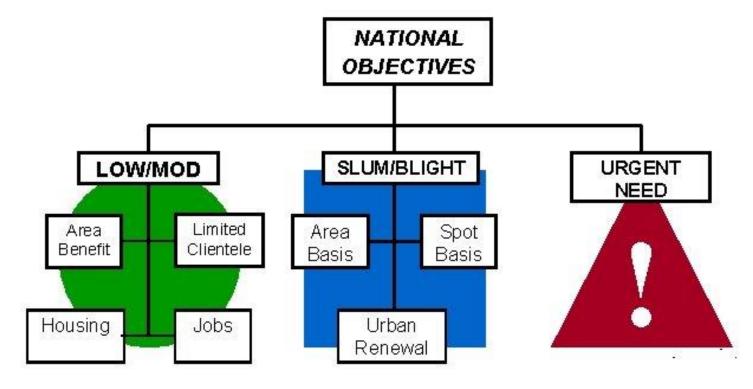
1.	Project Description	15 points
2.	Community Need	35 points
	Agency Management	
4.	Readiness to proceed	20 points
5.	Project budget	10 points
6.	Partnership/Collaboration	5 points
7.	Complete Application	5 points

# **HUD National Objectives**

Benefit to Low-to-Moderate Income Individuals/Areas

Prevent or Eliminate Slum/Blight

Meet an Urgent need that Threatens the Health or Welfare of Residents



Goals of the Program

Decent, Safe and Sanitary Housing

Suitable Living Environments and Neighborhoods

Expand Economic
Development Opportunities

## Planning and Administration:

Preparation of general plans such as the Consolidated Plan

Day to day management of housing-rehab program

Management of environmental and historic preservation related issues

Compliance with rules such as: Environmental Review Standards, Federal Labor Standards (Davis Bacon Act), Section 3 Requirements

**General Program Administration** 

- Includes general management, office supplies, training, travel and salaries
- Includes public information, indirect costs, and preparation of applications for federal funds



# **CDBG Program Limitations**

- CDBG Public Service Activities Are By CDBG Regulation Limited To 15% Of CDBG Grant Funds
   And Anticipated Previous Year Income. (Projected \$5,947,999)
- CDBG Planning and Management/Administration Activities Are By CDBG Regulation Limited
   To 20% Of CDBG Grant Funds And Anticipated Program Income. (Projected \$1,189,599.80)

#### An eligible range of activities include, but not limited to:

- Public improvements such as streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, water and sewer facilities,
   flood and drainage improvements, community, senior and health centers, homeless shelter improvements, etc.
- Housing rehabilitation
- Administration
- Public service activities including homeless shelter and other public service activities
- Neighborhood revitalization
- Commercial Revitalization/Economic Development/Workforce Development
- Historic Preservation



#### PY 2023 HUD Formula Allocation Amounts

HUD has not yet announced the projected allocations for PY 2023 based on overall Budget allocations from The Congress.

**CDBG** 

**2023**: \$5,897,999

<u>HOME</u>

\$1,438,242

**HOPWA** \$1,759,938

**ESG** \$519,755



#### **HOME**

- CHDO Set Aside Are By HOME Regulation Limited To 15% Of HOME Grant Funds And Anticipated Previous Year Income. (Projected \$230,736.30)
- HOME Management/Administration Activities Are By HOME Regulation Limited To 10% Of HOME Grant Funds And Anticipated Program Income. (Projected \$153,824.20)

#### An eligible range of activities include:

- Administration and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) activities.
- Homebuyer Assistance.
- New Construction (Single & Multi-Family).
- Rental Rehabilitation (Single & Multi-Family).

Comments, suggestions and proposals relating to the possible overall use of PY 2022HOME funds by the City in accordance with the eligible activities referenced are encouraged and will be considered.



#### **HOPWA**

**HOPWA Program (Projected allocation \$1,759,938.00):** AIDS Alabama, Inc. presently serves as the City's sponsor of HOPWA Entitlement Funds. A description of proposed activities is included as a part of the City's PY 2024 Proposed Action Plan. However, comments and suggestions relating to the possible overall use of PY 2024 HOPWA funds by the City in accordance with the eligible activities referenced are encouraged.

#### An eligible range of activities include:

- Permanent Housing Placements
- Short Term Mortgage, Rent, Utility Assistance (STRMU)
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Hotel/Motel Vouchers
- Food Assistance



#### **ESG**

**ESG Program (Projected allocation \$519,755):** The City intends to apply for 2024 ESG funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). ESG proposals received through the City's 2024 Action Plan development process will be considered for both.

#### An eligible range of activities include:

- Street Outreach activities
- Emergency Shelter activities
- Homeless Prevention activities
- Rapid Re-housing assistance
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (to the extent costs are necessary to meet the new HMIS participation requirement under the McKinney Vento Act)

Priority will be given to agencies providing support services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness (Mental Health and other wrap around services).

Note: 15% of CDBG is dedicated to Public Service Allocation
\*Allocation plus anticipated program income

# Grant Management and Monitoring:Timeliness in spending

- Beneficiary Reporting
- Procurement Requirements Compliance
- Late Draw Requests
- Inadequate documentation for draw requests



# Deadline for Proposals

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT WEB ADDRESS BELOW by no later than Monday, February 19, 2024, by 4:00 PM.

PY 2024 Application Portal Link - <a href="https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/BIRMINGHAMAL/Participant">https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/BIRMINGHAMAL/Participant</a>
For more information visit <a href="https://www.birminghamal.gov/community-development">https://www.birminghamal.gov/community-development</a> or email us at housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov.



## Public Comments & Questions on the Annual Action Plan

- Verbal: at any of the Action Plan Public Hearings
- Via Email: <a href="mailto:housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov">housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov</a>
- In writing to:
  - Community Development
  - Attn: Dr. Meghan Venable-Thomas
  - 710 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1000
     Birmingham, AL 35203
- Submit: Through February 19, 2024 by 4:00 PM.
- For more information visit <a href="https://www.birminghamal.gov/community-development">https://www.birminghamal.gov/community-development</a>.



# Comments or Ouestions



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